Insights from RISS Execution for A Smallholder Association for Oil Palm

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Filling the Sustainability GAP through RISS Execution

The Center for Sustainable Small-owners (CSS) was established by Procter & Gamble (P&G) in collaboration with the Asia School of Business (ASB) to deliver on its Ambition 2030 goals through the P&G smallholder initiative

Who are the Independent Smallholders



✓**NOT** a scheme smallholder

- ✓ Less than **50 hectares** of oil palm plantation
- Enforceable decision-making power over land
- ✓Organize, manage and finance their own land
- ✓ Meet the other criteria in the **standard or National** Interpretation

ISH Association: PERTANIAGA

"The aim is to support independent smallholders to improve the quality of oil palm products through RSPO and MSPO training and certification and support their journey towards sustainable palm oil production"

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26 May 2020 Legally registered under the **Registration of Societies Malaysia**







100%

Owned by independent smallholders under the chain of oil palm suppliers under the chain of Bingan Jaya Sdn Bhd

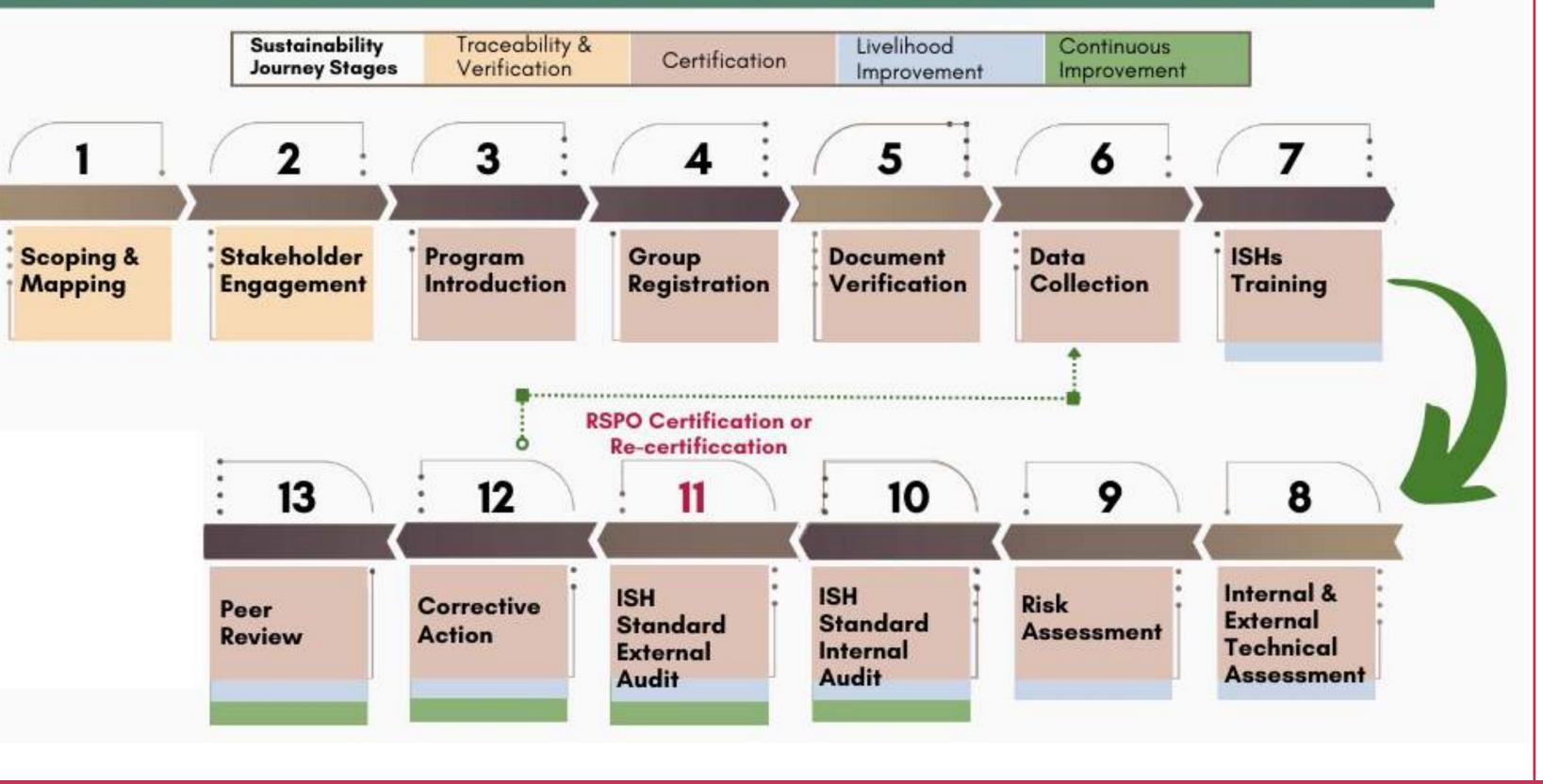


Smallholders Certified with **RISS** Milestone B



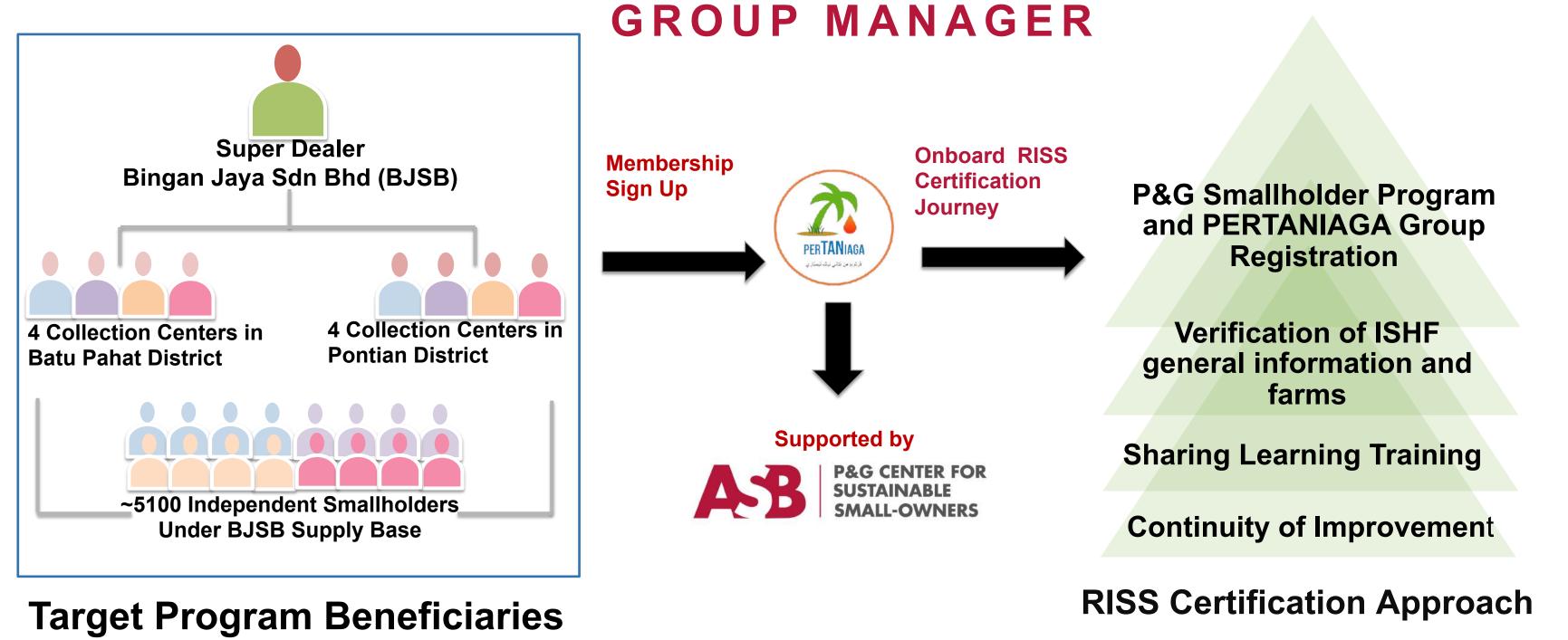
Source: RSPO

CSS ACTIVITIES TOWARDS RSPO ISH STANDARD CERTIFICATION



Certified Area (490 Farms)

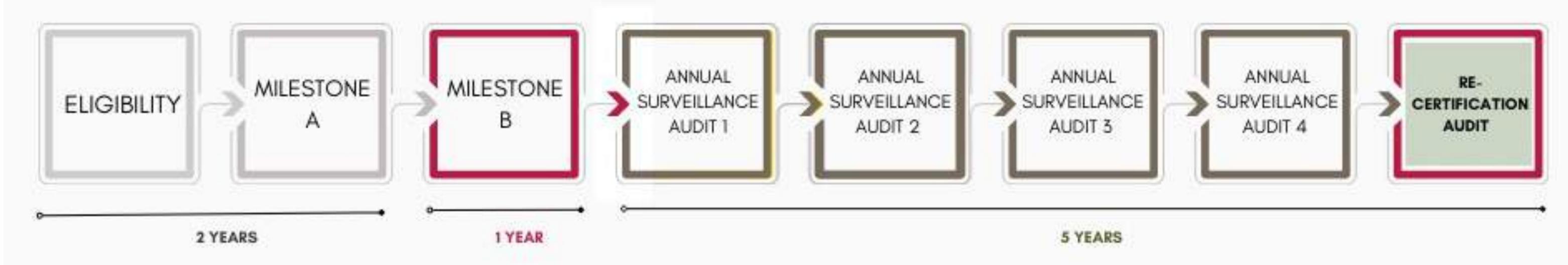
PERTANIAGA's role as the **Group Manager** in the **RISS certification** was facilitated by a **collaborative model** developed by **CSS**, shows the dynamics of the collaboration and shared responsibility of the parties within the **Sustainability** Journey



THIS STUDY SHARES THE INSIGHTS FROM THE RISS CERTIFICATION JOURNEY FOR 407 ISHS OF BATU PAHAT AND PONTIAN DISTRICTS IN JOHOR, MALAYSIA

Analysis from the RISS Certification

The RSPO ISH Standard 2019 Certfication Process



Source: RSPO Internal Audit Intepretation of the Smallholder Standard & RSPO Certification for Principles & Criteria and RSPO Independent Smallholder Standard

RISS Certification for 407 ISHs		Year			
		2021	2022	2023	
Total No. of ISHs	ISH	107	296	407	
Total No. of Farms	Farm	130	364	490	
Total Certified Area	На	155.63	386.05	504.30	

COSTS

• The actual costs spent on RISS certification were identified and collected

PREMIUM

Income arising from RISS certification is only the **RSPO** premium received by the ISH

INSIGHTS

The overall income received from premium does not exceed the cost incurred for RISS certification

A major component of the cost is incurred per ISH, while the premium received is **proportional** to farm size

Yield	Mt per ISH	20.93	19.71	19.69
	Mt per Ha	14.39	15.11	15.89
Total Certification Cost	RM per ISH	2,289.27	1,787.19	849.08
	RM per Ha	1,573.94	1,370.31	685.25
Premium Received	RM per ISH	488.39	503.36	502.92
	RM per Ha	335.78	385.95	405.89
Net Income	RM per ISH	-1,800.89	-1,283.83	-346.16
	RM per Ha	-1,238.16	-984.36	-279.37
Net Income per Mt	RM per Mt	-86.06	-65.13	-17.58
Actual Farmers Income per Mt	RM per Mt	23.34	25.54	25.54

 Costs of RISS Certification: Training; Audit Fee; Association Cost 	
 Fixed Costs incurred are per ISH basis. 	
 Variable Cost depend on Farm Size 	

The premium consists of **IS-CSPO and IS-**CSPKO The premium received is based on tonnage of FFB produced which is proportional to **Certification Area** and current market premium

price

- This puts the smaller ISH in a less favorable position than ISH with larger farms
- The ISH farmers find the certification steps and overall processes difficult to execute without any external help

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