



FONAP's Project "Understanding Small Producers in the Global Palm Oil Supply Chain"

The role of FONAP and the lessons learnt from the Project (2018-2019). Insights from WWF Germany & Wild Asia.

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Background & Introduction



FONAP's add-on criteria for sustainable palm oil



The FONAP **add-on criteria** has been adopted by its members in addition to the commitment to consume certified sustainable palm oil.

FAOC#1 – Use of Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB) from legal sources only

FAOC#2 – Ban on the use of highly hazardous pesticides

FAOC#3 – Stopping cultivation on peatlands and other areas with high carbon content

FAOC#4 – Application of strict greenhouse gas reduction targets



What would
the impact of
the **FONAP**
Criteria be
on Small
Producers?



FONAP Project (2018-2019)



Phase 1: 2018-2019

Understanding the Impact of the FONAP Criteria on Small Producers in Malaysia





Wild Asia's Regional Support Units *Bridges Theory to Practice*

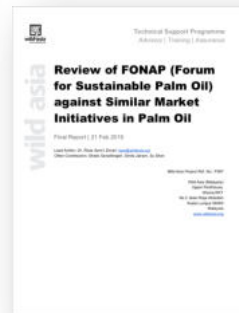


*Bridge the divide between research and local experience,
between science and practice, to build a foundation of
knowledge relevant to regions for sustainable production.*



Part 1: FONAP CRITERIA

- Comparative study of existing certification standards and other market initiatives against the FONAP add-on criteria
- Applying the FONAP add-on criteria to Malaysian small producers using WAGS certified members as a sample
- Opportunity for open consultations from Malaysian stakeholders





Part 2: SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION

- Small-grant to cover a mixture of trials that could unlock sustainable production for small producers
- Results from these pilots could be magnified in subsequent support from FONAP members





Part 1: Executive Summary “Impact of FONAP Add-on Criteria”





FAOC#1 – Legal Source



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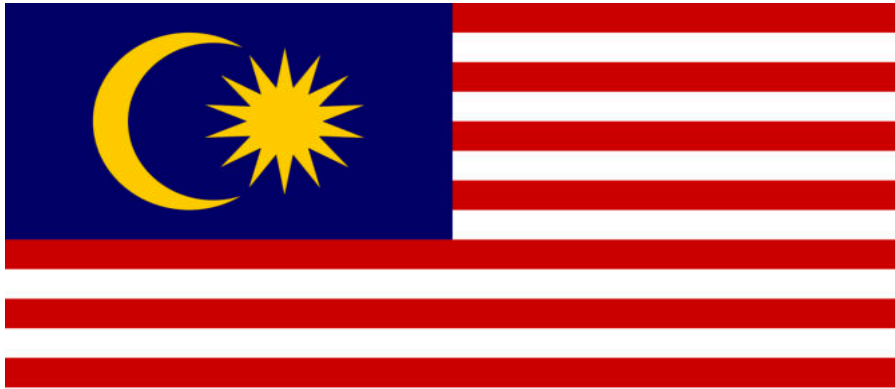
FAOC#1 - Use of FFB from legal sources only



	Sabah	Perak
FFB are not grown on illegally occupied lands	100 %	100 %
FFB are from known origins	100 %	97 %
FFB are not grown in any Protected Areas	97 %	100 %

- Malaysia has a licensing system for all cultivated palm oil. Weakness is in checking by authorities (more than one plot, not up-to-date).
- Many of WAGS farmers sell to traders. Poor record keeping by dealers/traders are common.
- Malaysia has a land tenure system and protected areas are often well defined. Some encroachment are known but restricted and often where there is a dispute between customary lands/State reserves.

Palm Oil – National Drive for Certification



Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil Standard (MSPO) for production, milling and supply chain.

**Certification will be mandatory for
all Growers by 2019.**

About 50% of all Production and 64% of Mills are MSPO Certified (Aug 2019)



FAOC#2 – Agro-Chemicals



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FAOC#2 – Ban on the use of highly hazardous pesticides



	Sabah	Perak
Pesticides categorized as WHO Class 1a or 1b , or that are listed by the Stockholm or Rotterdam Conventions , and paraquat are not used	100 %	9 %

- Paraquat was most commonly used in Perak. Despite its legal restrictions access to paraquat is more prevalent.
- However, there is widespread use of glyphosate.
- General poor awareness of the nature of agrochemicals used and their safe use. Risk of exposure is high.

Unsafe exposure to agro-chemicals

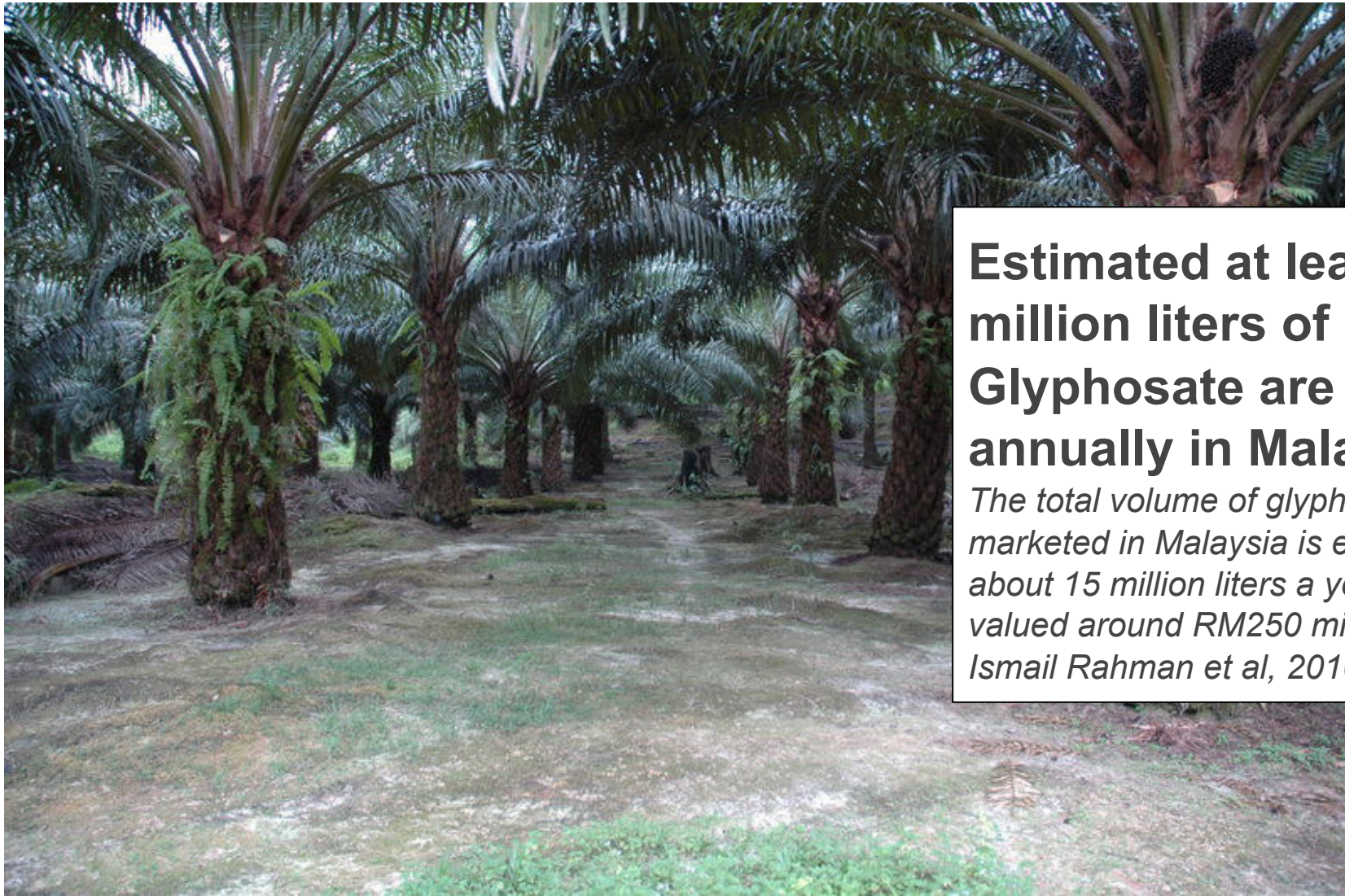
Highly Hazardous Pesticides

FAO definition of a HHP includes pesticides linked with a high incidence of severe or irreversible adverse effects on human health or the environment.

Chemical Product Name	Chemical Active Ingredient (AI)	Is Highly Hazardous Pesticide?
Basta 15	Glufosinate-ammonium	Yes
Bastura 600	2,4-D dimethyl amine	Yes
BL Paraquat 13	Paraquat Dichloride	Yes
Erata 15	Glufosinate-ammonium	Yes
Gramoxone PP910	Paraquat Dichloride	Yes
Hextar Paraquat 13	Paraquat Dichloride	Yes
Kontrol 15	Glufosinate-ammonium	Yes
Launch 5.66	Glufosinate-ammonium	Yes
Monex HC	Monosodium Methyl Arsenate, Diuron	Yes
Tepat	Glufosinate-ammonium	Yes
ZA Paraquat	Paraquat Dichloride	Yes



Extensive use of herbicides (eg glyphosate)



Estimated at least 15 million liters of Glyphosate are used annually in Malaysia

The total volume of glyphosphate marketed in Malaysia is estimated to be about 15 million liters a year, which is valued around RM250 million per year. Ismail Rahman et al, 2010.



FAOC#3 – Peatlands & High Carbon Stocks



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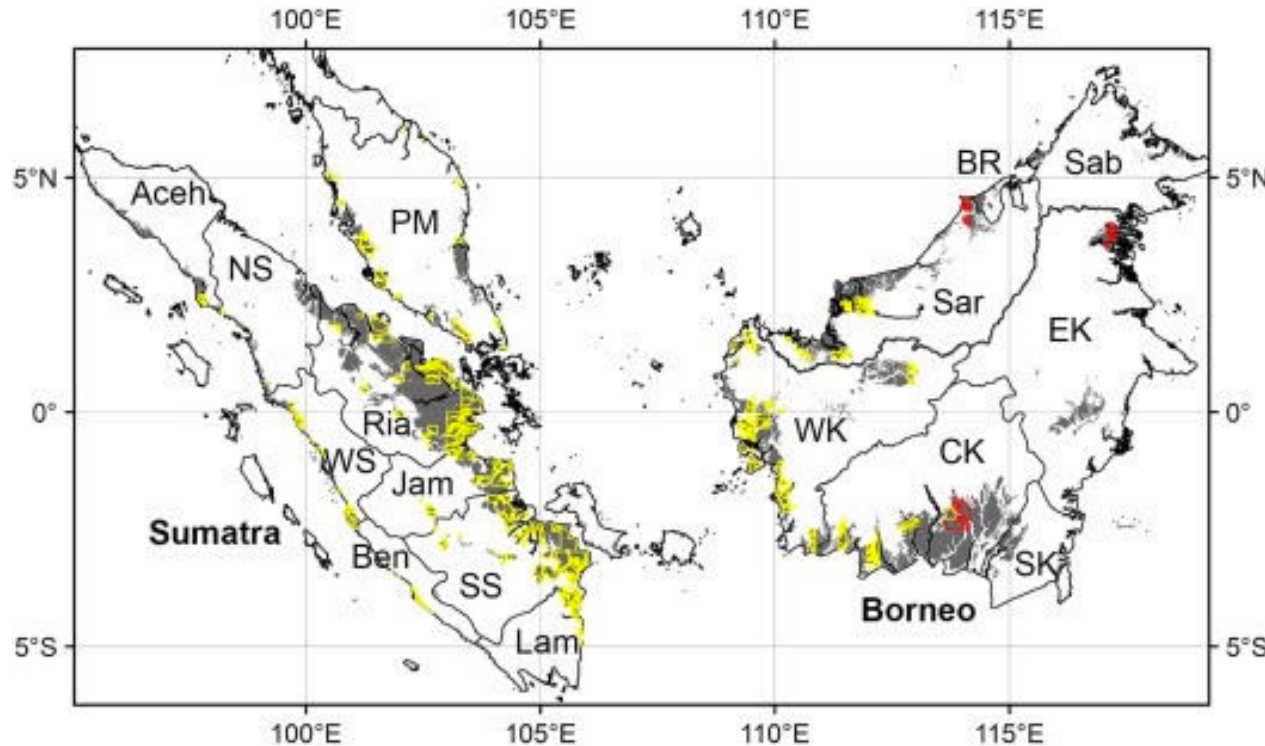
FAOC#3 – Stopping cultivation on peatlands and other areas with a high carbon content



	Sabah	Perak
FFB are not grown on peatlands	94 %	90 %
FFB not grown on HCV/ HCS areas	100 %	94 %

- So far WAGS farmers have cultivated in non-forested areas and outside of protected areas (HCVs).
- Some farmers have established on peatlands but are associated with floodplain ecosystems. Large extents of peatlands are rarer in Malaysia, but are distributed to some areas of West Malaysia, Sarawak and lesser extent Sabah.

Major Tropical Peatlands of SE Asia



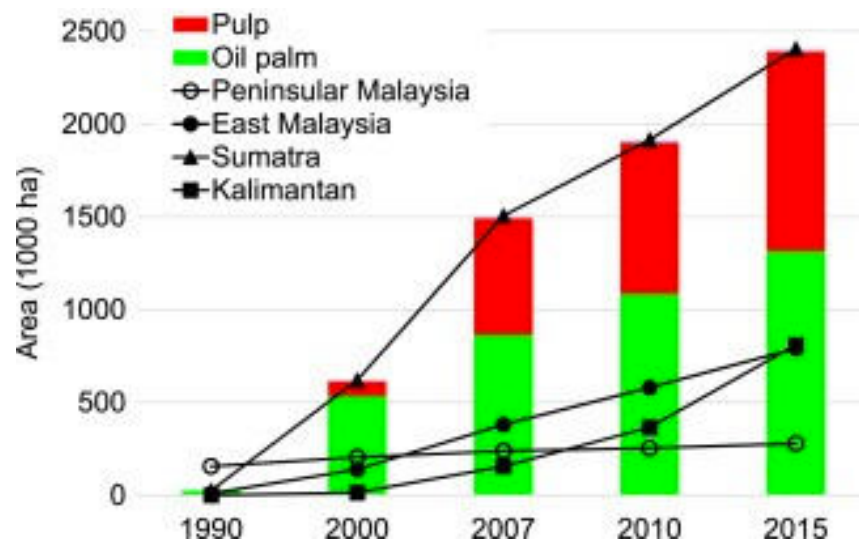
About 15% of global carbon is stored in tropical peatlands

Tropical peatlands are known to be globally significant deposits of terrestrial organic carbon with estimates ranging from 50 to 105 GtC; equivalent to about 15% of carbon stored in peat globally.

There are an estimated **15.7 Mha of peatlands** in our region. Meittinen et al, 2016

Are NDPE Policies too late?

Over a 20 Year Period (1996-2015), there remains only **29%** (4.6 Mha) of SEA peatlands, only **6%** undisturbed.



Within a 20 Year Period (1996-2015), there remains only **29%** (4.6 Mha) of peatlands in **West Malaysia, Sumatra, Borneo**. Of which **only 6%** of the total peatlands show little change since 1990. Of the total peatlands, 50% (7.8 Mha) of the peatlands are now covered by managed land cover types (22.4% small-holders and 27.4% industrial plantations). **Timber (pulp) and oil palm are the major crops.** Meittinen et al, 2016



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2019
1997

A photograph of a man in a plaid shirt looking out over a landscape where a large fire is burning in the distance. The fire is bright orange and red, with thick black smoke rising into the sky. The foreground shows some green vegetation and a hillside.

Can we claim sustainable palm oil on peatlands?

*Peatlands requires **complex water management across private-state-communal boundaries**. Not addressing this contributes to further peat degradation and risk of fires, creating a trans-border public health hazard and large loss of carbon into the atmosphere.*



Connecting to Markets
Direct-support and incentives for specific production regions, linked to specific palm oil mills.



Defined Hydrological Boundaries as Administration Unit for Jurisdictional Certification

eg

South-East Pahang Peat Complex
North-east Selangor Peat Complex

Klias Peninsular Peat Complex

District Office + Government Agencies + Companies + Villages



Regional Support Units to managed education, outreach and compliance





FAOC#4 – GHG Targets



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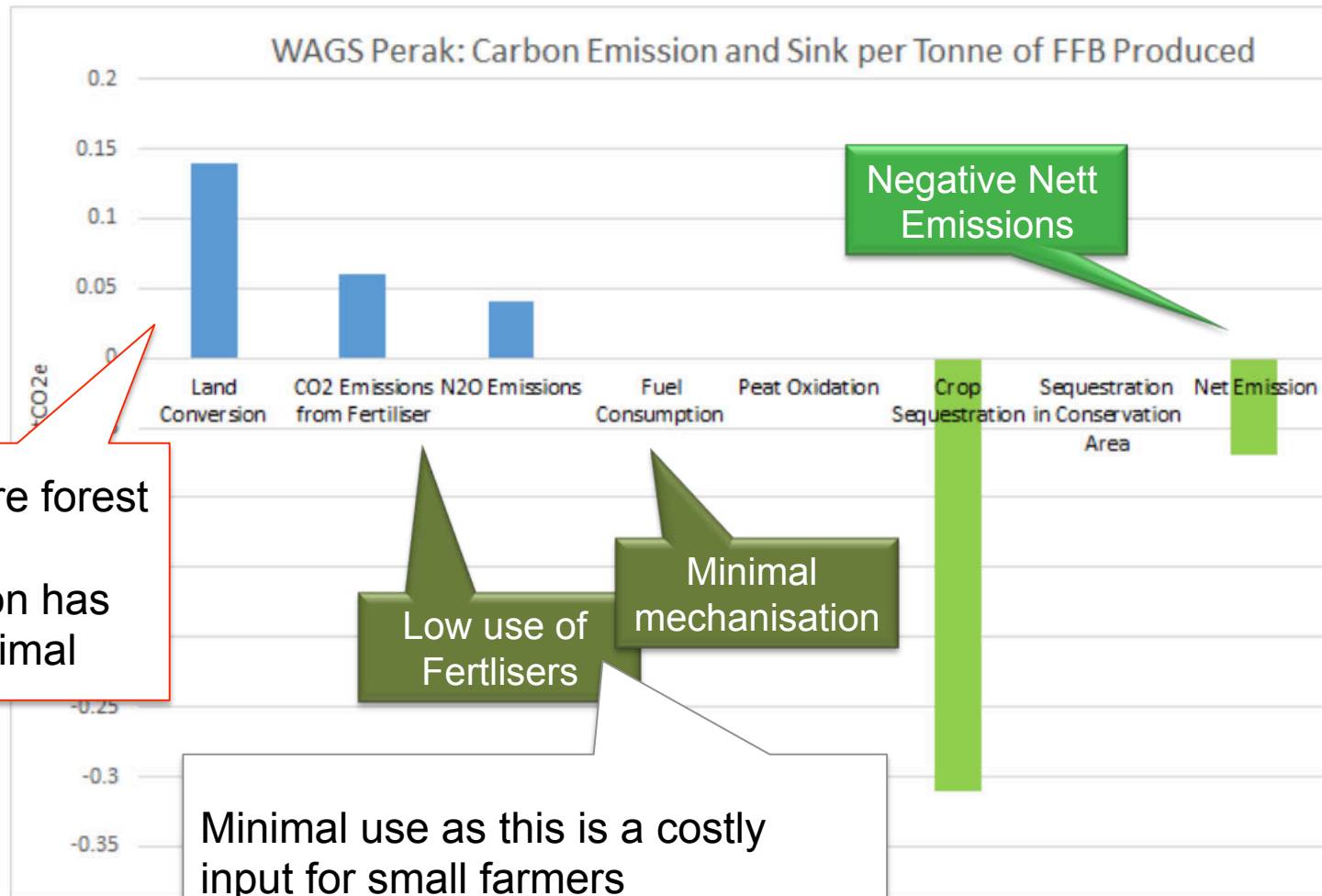
FAOC#4 – Application of strict greenhouse reduction targets



	Perak	Perak
Public reporting of GHG emissions using Palm GHG on new and existing plantations	100 %	100 %

- GHG reporting is a requirement for RSPO certification.
- Typically fertilizer usage is the biggest GHG contributor for small producers. Many do not fertilize and some even show negative emissions for GHG.

Small Producers as a potential **Nett Carbon Sink**



Low where forest or peat conversion has been minimal

Low use of Fertilisers

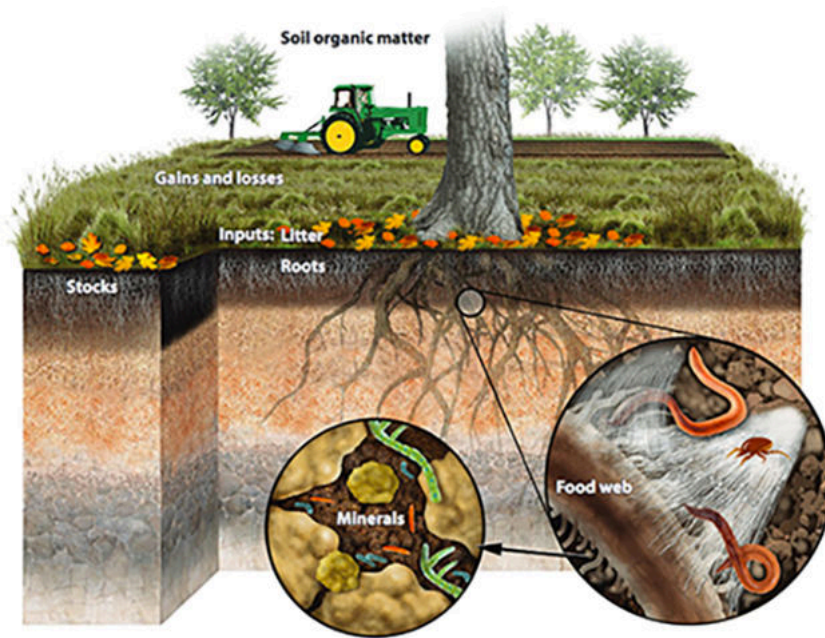
Minimal mechanisation

Minimal use as this is a costly input for small farmers
 RM 1,600-2,000 per ha/year
 le **20-25% of production cost**

Figure 24: Carbon Emission and Sink per Tonne of FFB Produced

from RSPO PalmGHG Calculator ver 3.01

Living Soils as a potential **Nett Carbon Sink**



“Retaining and restoring soil organic matter helps farmers grow better crops, purifies our water and keeps the atmosphere cleaner,”
(Jackson et al, 2017)

Estimated THREE TIMES more carbon in soils than in the atmosphere



Part 2: Executive Summary “Pilots for Sustainable Production”



Pilots for Sustainable Productions

The slide features the WWF logo on the left and the Wild Asia Group Scheme logo on the right. The title 'WAGS - Improving Farm Practices' is centered at the top. Below the title are three orange cloud-shaped boxes: 'LOCAL ROLE MODELS', 'LIVING SOIL AWARENESS', and 'COMMUNITY WASTE'. Each box is accompanied by a photograph: a man and woman in a field, a classroom presentation, and bags of waste. At the bottom, there are three more photographs: a close-up of a palm tree, a person with a water drum, and a sign with the word 'CYCLE'.

LOCAL ROLE MODELS

LIVING SOIL AWARENESS

COMMUNITY WASTE

Is there interest locally to produce “organic” palm oil? What would be their key motivation? What are the technical blocks?

Can we motivate farmers to also champion local efforts to remove plastics and other toxic waste from their region?

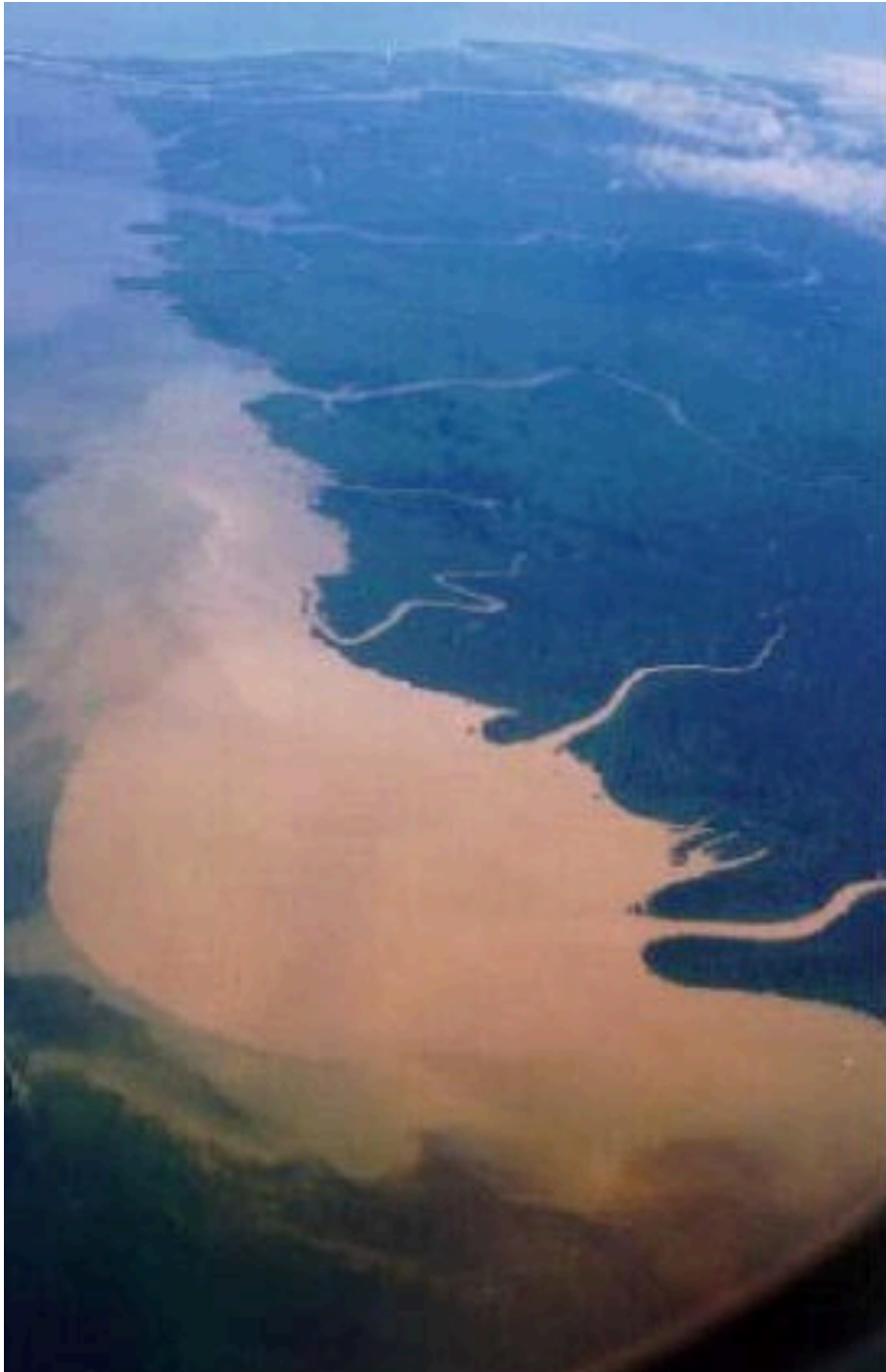


Soils are the
Foundation for
Sustainable
Agriculture

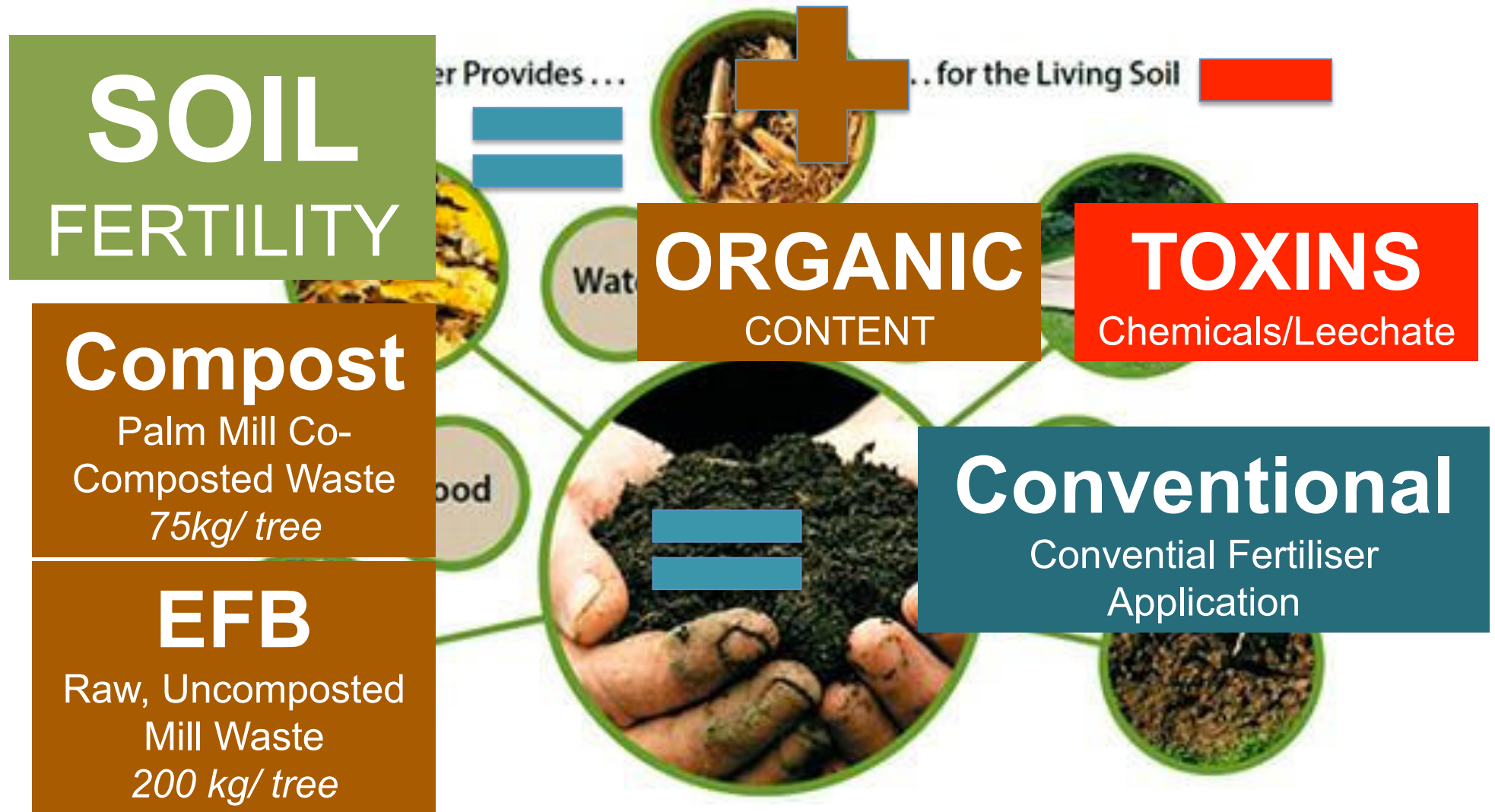




Industrial plantations do not conserve fragile, thin, tropical soils



Pilots for Sustainable Productions

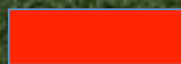
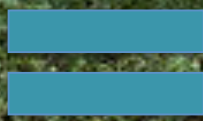


Beyond industrial plantations, we began finding individuals exploring poly-culture or chemical-free agriculture.





SOIL FERTILITY



ORGANIC CONTENT

TOXINS
Chemicals/Leachate

Poly-culture agriculture opens the door to other crops ... Trees? Cocoa? Essential Oils? Nuts?



If there is wider adoption, is **Certified Organic** an option? Would not all crop on the land be Certified Organic?





Conclusion



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In addition to promoting the uptake of Certified Palm Oil, the FONAP add-on criteria has been adopted by its members in addition to the commitment to consume certified sustainable palm oil.

RSPO (and similar) Certification or Add-on Criteria, is a step forward. But we can see, there are some gaps which have far greater impact on the Environment.

FONAP has an opportunity to influence a shift towards addressing how the industry can change ... and make a global impact.

FONAP as a catalyst for sustainable development



Change the narrative
Global palm oil industry can be more RESPONSIBLE

Change the narrative
Shared responsibility for global climate action is a focus back on LIVING SOILS

Change the narrative
We will work together to reverse greenhouse gas emissions from TROPICAL PEATLANDS

Change the narrative
We will work together to make palm oil more INCLUSIVE by incentivizing sustainable production OR supporting small producers to develop poly-culture and organic production.



GHG Fossil Fuels



Carbon Capture

Biodiversity Livelihoods

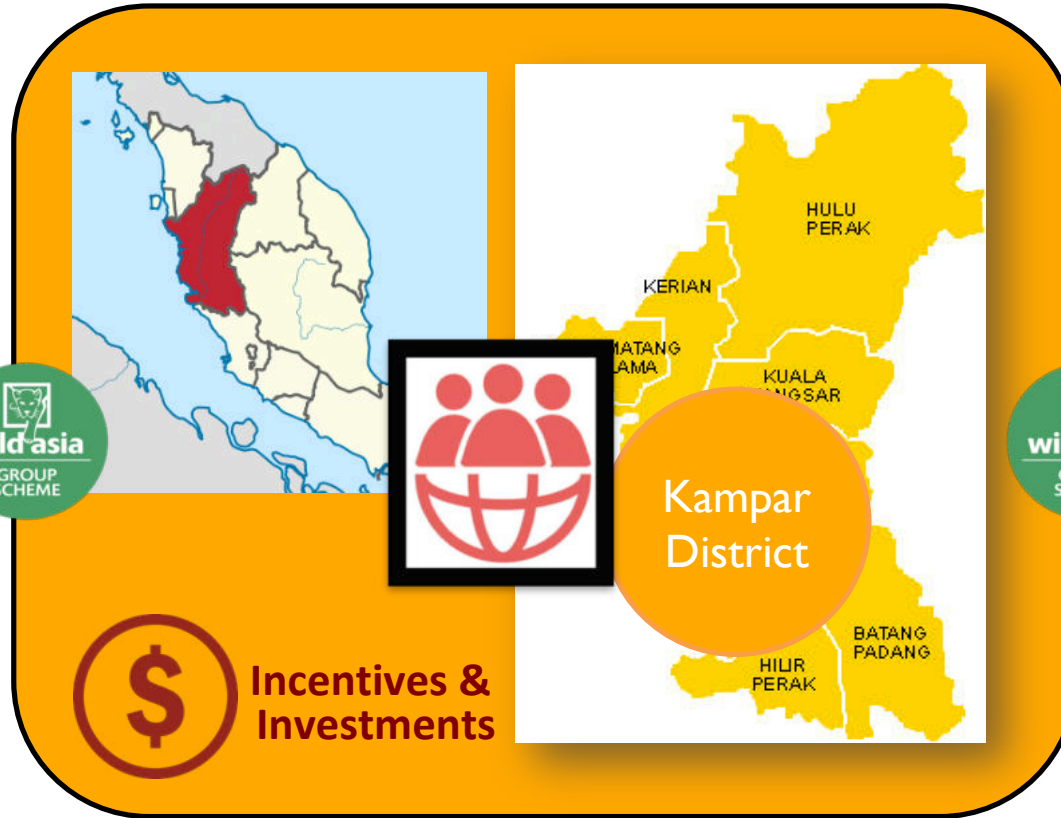
Green Claims



Trade Royalty



Malaysia's First Sustainable Production Region *Deforestation Free & Inclusive of Small Producers*



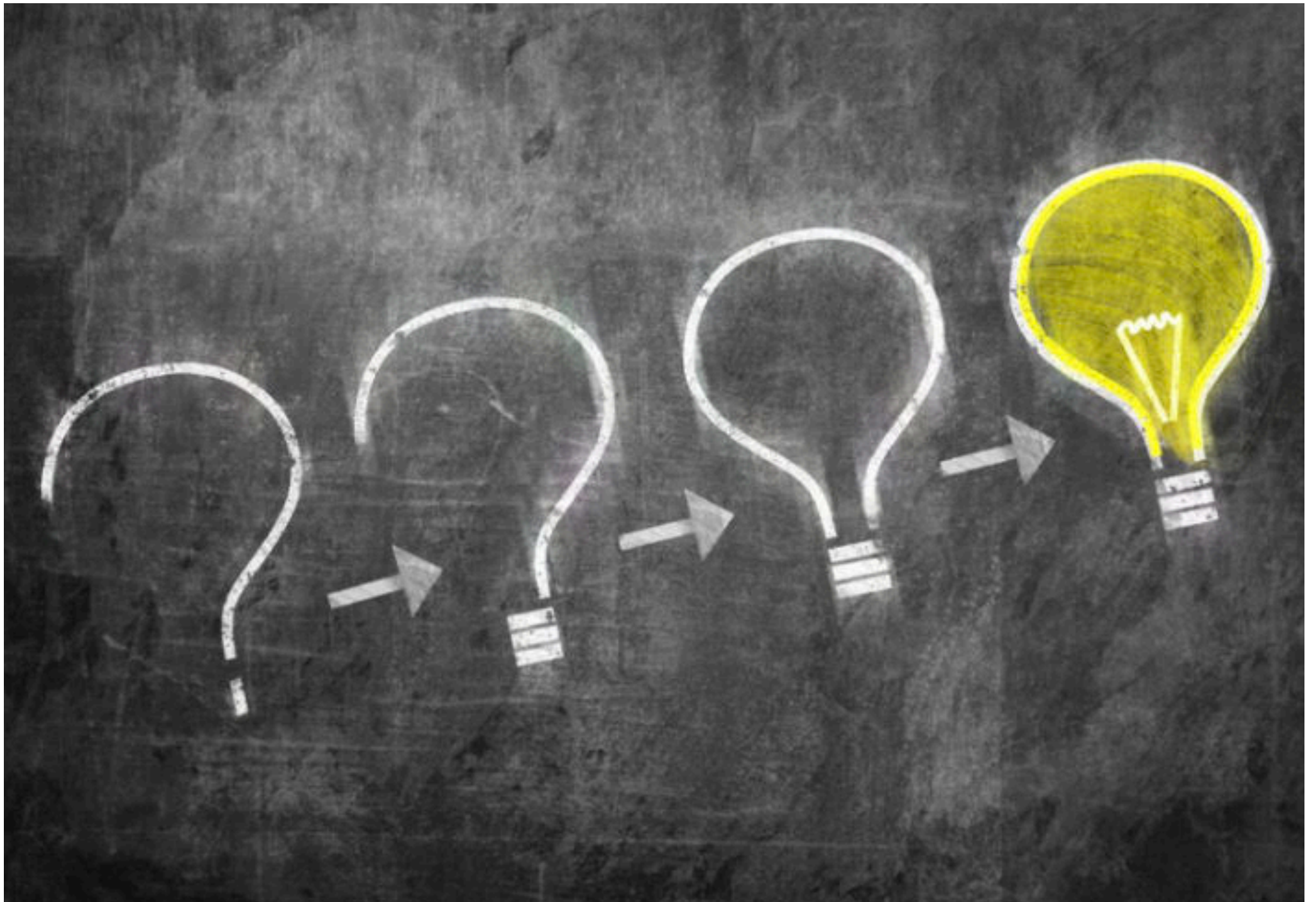
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