

Strategy for Responsible Peatland Management

ACCORD AGREEMENT

Vision

Responsible peatland management involves a balanced stewardship of the environmental, social and economic values of peatlands and respects local, regional and global aspirations.

Priority Management Issues

To achieve this vision, peatlands need to be managed responsibly based on the following non hierarchical management priorities;

- Water protection.
- Peatland biodiversity.
- Interactions with climate.
- Economic purposes.
- Development of human and institutional capacity.
- Engagement of local people in planning processes.
- Information dissemination.
- Good governance.

The Strategy for Responsible Peatland Management provides a resource management blueprint for consideration in the responsible management of peatlands. The Strategy sets-out a clear vision, objectives and actions in support of priority management issues. It is recognized that the implementation of the actions requires co-operation between agencies with interests in and accountability for peatlands.

Signing of the Accord

It is the commitment of those who have signed the Accord to live within the spirit and intent of the Strategy in an effort to work towards greater responsible peatland management. This effort will encompass the principles of mutual respect, research and consultation in order to refine and advance the knowledge and understanding of the shared values for peatland management.

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