Looking Ahead: ASI Standards Revision (2020-2021)

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Today's presentation

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- Overview of the ASI Standards setting and revision process
- Project timeline for the 2020 2021 review cycle
- Scope of the revision

Topic Update: ASI Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Working Group (BESWG)

- Perspectives from civil society and mining participants in the BESWG
 - Giulia Carbone (IUCN, Deputy Director Global Programme on Business & Biodiversity)
 - Miles Prosser (Executive Director, Australian Aluminium Council)



ASI Principles for Revision of Standards

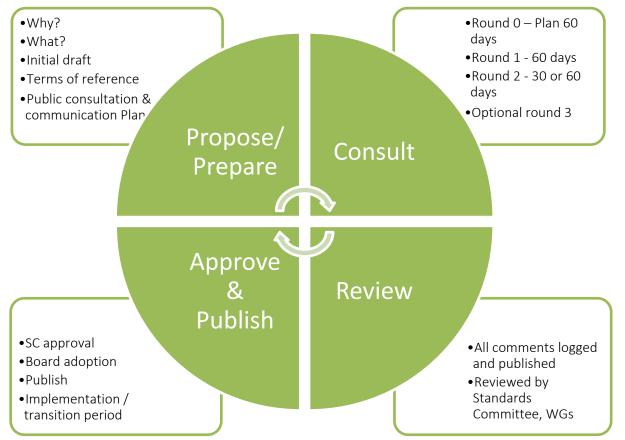
- The process for the development, approval, publication and revision of ASI Standards is described in the ASI Standards Setting procedure
- The Principles stated in the Procedure commits ASI to:
 - be open and transparent in its standards development and review process
 - o encourage input from a wide range of stakeholders
 - o treat input from stakeholders with integrity and respect
 - o report publicly on submissions received, including how comments have been addressed in subsequent drafting
 - o align with the ISEAL Codes of Good Practice (Standards Setting Code, Impacts Code and the Assurance Code).



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ASI Standards Setting Procedure

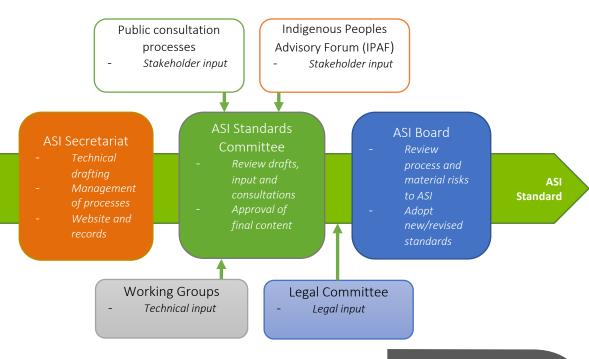


- The ASI Board initiates standards review process. The revision cycle (normally 5 years) was brought forward by the Board to commence in 2020, as per the approved ASI Strategy
- Standards Committee responsibility is to oversee the process and approve the final content
- Board then adopts the Standard



Standards setting & reviewing – who's involved?

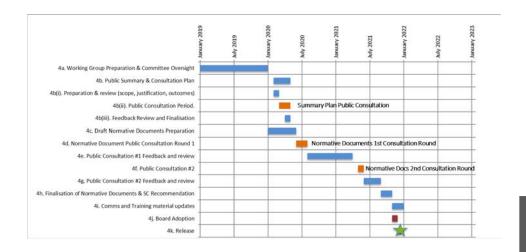
- All participants are invited to express their views (this includes public consultation processes).
- Allocate sufficient time to discuss and debate decisions.
- Allow additional time and/or information to be requested to help facilitate a consensus outcome.
- General agreement through positive indication of acceptance or the absence of sustained opposition.





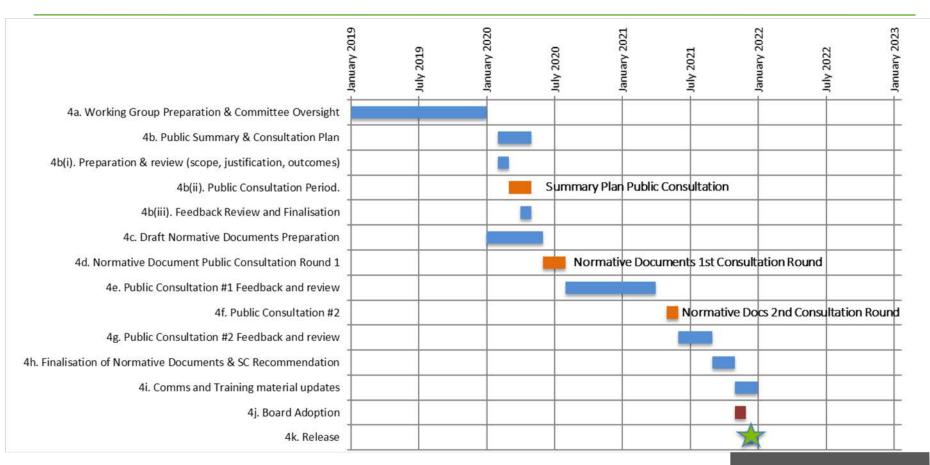
Revision Timing

- Time for public consultation, and review of diverse input is time-consuming, but important:
 - o RJC Code of Practices 2019 18 months
 - o Alliance for Water Stewardship − 2 years
- 2 year program for ASI revision cycle





2020-2021 Standards Review Schedule



Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Working Group (BESWG) Update

Giulia Carbone, IUCN





IUCN experience in the WGBES

- IUCN participation is driven by the need to strengthen the biodiversity commitments.
- This need is now an imperative as recently reinforced by the IPBES report.
- Precise proposals that can support ASI the leadership position:
 - Reintroduction of ecosystem services
 - Introduction of No Net Loss and Net Biodiversity Gain as targets for the Biodiversity Action Plans
 - Expansion of the No Go for mining in Categories I to VI



IUCN experience in the WGBES

"The health of ecosystems on which we and all other species depend is deteriorating more rapidly than ever. We are eroding the very foundations of our economies, livelihoods, food security, health and quality of life worldwide.

The Report also tells us that it is not too late to make a difference, but only if we start now at every level from local to global. Through 'transformative change', nature can still be conserved, restored and used sustainably – this is also key to meeting most other global goals.

By transformative change, we mean a fundamental, system-wide reorganization across technological, economic and social factors, including paradigms, goals and values."

IPBES Chair, Sir Robert Watson.

Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services' Working Group (BESWG) Update

Miles Prosser,
Australian Aluminium Council



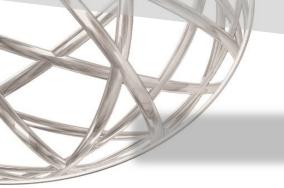
A mining industry perspective on biodiversity issues



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Australian Aluminium Council



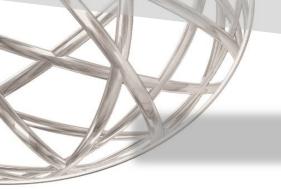


ASI context

- Identify good producers.
- Other materials.
- Range of situations country, scale, ownership.
- Multi-issue sustainability.
- Stage of implementation less than 2 years in

Our view on biodiversity

- Key issue.
- Could be an effective differentiator.
- All aspects not just 'where to mine'.
- Risk management approach.
- Not a crisis for ASI.
- Interacts with other issues (social, indigenous).



Our view on 'no-go' areas

- Only one tool of many.
- Countries are inconsistent.
- Implementation difficulties:
 - See other standards.
- Opposite of 'no-go' isn't 'go'.
- Doesn't protect biodiversity values.

Aluminium Stewardship Initiative Biodiversity Considerations

What have we proposed?

- Strengthened risk management approach.
- Respecting all legally protected areas.
- Extend no-go areas IUCN Ia, Ib, II and III.
- Progressive rehabilitation and better reporting.
- Willingness to discuss.

What else is needed?

- More time.
 - Ecosystem services.
- Compromise.
- All voices social, indigenous.
- Context:
 - Role of Governments.
 - Other materials and standards.

Aluminium Stewardship Initiative Biodiversity Considerations





So what's in the scope of the revision process?

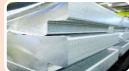


Bauxite mining



Alumina Refinery

Peoples rights Bauxite residue



Aluminium Production

GHG Emissions Spent Pot Lining



Stewardship Human/Labour



Semi-Fabrication Product Manufacture/Use

Stewardship Human/Labour

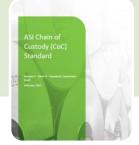


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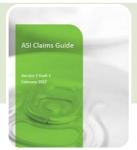












Looking Ahead: Indigenous Peoples Advisory Forum

IPAF representatives: Nicholas Barla (India), Heather Rose (Australia), Mark Annandale (Australia)



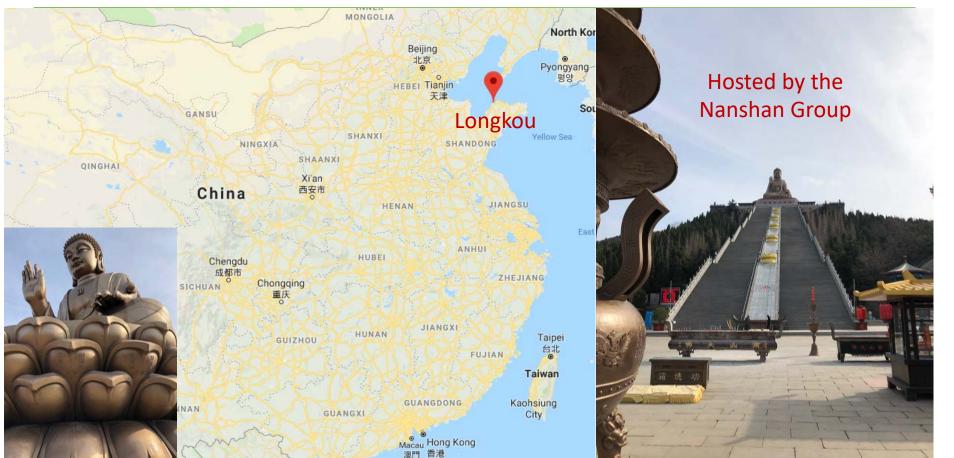
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