

Conflict of Interest Statement

As one mechanism adopted by the IUCN Oil Palm Task Force (OPTF), and in particular the principle of “transparency”, we believe that it is important to commit to public disclosure of: a) member affiliations, b) funding sources, and c) potential conflicts of interest. Specifically, each Task Force member provides (below):

- a) A complete listing of current institutional affiliations. All of these affiliations will also be listed on the OPTF website.
- b) Acknowledgement of all financial contributions to the work being reported. All of these funding sources will also be listed on the OPTF website.
- c) A declaration of potential conflicts of interest, such as financial holdings (equity holdings or stock options), paid consultancies (consulting fees, honoraria, speaking fees, or expert testimony fees), patent holdings (planned, pending, or awarded), advisory positions, or board memberships, that might be perceived to be related to the subject of oil palm and biodiversity conservation and its broader sustainability context.

This declaration takes the form of one of the following two sentences:

- i. I declare that I have no potential conflicts of interests that might be perceived to influence the Task Force’s opinions and public statements.
- ii. I declare that I have potential conflicts of interests that might be perceived to influence the Task Force’s opinions and public statements, as follows:

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- b) Acknowledgement of all financial contributions to the work being reported: **No financial contribution**
- c) Declaration (copy and paste either option i or ii from above): **I declare that I have no potential conflicts of interests that might be perceived to influence the Task Force’s opinions and public statements.**

Signature



Date: **5 March, 2019**