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# **MSPO Audit Summary**

Company Name:	SPOC Entilibon & Tongod (S18)
Address:	MPOB Cawangan Telupid, Tingkat Bawah, Blok J, Lot 6, Telupid, 89300
	Sandakan, Sabah
Reference No.:	100027
Standard(s):	MS 2530-2:2013
MPOB licence no: (for group certification, list all licences no. in the group)	Contact PCI for detail
MPOB licence scope of	FFB harvesting
activity:	
MPOB Licence expiry	Contact PCI for detail
date:	
Audit Type:	Stage 2 Audit Surveillance Audit Re-certification Audit
Audit scope:	Oil palm independent smallholder group management.
Sites sampled: (for group certification only)	8 smallholders (SH6, SH7, SH8, SH17, SH19, SH24, SH29, SH35)

# GPS Coordinate:N 5° 37' 34.612'' E 117° 7' 58.735''Map showing approximate location of certified entity:



Audit date:	12/11/2018 to 13/11/2018
Total number of man-day(s):	<b>4.0</b> man-day(s)

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(for MSPO Part 2 & Part 3)	□ Not applicable
Planted Area:	<b>190.265</b> ha.
(for MSPO Part 2 & Part 3)	□ Not applicable
Estimated tonnage of annual FFB produced:	mt.
(for MSPO Part 4)	🖾 Not applicable
Estimated processing capacity:	mt. FFB/hour
Estimated certified palm oil (CSPO):	mt./hour
Estimated certified palm kernel (CSPK):	mt./hour
(N/A for Stage 2 & Re-certification assessment)	🛛 Not applicable
Date of certificate issued and validity	dd/mm/yyyy to dd/mm/yyyy
Please state if the organization certified for other	🖾 No
sustainability scheme(s)?	□ Yes,

#### **Executive Summary**

The 50 smallholders had indicated their consent through MPOB, to participate in the certification scheme by signing an MSPO policy document prepared by the Group Manager. There was general awareness on commitment toward improving productivity among the smallholders by adhering to their Group Manager's advice and recommendation on good agricultural practices. As had been noted elsewhere among other smallholders, the financial resources were a limiting factor among some smallholders in the purchase of fertilizers to follow MPOB standards of GAP. The smallholders interviewed were generally supportive and eager to participate in the management system toward sustainability through MSPO.

Commitment shown both by the Group Manager and the smallholders toward MSPO was evident through a signed letter of participation and establishment of communication initiated by the Group Manager to monitor the performances of the smallholders. The Group Manager was the administrator of a WhatsApp group Penanam Sawit Tongod (which included non-SPOC smallholders in Entilibon) to disseminate latest information.

The Group Manager was responsible for initiating Improvement Plans. Talks were organised to communicate new ways and technology to be considered by smallholders to improve work methods. The MPOB journal Warta Sawit and research information were distributed to smallholders to get them abreast with recent event and agricultural practices.

While smallholders understood the need to maintain proper records, not all of them were able to do so. The frequent excuse given was that they had not received the Buku Rekod Ladang. They were required by the Group Manager to submit or communicate information on their total FFB sales for the month but not all were found able to do so.

There was general awareness among smallholders toward the need of legal compliance. They understand the need to protect wildlife and the conservation of their habitats. All the smallholders were either in possession of land titles or in the process of obtaining title from the authority. They all were



able to identify and show their boundaries and there was no issue of any dispute over their land between neighbours.

No complaint and grievances were received from the smallholders as the Group Manager's file had no entry on grievances and complaints at the time of this Stage 2 Audit. Smallholders were given awareness briefing on safety and health including usage of proper PPE.

Farms were a family-owned and managed with a reliance on family members for manpower. Where outsiders are engaged as casual workers, it was done under mutual agreement. These workers were either neighbours or are likely also to be relatives. They were paid according to their agreement.

Smallholders show general awareness toward obtaining and preferring the best prices available within their area to sell their fruits. However, they have no choice except to send their crop to the nearest collection centre to save cost on transport. Smallholders could opt to sell their FFB to either Veetar or Bestasawit private ramps.

A trend noticed among the smallholders interviewed in the sample was the reliance on grass cutting to keep weeds down and to reduce cost on chemical spray. Although acceptable and environment-friendly, they were advised that resistant weeds like lallang and those with woody tissues needed more potent treatment.

Overall SPOC Entilibon-Tongod S18 is implementing a management system that is fulfilling the requirement of MSPO standards with some improvement areas as outlined below.

#### Listing of strength / strong point identified:

No	Strength Statement
1.	The organizational structure and strength of the MPOB office in Telupid
2.	Trained MPOB staff in handling extension services to smallholders
3.	A Group Manager who has clear support and respect from the smallholders
4.	Logistics assets to support implementation of SPOC development
5.	Good practices prevalent among smallholders
6.	Knowledgeable and committed owners/smallholders

#### Listing of improvement potential / opportunities for improvement (OFI)

No	OFI Statement	
1.	Group Manager to maintain correct and enough information for ease of retrieving of information	
	and traceability.	
2.	Group Manager to acquire updated information from smallholders including sales of FFB, fertilizer	
	and chemical purchase.	
3.	Group Manager to indicate and complete the checklist on receipt of Warta Sawit by the smallholders.	

#### Listing of nonconformity (NCR)

No	Clause	NCR Statement	NCR status
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1.	4.5.3.1	The MS 2530-4:2013 clause 4.5.3.1 states: "All waste products and	🗌 Open
		sources of pollution shall be identified."	🖂 Close
		Some smallholders do not understand that domestic waste is a source	
		of pollution and fail to practice proper disposal.	
		<ul> <li>Admission to burning of rubbish – Misi Sibat</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Admission of rubbish thrown into river – Kassim bin Belongku</li> </ul>	
2.	4.6.1	All independent smallholders oil palm farms shall implement best	🗆 Open
		practices such as the MPOB Codes of Practice, Malaysian Standards or	⊠ Close
		ISO Standards and the Kod Amalan Baik (GAP) Pekebun Kecil.	
		Some aspects of Best Practices were found not conformed completely,	
		including:	
		1. VOP on the ground – Sindam Ruanti	
		2. VOP on palm trunk – Langkabi Jimpi @ Betty	
		3. Symptoms of nutrient deficiency – Kassim Belongku	
		4. Tall Doubletons – Misi Sibat	
		5. Lalang not eradicated – Elson, Tukin, Langkabi	
		6. To practice establishment of cover crop in new planting (replanting)	
		– Tamrid Tambing	
		7. 8. Damaged fronds due to beetle attacks: Tukin, Elson @ Gongosan	
		Tambing	
		8. Asystasia spraying ineffective – Tukin Bangilon	
		9. Weeding behind schedule – Tukin Bangilon	
		10. Yellowing palms – Tukin, Kassim	
		11. Pruning not done flushed to the palm base – Langkabi	
		12. Broad leaves to be removed – Sindam	

#### Stakeholder consultation summary

Any issues raised by the stakeholder(s)	□ Yes, issue:
towards the company?	$\boxtimes$ No.

#### Remarks:

The general perception of the 2 gentlemen was that gathering the smallholders into a sustainable cluster under MPOB and to follow MSPO requirements had brought positive values in managing oil palm cultivation on a family scale.

#### Certification recommendation

In reference to **MS 2530-2:2013**, the audit team recommends for:

	Issuance of the certificate.
$\boxtimes$	Issuance of the certificate as soon as implementation of corrective action(s) has been demonstrated.
	Maintenance of the certificate.
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	Not applicable, due to extraordinary type of report.

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Tentative next audit date: 11/2019

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