TFA Southeast Asia aims to support public and private collaborations to achieve zero deforestation commitment through collective action. The objective of the Southeast Asia region is to champion palm and forest positive narratives through jurisdictional/landscape approaches, to support smallholder farmers and independent third-party suppliers and to facilitate peat restoration and forest protection efforts in Indonesia.

The key focus commodities are palm oil and pulp and paper. The team works in Indonesia and Malaysia with the focus in North Sumatra, Aceh, Riau, Jambi and West Kalimantan, where sectoral and government leading commitments are existed.

COUNTRIES AND REGIONS COVERED BY TFA SOUTHEAST ASIA INITIATIVES
Indonesia: North Sumatra, Aceh, Riau, Jambi, West Kalimantan; Malaysia

OVERVIEW OF SPECIFIC INITIATIVES
- Smallholder Task Force: The Smallholder Task Force is an exchange on lessons learned and facilitates linkage to debottleneck existing constraints in the context of smallholders. The task force facilitates discussions, provides necessary expertise and engagement in the areas of access to finance, links smallholder to the market, shares national action plans and enables the policy enactment of the platform for all members. To date, the discussions have revolved around two key themes: access to finance and the formulation of national policy to protect essential economic interests. Currently, the team is incubating the idea to facilitate private sector engagement in Jambi and supports the alignment with emission reduction programs.

- Jurisdictional Approach in Jambi: TFA Southeast Asia has been supporting efforts to create preferential sourcing areas by supporting progressive sub-national leaders through facilitating serial meetings and jurisdictional dialogues on provincial level. Jambi Province has now developed its Green Growth Plan to integrate social, economic and environment scenarios into the plan. TFA Southeast Asia also supports the Initiative for Sustainable Landscape through the Biocarbon Fund. This initiative will link national emission reductions with the provincial level with a particularly focus on two key areas: strengthening policy both in provincial and district level and private sector engagement.
Jurisdictional Approach in Riau: The Province of Riau initiated Green Riau, a subnational initiative under Indonesian government’s Low Carbon Development Initiative (LCDI). The LCDI seeks to maintain economic growth and to help meet sector-level development targets within its National Medium-Term Development Plan 2020-2024. This work will contribute to the further alignment of the partnership with national efforts to promote a low-carbon development path for Indonesia and a high-impact delivery model by promoting a strong sense of community, cooperation and collaboration among different stakeholder’s efforts to reduce deforestation.

KEY EVENTS, MILESTONES AND ACTIVITIES

- Jambi:
  » Jambi stakeholder mapping and joint agenda plan 24 October 2019
  » Jambi Dialogue, 26 November 2019
- National Jurisdictional Exchange, December 2019 or January 2020
- Riau Dialogue
  » Riau serial meetings December 2019 - January 2020
  » Riau Dialogue, February 2020
- TFA Annual Meeting in Jakarta, exact date TBD

KEY PARTNERS ENGAGED AND REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Provincial Government:
  » Jambi: World Bank – IFC, IDH, UNDP, RSPO, Provincial Government (BAPPEDA) and Private sector that members of Smallholder Task Force (GAR, Wilmar, Asian Agri, Astra Agro, APP, Sinar Mas)
  » Riau: WRI, CLUA, LTKL, WWF, Winrock, and private companies
- Regional Committee Members: IDH, SPKS, IBCSD, GAR, RGE (APRIL), Wilmar, Ministry of Planning