

UPDATE REPORT

# Already one month without a solution

*Wilmar and Musim Mas supplier continues to clear  
elephant habitat in the Leuser Ecosystem*

10 June 2015



# Background

On 6 May 2015, Greenomics Indonesia issued a report that revealed how a supplier of two IPOP signatories, Wilmar and Musim Mas, is clearing HCS forest in the Leuser Ecosystem, the majority of which constitutes elephant habitat. The photos presented in the report, which were taken on 30 April 2015, show bulldozers clearing HCS forest on the concession of a supplier to the two IPOP signatories.

The report also contains Landsat 8 images taken on 3 May 2015, which show the increasingly widespread clearing of HCS forest by the said supplier of the two business groups, both of which have adopted zero deforestation policies.

This report questions the extent to which Wilmar and Musim Mas have taken concrete steps in the wake of the publication of the Greenomics Indonesia report at the beginning of May 2015, bearing in mind that up to 30 May 2015, chainsaws and bulldozers were still working on the ground.

**This report forms part of the on-the-ground monitoring process to identify the extent to which the two IPOP signatories are adhering to their IPOP commitments on the ground.**

# Methodology

The report uses spatial and field observations to monitor the level of clearance of HCS forests carried out by the supplier of the two IPOP signatories after the release of the Greenomics Indonesia report of 6 May 2015.



97°42'13.7"E 4°29'57.3"N - 30 May 2015

# Chainsaws and bulldozers still operating

It would appear that IPOP has had no impact whatsoever on the supplier of the two IPOP signatories as chainsaws continue to be used in HCS forest on the oil-palm concession of PT Aloer Timur (Mopoli Raya Group), which supplies Wilmar and Musim Mas from inside the Leuser ecosystem. HCS forest on the palm-oil concession also continues to be bulldozed.

**Evidence of the continuing use of chainsaws and bulldozers has been collated on video by Greenomics Indonesia, which is more than willing to show the evidence to IPOP secretariat and the two IPOP signatories.**



97°42'32.9"E 4°29'53.4"N - 30 May 2015

*A bulldozer completing the clearance of HCS forest in one of the blocks of PT Aloer Timur's concession.*



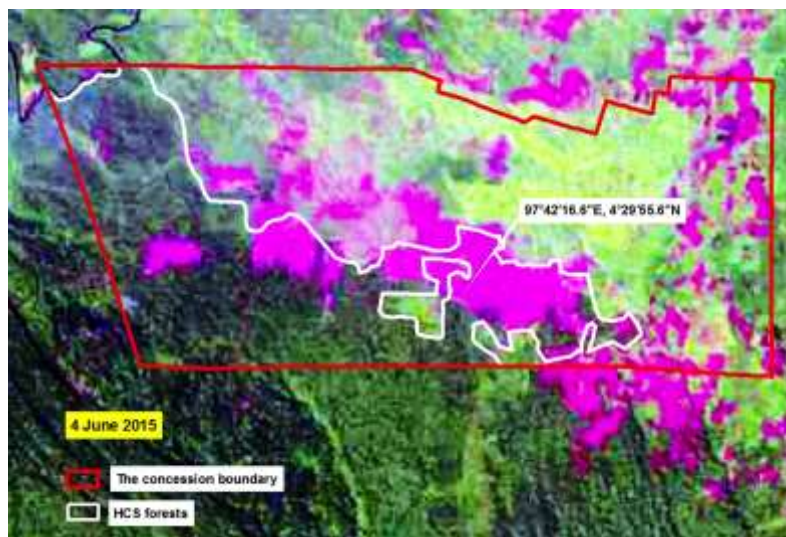
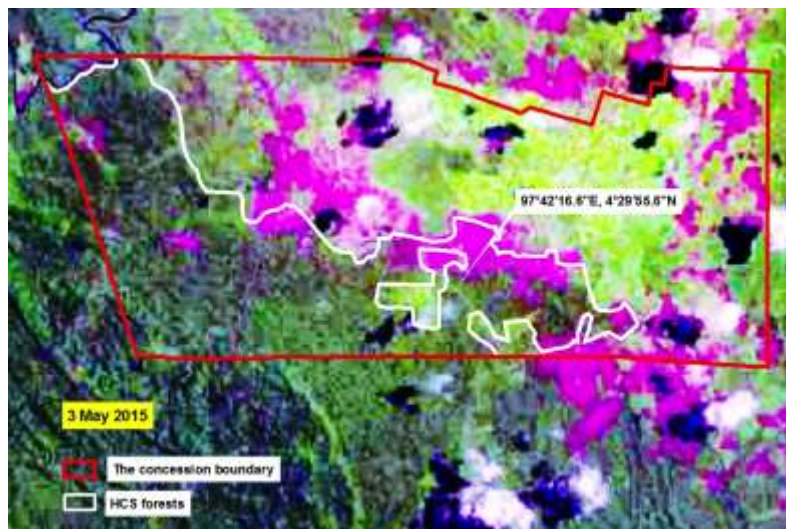
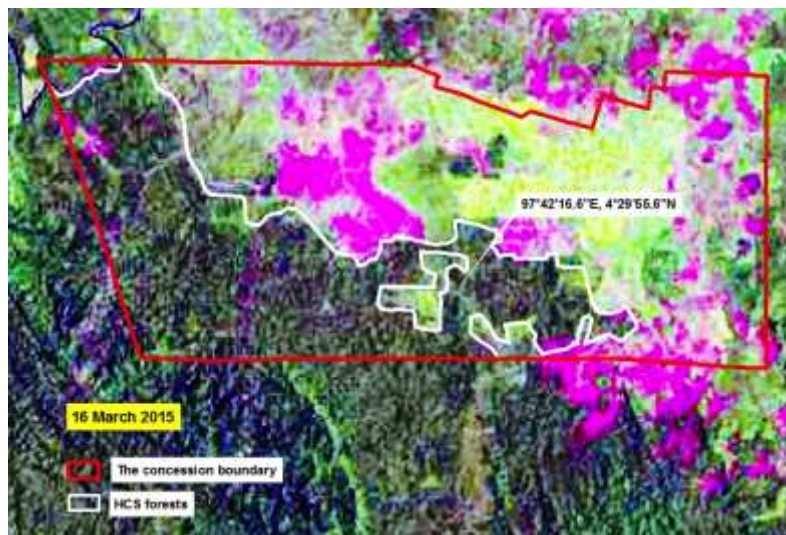
# Is IPOP ineffective, are there no solutions?

IPOP and its two signatories have to date failed to come up with a concrete solution in the wake of the revelations contained in the Greenomics Indonesia report published on 6 May 2015. As a result, the supplier of the two IPOP signatories continues to clear HCS forest and elephant habitat on its concession. The following photos show the situation.



**Are IPOP, Wilmar and Musim Mas going to wait until the HCS forest and elephant habitat on their supplier's concession have been completely cleared before proposing a solution?**

Landsat 8 images, taken on 3 May 2015 and 4 June 2015, also demonstrate clearly that this supplier of Wilmar and Musim Mas continues to clear HCS forest on its concession.



# Conclusion



97°42'32.8"E 4°29'53.4"N – 30 May 2015

**IPOP, Wilmar and Musim Mas have yet to identify a solution to this matter. Consequently, it may be said that IPOP is having no effect on the ground. Wilmar and Musim Mas have also failed to come up with a formulation that will be effective on the ground in cleaning up their supply chains from deforestation.**

# Recommendation



97°42'37.8"E 4°29'54.5"N – 30 May 2015

**IPOP, Wilmar and Musim Mas must promptly go into the field so as to see what the facts are and come up with deforestation-free solutions that are in line with IPOP and the zero deforestation policies that they have each announced and adopted.**







97°41'59.9"E 4°30'16.5"N – 30 May 2015

**IPOP-OBSERVER** – an initiative by Greenomics Indonesia to identify the extent to which IPOP is being implemented in Indonesia – uses the results of spatial monitoring, field observations and legal analysis 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.

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