

# SHARE YOUR OPINION DURING 60 DAY PUBLIC CONSULTATION TO REVISE THE SUSTAINABLE RICE PLATFORM (SRP) STANDARD (Public consultation from September 15 until November 15, 2017)

## Background

### Scope

The Sustainable Rice Platform Standard for Sustainable Rice Cultivation (SRP Standard) applies to rice production, including postharvest processes, which are still in control of the farmer. Individual farmers, smallholder groups, or larger farms can apply the SRP Standard.

### Objectives

The SRP Standard supports two objectives: promoting improvement and defining what is sustainable. The SRP recognizes that improving sustainability performance is a journey that itself deserves recognition. The SRP Standard enables users to adopt two claims if essential performance levels are achieved for each requirement: “working toward sustainable rice cultivation” and “sustainably cultivated rice”.

### Scoring

Most requirements in the SRP Standard have several possible levels of performance to allow use of the SRP Standard both for assessment and as a directional improvement tool to promote farmer adoption. Having different levels of performance enable guiding of the improvement process and provides recognition of each improvement with a higher score.

## Standard Revision

### Scope of the Revision

The revision process is intended as a review of the [SRP Standard Version 1.0 \(October 2015\)](#) with focus on improving the wording of the existing Standard to ensure consistency and clarity. The SRP Standard Version 1.0 comprises 46 requirements grouped under eight themes, each aimed at achieving a specific sustainability impact. Following its launch, SRP members in several countries have implemented the SRP Standard at pilot scale and on different farm types, resulting in suggestions for revisions. Public stakeholder input is sought to identify additional areas for potential revision.

### Process of the Revision

The SRP is an ISEAL Subscriber. The revision of the SRP Standard draws on guidance provided in the [ISEAL Code of Good Practice for Setting Social and Environmental Standards](#) and will follow the timeline below.

June – August 2017	Collect comments on SRP Standard Version 1.0 from SRP pilots and SRP members, using an online entry form
August 2017	Hold in-person workshop with SRP pilots and SRP members to process comments and develop first draft of revised SRP Standard as Version 1.2
September 15 –	Hold public stakeholder consultation (60 days) on proposed revisions

November 15, 2017	in Version 1.2 and collect additional comments, using a downloadable and online feedback collection form
December 2017	Incorporate feedback from public stakeholder consultation and propose second draft of revised SRP Standard as Version 1.3
January 2018	Collect feedback from all participating stakeholders on Version 1.3
February 2018	Prepare and make publicly available a synopsis of how comments received have been addressed
February 2018	Prepare final draft of revised SRP Standard as Version 1.4
March 2018	Submit final draft of revised SRP Standard as Version 1.4 to SRP Advisory Committee for approval and adoption as SRP Standard Version 2.0

### **Opportunity to Provide Input**

SRP members and non-members are invited to participate in the current public stakeholder consultation (60 days) from September 15 – November 15, 2017.

Input on the following material is requested:

- First Draft of Revised SRP Standard, Version 1.2

Input is requested through one of the following two channels:

1. Please record your feedback in the [downloadable comments submission form](#), and submit your completed form by November 15, 2017 to Sandra Khananusit ([khananusit@gmail.com](mailto:khananusit@gmail.com)), independent consultant to SRP.  
OR
2. Please record and submit your feedback using the [online comments submission form](#) by November 15, 2017.

### **Decision-making Procedures**

The SRP Secretariat will coordinate the SRP Standard revision process. The SRP Advisory Committee, which comprises balanced representation among different stakeholder types within SRP, is the decision-making body of SRP and will take final decisions. The SRP Technical Working Group 3 (Farmer Support, Performance Measurement and Assurance) will support the Advisory Committee with recommendations on decision-making on the SRP Standard. SRP member and non-members will articulate decision-making preferences through the public stakeholder consultation process and at the SRP [Annual Plenary Meeting and General Assembly](#) and [First Global Sustainable Rice Conference and Exhibition](#) (October 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand).