



## **ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL POLICY**

Our corporate vision is to be recognized as a leader in responsible and sustainable tropical plantation forestry in South East Asia. We expect to be judged on our Social and Environmental performance by our customers, our employees, our owners and the communities in which we operate.

AFI has committed to implement the following policy commitments:

### **ENVIRONMENTAL:**

- Meet applicable Malaysian environmental and social legislation, and relevant international laws.
- Adopt responsible forestry practices under Malaysian Criteria and Indicator Sustainable Forest Management (MC&I SFM).
- Identify, assess, and manage our environmental impacts and risks.
- Prevent pollution and be efficient in our use of resources.
- Safeguard biodiversity and protect soil and water resources.
- Avoid adverse impacts on high conservation value forests.
- Protect any natural habitat components identified within the project, as well as restore degraded natural forest areas where those opportunities exist.
- Ensure that the AFI tree breeding program is free of any form of Genetic Modification of AFI germplasm, either in the research & development programs or in the commercial forest deployment programs.
- Minimize/avoid the use of chemical pesticides and fertilizers where applicable and prohibit the use of banned pesticides in forest operations.
- Provide adequate training to ensure that all employees and contractors are competent to carry out their assigned tasks in a manner that avoids adverse environmental impacts and risks.
- Monitor and strive for continual improvement in our environmental performance.
- Ensure that identified habitats for rare, threatened, and endangered (RTE) species are protected from human disturbance.

### **SOCIAL:**

- Meet applicable Malaysian environmental and social legislation, and relevant international laws.
- Adopt responsible forestry practices under Malaysian Criteria and Indicator Sustainable Forest Management (MC&I SFM).
- Identify, assess, and manage our social impacts and risks.
- Add value to the local communities by providing employment and training directly with AFI or through the AFI Contractor program, and social development programs in the communities in the Bengkoka Peninsula.
- Actively engage with and work collaboratively with local communities.



- Treat individuals, groups, and communities with dignity and respect, ensure that there is no sexual harassment of any kind in the workplace, and provide mechanisms for any suspected occurrence to be reported directly or anonymously through the AFI Whistle-blower system.
- Educate AFI customers, suppliers, and staff in AFI's strict adherence to its policy on Anti-bribery and Anti-corruption, and provide mechanisms to report such prohibited activities if they occur.
- Recognize and uphold the rights, customs, and culture of Indigenous Peoples as defined in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2007) and ILO Convention 169 (1989).
- Recognize and uphold the right of Indigenous People and communities to protect & utilize their traditional knowledge.
- Provide adequate training to ensure that all employees and contractors are competent to carry out their assigned tasks in a manner that avoids adverse social impacts and risks.
- Monitor and strive for continual improvement in our social performance.

The Environmental and Social Policy Statement will be reviewed on an annual basis in one of the Monthly Management Meetings and will be revised as necessary. Any changes to the policy will be brought to the attention of all AFI employees and contractors.

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