

Public Notification of RSPO Initial Audit of Independent Smallholders

Ngoyāi Gbaayegie Farmer Based Organisation, Sierra Leone RSPO Membership: 1-0191-15-000-00

Dear Stakeholders:

Ngoyāi Gbaayegie Farmer Based Organisation, under Goldtree (SL) Ltd of Sierra Leone has commissioned SCS Global Services to conduct an RSPO Initial of ISH Group Assessment, all to **Milestone B**; located near Kailahun District, (Chiefdoms include: Nongowa, Lower Bambara, Mandu, Jawai, Njaluahun, Mandu, Small Bo, Malema, Jahn, Dea, Gaura, Dama, Koya, Baiima Mandu, Mobile, Lower Bambara, Mobai, Njala, Levuma, Dodo, Pendembu, Peje West, and Peje Bongre) Eastern Province, SIERRA LEONE.

SCS Global Services plans to conduct the Initial assessment of the ISH Group from **30 November to 4 December 2020**. The assessment will be conducted against the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil Independent Smallholder Standard 2019.

The assessment will cover legal, environment, economical, workers' health and safety, and social aspects as required by the RSPO Independent Smallholder Standard. Below is general information related to the ISH Group.

ISH Group	
Group Manager Name	Goldtree (SL) Ltd
PalmTrace ID	Not Available
Group Manager Address	Old Mill Road, Daru, Eastern Province SIERRA LEONE
ISH Group Location	Kailahun District: Chiefdoms include: Nongowa, Lower Bambara, Mandu, Jawai, Njaluahun, Mandu, Small Bo, Malema, Jahn, Dea, Gaura, Dama, Koya, Baiima Mandu, Mobile, Lower Bambara, Mobai, Njala, Levuma, Dodo, Pendembu, Peje West, and Peje Bongre) Eastern Province, SIERRA LEONE
GPS Reference	7.973114, -10.860223

List of Group Members

Name of Farmer	Location	GPS Coordinates	Area Summary		Forecasted Annual FFB Production (MT)	Any Liabilities?
			Total Certified Area (ha)	Planted Area (ha)		
Ngoyāi Gbaayegie Farmer Based Organisation (4,983 members)	Kailahun District, Eastern Province	7.973114, -10.860223	7989	7989	26016.02	No
TOTAL			7989	7989	26016.02	NO

SCS serves the food industry and agribusiness with a large variety of programs throughout the entire value chain. We have more than 25 years of experience in the development of standards, third-party verification and rigorous scientific analysis to clients around the world, helping them to manage risk and increase their market share, and positioning them as leaders. Among our innovations is the development of the first "Pesticide Free" certification in the 1980s. We were pioneers with the VeriFlora Sustainably Grown standard for flowers and foliage, the Fair Trade standard for social compliance and the development of Starbucks C.A.F.E. Standard Practices to evaluate the responsible purchase of coffee. SCS currently manages this program for Starbucks and accredits certification bodies in Latin America, Africa and Asia. Our agricultural certification programs include, among others, ISCC, RSB, Bonsucro,

SQF, Global GAP, Tesco, and BRC.SCS Global Services has appointed the following team for the assessment of Ngoyai Gbaayegie Farmer Based Organisation:

Name	Role	Audit Aspects
Frank Kwesi	Lead Auditor	Social Expert, ICS, Group Manager, Claims
Frank Adu	Team	Eligibility, Milestone A and B. HCV's, BMP,IPM
Dennis Acquah	Team	Eligibility, Milestone A and B. HSE, FPIC
John Takang	Team	ISH Master Trainer-Social Expert

SCS Global Services invites stakeholders to provide written comments on any of the following issues related to the operations of ISH Group Ngoyai Gbaayegie Farmer Based Organisation, particularly related to social and environmental impacts.

Topics that you may wish to comment on are as follows:

- Environmental Protection
- Biodiversity conservation
- Opportunity for employment
- Company approach to community development
- Your relationship with the company
- Participation in decision making
- Free, prior and informed consent
- Suggestion for improvement

Comments received within 30 days from the date of this notification will be considered during the certification assessment.

Please include the following details in case we need to contact you for additional information or clarification on any issued raised:

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Email: _____
 Phone number: _____

If you wish your comments to be treated confidentiality or remain anonymous, please indicate 'CONFIDENTIAL' in your correspondence to us. Please send comments to:

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Thank you for your comments and feedback.

Sincerely,



Adriana Cala
RSPO Program Manager