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# The only place on earth is being bulldozed by supplier of two IPOP signatories

*What solutions will be offered by the two IPOP signatories  
to their supplier so as to address this situation?*

# Background

The Indonesia Palm Oil Pledge (IPOP) was signed by the four most important palm oil groups in the world – Golden Agri-Resources, Wilmar International, Cargill, and Asian Agri – at the 2014 UN Climate Summit in New York on 24 September 2014. Musim Mas Group also signed up to IPOP in late March of this year. One of the aims of IPOP is that its signatories "can work together with multi-stakeholders to find solutions for sustainable palm oil that is deforestation free."

Strong evidence suggests that one supplier of **Wilmar and Musim Mas** – PT Aloer Timur (Mopoli Raya Group) – is currently bulldozing part of the only place on earth, the Leuser Ecosystem, for the development of a palm oil plantation.

It is certainly very relevant to question the extent of the solutions that have been offered by both IPOP signatories, particularly in their efforts to achieve one of the goals of IPOP, namely, to find solutions for sustainable palm oil that is deforestation free.

**The purpose of this report is to encourage Wilmar and Musim Mas, as IPOP signatories, to provide explanations regarding the continued clearing of part of the Leuser Ecosystem by one of their suppliers.**

# Methodology

The report used spatial monitoring system and field observations to observe the operations of the two IPOP signatories' supplier whose concession is located in the Leuser Ecosystem.



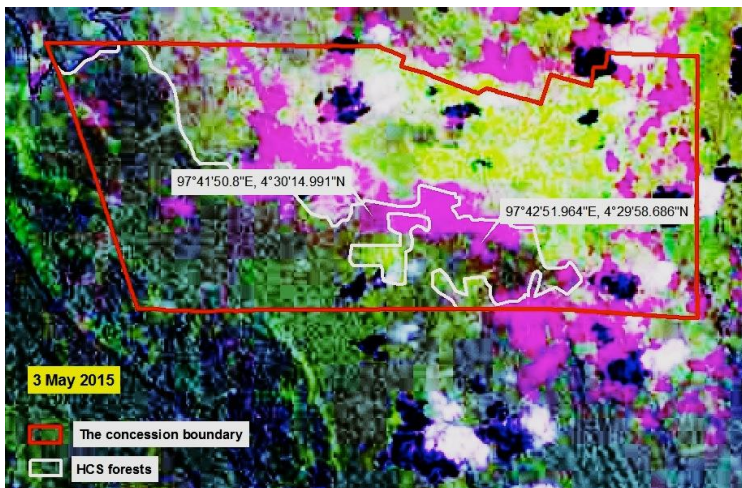
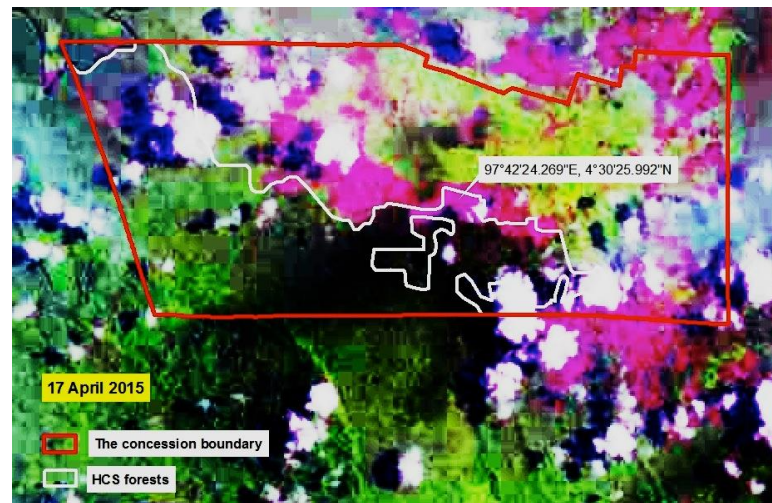
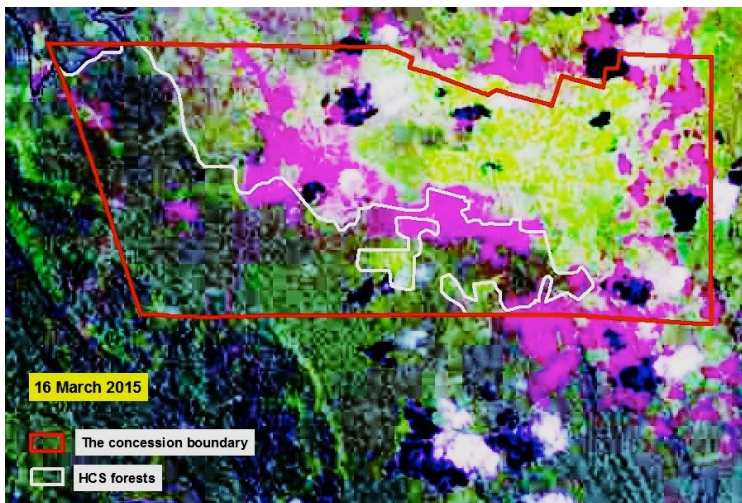
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# Findings

## *Findings from spatial monitoring system*

The following USGS Landsat 8 images below show that the supplier of the two IPOP signatories continues to clear high carbon stock (HCS) forest across its concession, which is located in the Leuser Ecosystem. According to data from the World Conservation Union (IUCN), these HCS forests are **the habitat of Sumatran tigers and elephants**.



Based on the Landsat 8 image from 3 May 2015, there is still quite significant HCS forest extending to almost 2,000 hectares that has yet to be cleared by the supplier of the two IPOP signatories.

Solutions from the two IPOP signatories are urgently awaited, especially as regards the HCS forest that has yet to be cleared.



## *Findings of field observations*

Referring to the findings of the spatial monitoring of the supplier of the IPOP signatories – based on the Landsat 8 images taken on 16 March and 17 April 2015 – **field observations were conducted on 30 April 2015** to document the clearing of HCS forest in the concession located inside the Leuser Ecosystem.

The photograph on the front cover of the report and the two photographs below clearly show that the areas cleared by the supplier consist of HCS forest. It should be reiterated here that the solutions offered by the IPOP signatories to their supplier will largely determine what happens to the remaining HCS forest in the supplier's concession.



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# One Recommendation

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**As IPOP signatories, Wilmar and Musim Mas should promptly and transparently present solutions as to how IPOP should be applied in this case.**



*These photos were taken on the concession of the supplier to the two IPOP signatories.*

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**IPOP-OBSERVER** – an initiative by Greenomics Indonesia to identify the extent to which IPOP is being implemented in Indonesia – uses the findings of field observations to question the extent of the role played by IPOP signatories in providing solutions to their suppliers in their efforts to fulfill one of the objectives of IPOP, namely, to find solutions for sustainable palm oil that is deforestation free. The main purpose of IPOP-OBSERVER is to share lessons learned from the implementation of IPOP in finding solutions for sustainable palm oil that is deforestation free based on various cases that are identified using the results of spatial monitoring, field observations and legal analysis.

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