

IMPLEMENTATION OF CRITERIA 7.12 REQUIREMENTS

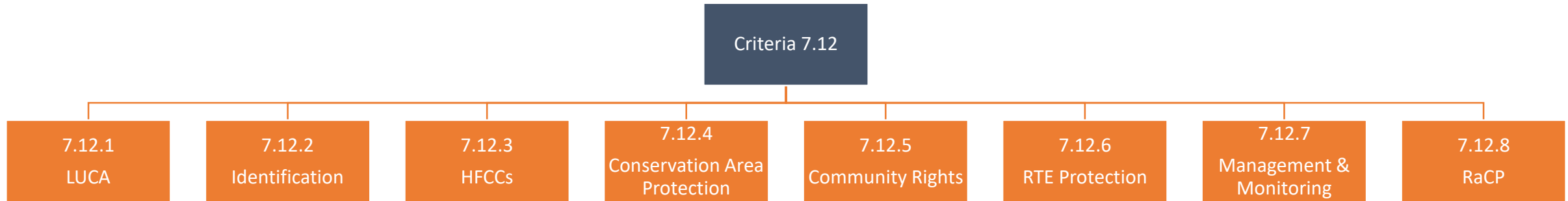


**A Shared Responsibility:
Converting Commitments into Action**

“ Land clearing does not cause deforestation or damage any area required to protect or enhance High Conservation Values (HCVs) or High Carbon Stock (HCS) forest. HCVs and HCS forests in the managed area are identified and protected or enhanced. ”

-Criteria 7.12 P&C 2018 -

Criteria 7.12 outline in P&C 2018

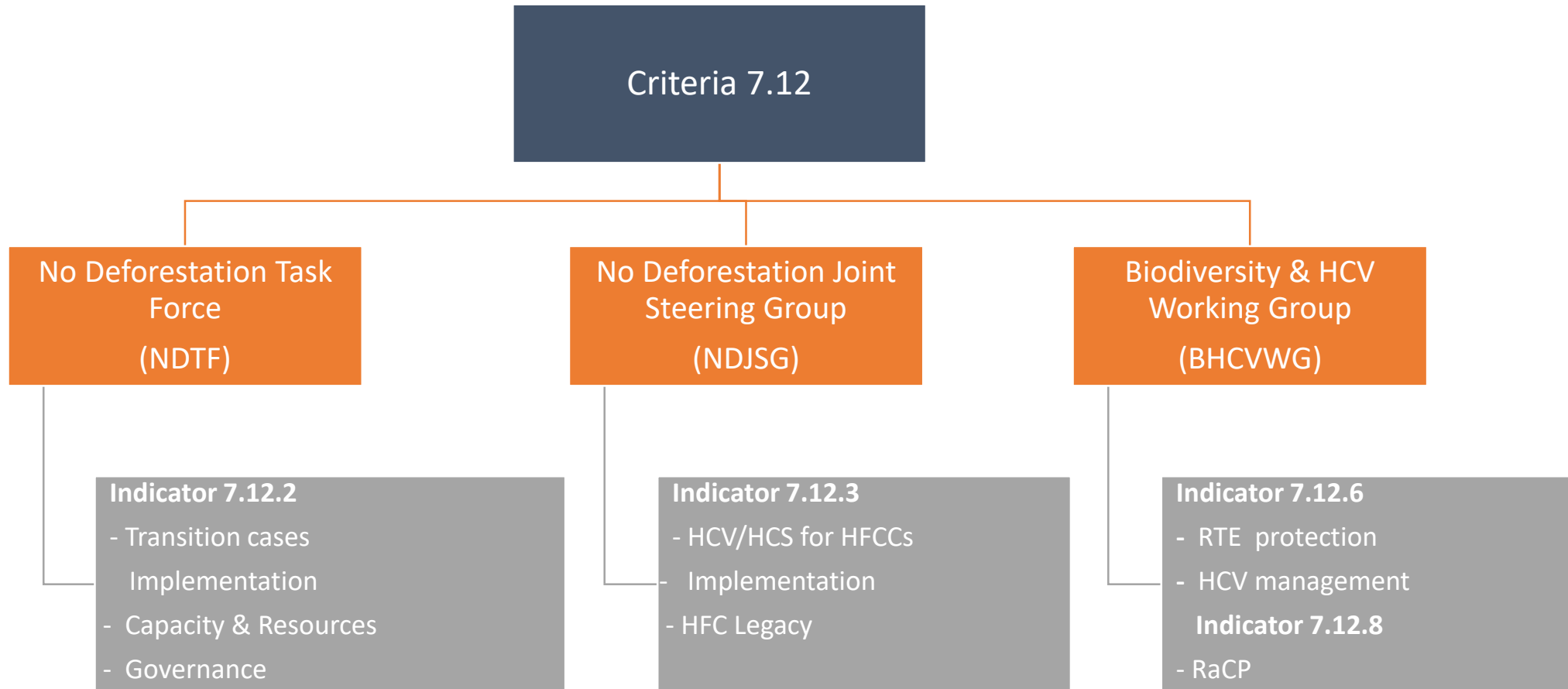


Highlight of this criteria is the commitment to No Deforestation and protection of High Conservation Values (HCVs) or High Carbon Stock (HCSs) forests prior to any land clearing by RSPO members.

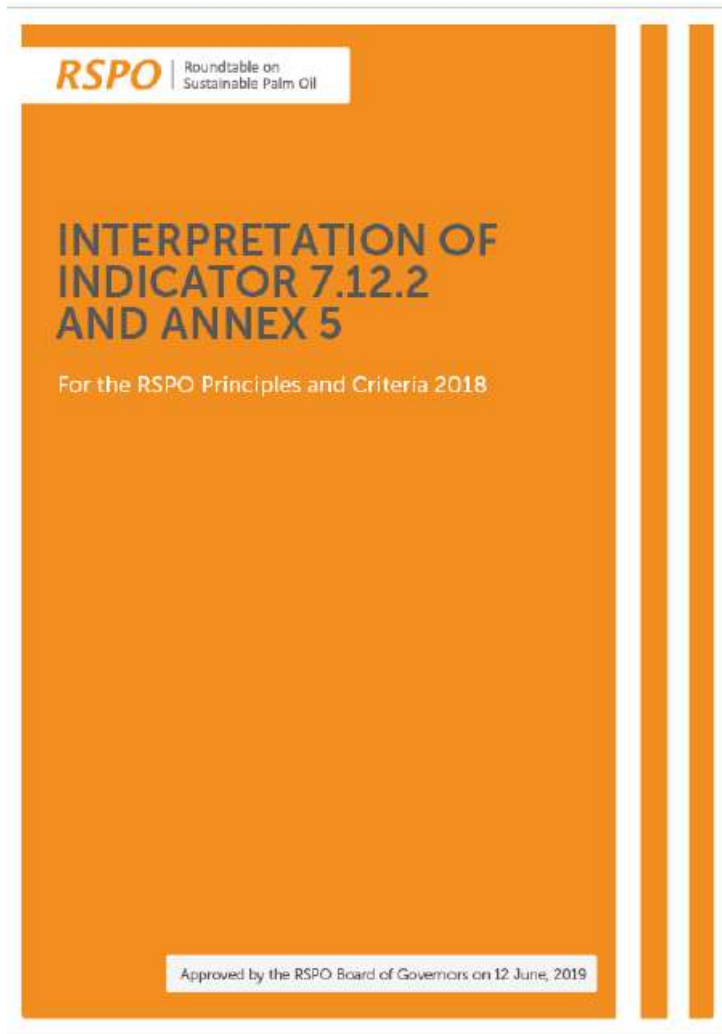
This is achieved through adoption of the HCSA toolkit for the identification of High Carbon Stock (HCS) forests for conservation.

- Critical indicator under 7.12 is the identification of HCV, HCS and other conservation areas (7.12.2).
- Identification through:
 - i. HCV-HCSA assessment; or
 - ii. Processes in RSPO interpretation document

WG/TF mandate for 7.12



RSPO Interpretation Document



Developed by the No Deforestation Task Force (NDTF) to allow compliance of Criteria 7.12.2 The main objectives of this document are to:

- **Provide alternate processes** – Ensure both HCV & HCS elements included in existing/ongoing developments
- **Clarify requirements** – Provide clarity on 7.12.2 and Annex 5 requirements stated in the generic RSPO P&C 2018.
- **Transition efficiency** – Ensure transition cases are completed in a timely manner through case register.

Interpretation of Indicator 7.12.2 and Annex 5 Document



Case Register

Registration of “transitional cases” of development, i.e. existing development with land clearing after 15 November 2018

LURI

Minimise disruption while ensuring compliance by identifying ‘low risk’ areas that may be developed while conducting a standalone HCSA assessment.

RSPO HCV Review

Review quality of non-ALS HCVs conducted covering both approved NPPs with on-going land clearing after 15 November 2018 and Initial certifications against P&C 2018.

Standalone HCSA

An alternative assessment to comply to criteria 7.12 for land clearing scenarios which already have an HCV assessment.

Applicability of Interpretation of Indicator 7.12.2 and Annex 5 Document



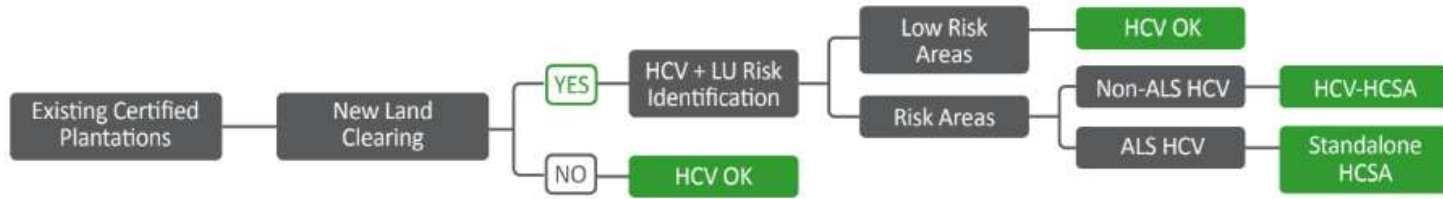
No	Scenario	Requirement	Applicability
1	<p>Transition cases</p> <p>a. New plantings with ALS HCV assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. ALS-HCV assessments that were ongoing before 15 Nov 2018, which are yet to be completed ii. Completed ALS-HCV assessments (started before 15 Nov 2018) not yet submitted to ALS for quality review by 15 Nov 2018 <p>b. Areas with an approved NPP (pre-ALS) and planning for land clearing after 15 Nov 2018</p>	<p>Register case to RSPO using <i>Case Register</i></p>	<p>Only valid during the stipulated time period</p>
	<p>c. New plantations and existing uncertified plantation with new land clearing after 15 Nov 2018 with an ALS-HCV assessment submitted to ALS before 15 Nov 2018.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conduct Land Use Risk Identification (LURI) and standalone HCSA for high risk area - NPP must be submitted by 15 Nov 19 or 6-months after ALS approval, whichever longer 	<p>Only valid during the stipulated time period</p>

Applicability of Interpretation of Indicator 7.12.2 and Annex 5 Document

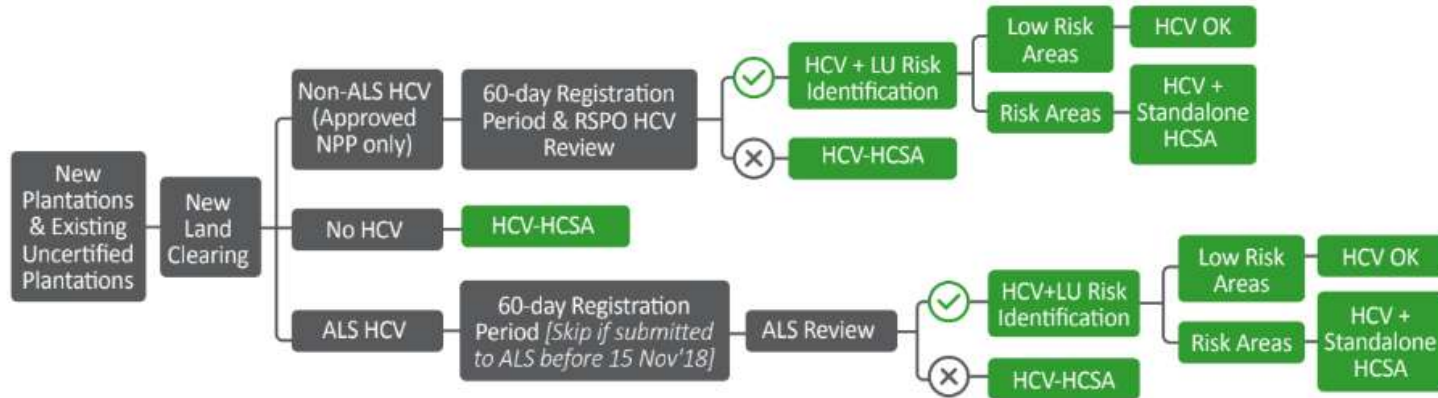


No	Scenario	Requirement	Applicability
2	Non-transition cases a. With new land clearing i. Existing certified plantation with new land clearing after 15 Nov 2018	For 2a(i): - Conduct Land Use Risk Identification (LURI) to determine the risk area; and - Standalone HCSA for those with ALS-HCV assessment; or - Integrated HCV-HCSA for non-ALS HCV assessment	Valid until the next revision of RSPO P&C or when there is any announcement made by RSPO related to these cases
	b. With no new land clearing i. Uncertified plantations and no new land clearing after 15 Nov 2018 with a non-ALS HCV assessment	Submit to RSPO for HCV Assessment Review	Valid until the next revision of RSPO P&C or when there is any announcement made by RSPO related to these cases

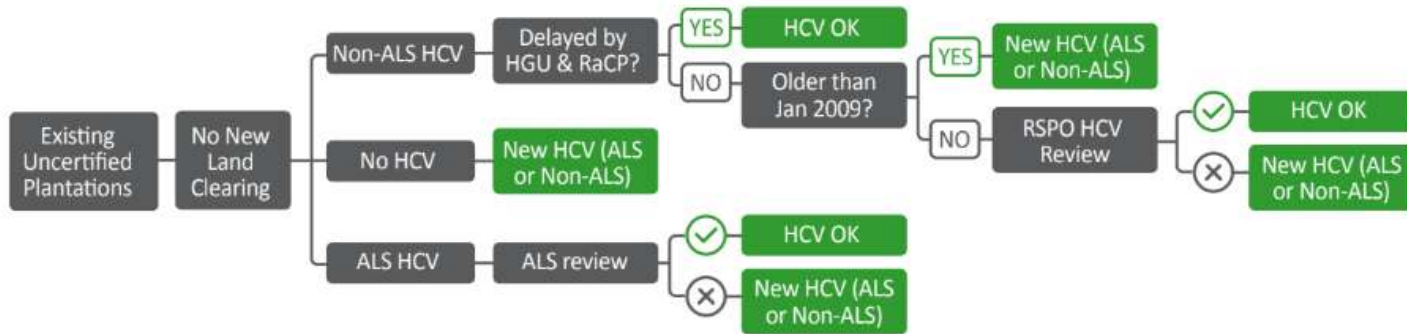
Process flows



Existing certified plantation



New & existing uncertified plantation
(new land clearing)



Existing uncertified plantation
(no new land clearing)

Ongoing/future NDTF outputs

No	Activity	Description
1	HCSA auditor checklist	Guide for Certification Bodies (CBs) to ensure 7.12.2 requirements are implemented on-site.
2	Standalone HCSA assessment review template revision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RSPO in discussion with HCSA to revise HCSA reviewers' template to cater for certification purposes. • More descriptive recommendations for RSPO members to ensure compliance with the criteria 7.12.2 requirements
3	Analysis of gaps for ICLUP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of missing elements within the current New Planting Procedure (NPP) to develop the Integrated Conservation and Land Use Plan (ICLUP) • Ensure required assessments/steps done in NPP stage itself, avoiding additional assessment(s) required during development phase.

Thank You