



## Thematic Discussions

March 26, 2015

Location: University of Goettingen, Zoology, Berliner Str. 28, Room MN 78

The thematic discussion rounds aim to provide opportunities to discuss open issues in relation to the scientific concept planning. Each discussion round will start with initial brief, stimulating presentation.

### 09:00 – 09:15 Opening and Moderation by Stefan Scheu

#### 09:15 - 10:00 Discussion Block 1: “Riparian Sites”

In the planned second funding phase of EForTS (2016 - 2019), the research plot type “Jungle Rubber” (JR) will be not part of the EForTS core plot design, although JR may still play a role in individual research activities. A new plot type in “Riparian Areas” will be introduced: (periodically) wet depression sites or places next to or along creeks, small rivers, characterized by alluvial soil and high ground-water levels. But how far such conditions can be found in the field and what further conditions must be fulfilled to sufficiently integrate aspects of all subprojects?

Key Inputs: coming from plot selection team, Jochen Drescher, Stefan Scheu

#### 10:00 – 11:00 Discussion Block 2: „Oil Palm Management Experiment & Indonesian Sustainable Palm Oil (ISPO) certification“

New for the next phase will be a management experiment in an oil palm estate. We hope that our partner PTPN VI in Jambi will host this experiment. It might be of interest of wide range of EForTS scientist to learn about recent management practices by PTPN IV against the background of increasing need to address environmental issues, as required by certification schemes like RSPO or ISPO. How can the planned research contribute to developed more sustainable management practises?

Key Inputs: coming from the director of PTPN IV, Jambi; Siswo Pramono, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia, Berlin

### 11:00 – 13:00 Lunch Break (individual)

#### 13:00 – 14:00 Discussion Block 3: „Complementary Research Concept – Adaptive Management“

The basic research done by scientists EForTS needs to be translated into more applied oriented research activities to make it easier for policy maker in Indonesia to use findings for decision-making. Our colleagues in Indonesia are going to develop a complementary scientific concept, based on the research plans of second phase, funded by Indonesian donors.

Key Inputs: coming from Surya Tarigan, Aiyen, Bambang Irawan

#### 14:00 – 15:00 Discussion Block 4: “Biodiversity enrichment in oil palm plantations: plant succession and integration (B11)”

The enrichment plantings in PT Humusindo in Bungku had made a very good progress. The experiment provides now exceptionally good opportunities to scientists to conduct further investigations contributing to the overall goal of the CRC 990 / EForTS.

Key Inputs: coming from Holger Kreft, Bambang Irawan