



Indonesian Independent Smallholders to Earn the World's First ISCC Smallholder Certification

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ISCC is delighted to announce that the Cooperative Makarti from Jambi, Indonesia has received **the very first ISCC certificate for independent smallholders**. The official handover of the certificate will take place on March 26 in Jambi City, Indonesia.

The certificate is based on an innovative smallholder approach, which was developed as part of Berbak Green Prosperity Partnership project co-funded by MCA Indonesia. The main goal was to enable smallholders to achieve certification and by this guarantee that the FFBs are fully traceable and do not come from deforested areas. The implementation of the project was facilitated by Meo Carbon Solutions and SNV Indonesia.

ISCC has developed a completely new certification program bringing the group certification for palm oil smallholders to a new level. This program reduces the burden, risks and costs for independent smallholders without compromising the sustainability requirements. The ISCC certification means for the smallholder farmers higher incomes, enabling them to sell their fully traceable palm oil at the international market at a competitive price, taking away the need to further expand into forested areas.

Andreas Feige, Managing Director of ISCC, comments: *“the certification of independent smallholders does bring us closer to the overall goal to contain global deforestation. We do hope that many other smallholders will follow.”* Hans Smit, SNV's Global Coordinator Palm Oil added: *“This is an important step forward to ensure that independent smallholders can be included in deforestation free supply chains. Together with ISCC and other partners we will continue to work to develop this model further and roll out with producers and buyers interested in developing inclusive deforestation free supply chains ”.* Also Sufyan, Group Certification Manager of the Cooperative Makarti is convinced that *“ISCC certification is the first step to increase the livelihood of its members. We are proud to be the first independent smallholder group to receive this certificate”.*

More information about the project and the Berbak Green Prosperity Partnership can be found here:

<https://www.iscc-system.org/about/smallholder-integration-with-iscc/>

<http://www.snv.org/project/berbak-green-prosperity-partnership>

<http://www.mca-indonesia.go.id/en/project/green-prosperity>

<https://www.mottmac.com/releases/euroconsult-mott-macdonald-to-lead-natural-resource-management-programme-indonesia>



About ISCC

ISCC is a globally applicable certification system that covers entire supply chains and all kinds of biobased feedstocks and renewables. ISCC can be applied in various markets, including the bioenergy sector and the food, feed and chemical markets.

Find out more about ISCC (www-iscc-system.org).

About SNV

SNV Netherlands Development Organisation is a not-for-profit international development organization. It has built a long-term, local presence in 39 of the poorest countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America working with local partners to equip communities, businesses and organizations with the tools, knowledge and connections they need to increase their incomes and gain access to basic services – empowering them to break the cycle of poverty and guide their own development. Find out more about SNV (www.snv.org).

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