

IPEWG Summary Notes

31 Aug and 26 Oct

IPEWG Members – Ruth, Sue, Chris, Suppiandi, Fahmuddin, Dwi (both dates)

APRIL – Craig, Aldo (both dates); Tim, Sofyan (31 Aug only)

I. APRIL GHG Inventory

- Sofyan shared the latest updates on APRIL's GHG inventory including its methodology how to calculate land use change emissions, the ongoing RER carbon project, and the company's net zero emissions A2030 commitment. Tim shared that APRIL is also engaging the local biomass market (ie. empty oil palm fruit bunches) to help fuel the mill's energy needs.

IPEWG Comments

- IPEWG members noted with interest APRIL's ongoing GHG inventory project as well as net zero calculations and requested for continued updates in the future.

II. River restoration programme

- Craig and Aldo presented ongoing river maintenance and restoration programmes in Pelalawan and Kutup rivers noting the many challenges including sourcing for a capable vendor with the right equipment, measuring river flow rates, and providing access to local communities.

IPEWG Comments

- IPEWG members appreciated APRIL's efforts to both provide community access while actively protecting HCV/HCS values. They have expressed interest to see the rivers during the next onsite visit in Kerinci.

III. Response to Mongabay Article

- Craig shared APRIL's detailed response to a recent Mongabay article alleging the company's participation of deforestation practices as part of its ramp up for expansion. Craig said that contrary to Mongabay's claims, APRIL
 - engages in responsible sourcing where supplies for increased production capacity will come from APRIL plantations, long-term supply partners and open-market suppliers that comply with SFMP 2.0
 - is increasing its productivity via land optimisation and production efficiencies including a target of 50% increase in fibre productivity

IPEWG Comments

- IPEWG members thanked APRIL for sharing its detailed response noting that the company will continue to receive scrutiny from external stakeholders who may be unconvinced that the company is self-sufficient to address expansion needs or is sourcing responsibly as it claims.

IV. Phase III review

- Aldo facilitated AN IPEWG Phase III review which included identifying ongoing activities, challenges & opportunities as well as potential activities in 2022/next phase. (see below)

Phase III Components	Ongoing activities	Challenges & Opportunities	Potential Activities in 2022
Component 1: Building Understanding			
1. Help to plan, review and publish peatland science			
Work in close collaboration with APRIL peatland science team to identify research questions, set up experiments, review results and support or lead with publication.	<p>Close collaboration with peatland science team for experiments in water table trials, hydrology, spacing, etc</p> <p>Reviews and feedback on papers submitted for international publication</p>	Collected data for GHG emissions; how to best publish, use, share, etc? esp for net-zero commitments; increased attention on Scope 3, currently with oil palm but potentially fibre too	
2. Support outreach to the international and national peatland science community			
Work with the APRIL peatland science team to support outreach and collaboration with the peatland science community in Indonesia and internationally, including researchers from Universities, government departments and other companies. This can include an annual workshop, hosted by APRIL, to share the work APRIL is doing.	Planned science week and reachout to local universities and scientific communities		<p>Schedule potential science week in Bahasa for Indonesian science community/universities + one more international one</p> <p>Sharing and help building capacity in Indonesia</p>
Component 2: Responsible peatland management			
3. Support the plantations operations team			
Work with the plantation operations team to identify and address key questions and challenges in optimising production practices.	Providing feedback on workplans and key issues		
4. Support conservation of peatland forests			

<p>Work with APRIL and partner organisations to better understand the current status of peatland forests within APRIL’s production landscape and to support the development of management strategies, including engagement with wider landscape initiatives</p>	<p>Provide feedback to workplans including creation or extension of canals for fire mgmt purposes</p>
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5. Support smallholders producing on peat

<p>Identify opportunities to improve science-based understanding and support better practices for smallholder and community production on peat.</p>	<p>Ongoing programmes in Siak and Pelalawan, not sure if APRIL is involved</p>	<p>Explore opportunities to be involved in these programmes/initiatives</p>
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Component 3: Developing a long-term vision

6. Support APRIL 2030

<p>Contribute to the further development and implementation of the peatland components of the APRIL2030 including engagement with landscape initiatives</p>	<p>Provide feedback on projects and metrics to achieve A2030 targets and commitments including GHG emissions</p>	<p>Several commitments seem to be leading towards opposite directions; ie reconciling higher yield vs all mitigation targets, etc; consideration for national emissions; land-sharing, land-sparing</p> <p>Explicit focus on emissions -- carbon accounting in land operations; IPEWG + APRIL science teams + external experts work together to ensure best science and practices are brought to bear</p> <p>Strategy to look for new parity to help</p>	<p>Resource person to provide perspective on emissions (potentially SBTi, WRI?)</p>
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mitigate/minimise
emissions

Share perspective of
commercial customers re
expectations as a fibre
supplier for clothing
in-person meeting IPEWG
+ APRIL in Q2 and/or Q3,
potentially in sync with
science week (15 May -
28 May)