

# Stewardship Policy



## OUR COMMITMENTS

HQPlantations is committed to sound Forest Stewardship by ensuring the economic, environmental and social integrity of its plantation forest management.

HQPlantations will:

- conduct operations in accordance with all legal and other regulatory requirements;
- achieve sound and balanced stewardship outcomes by:
  - developing appropriate policies and standards;
  - meeting all sustainable forest management requirements covering environmental, economic and social aspects as prescribed;
  - regular independent review; and
  - assessing its activities in the context of long term sustainability and the need to deliver the best balance between the various economic, social and environmental aspects of its management activities.
- allocate sufficient resources to sustain the production systems over time, based on sound scientific principles, applied research and community standards;
- strive to continually improve operations to achieve quality outcomes and prevent loss, waste and pollution;
- ensure operations are carried out in a safe and healthy manner by competent staff and contractors;
- consult with, and consider the views of our stakeholders and interested parties, and openly communicate plantation management activities and outcomes both internally and externally;
- strive to gain public recognition as a socially and environmentally responsible commercial forest plantation manager including compliance with Responsible Wood and Forest Stewardship Council® Principles and Criteria; and
- continuously review our management processes so as to maintain a systematic approach to plantation forest management.