

The Zoological Society of London

Name of the organisation : The Zoological Society of London
 Corporate website address : zsl.org

Company Details

Membership number : 6-0009-11-000-00
 Membership type : Ordinary Membership
 Membership category : Environmental NGOs

Please TICK all business activities your organization is involved in, INCLUDING the primary MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY.

(Please note that you are required to complete the form for all categories you are involved in as well)

You are allowed to tick more than one sector

| Retailers | Environmental NGOs

What is the name of the entity or holding company that has management control over all palm oil related activities within the organization? Please note that this ACOP submitted is only for the entity and subsidiaries that are members of RSPO and not the holding company

Conservation Programmes

Is the holding company a RSPO Member?

Yes

Please name any sub of the organisations in oil palm or related activities. Please note that all of your subsidiary companies are also bound by RSPO code of conduct, and this ACOP should report on all of their activities & progress whether they are members or not [Name. Activities. RSPO Members (Y/N)?]

Please indicate all the regions in which the member organisation and its subsidiaries for which you are completing this report operate in

| Europe | Africa | South East Asia | Indonesia | Other

Contacts

Primary contact responsible for organisational commitment to RSPO

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Person reporting (if different)

Financial contact for paying fees (THIS INFORMATION WILL NOT BE MADE PUBLIC)

Related information

State your policy on palm oil (Please provide links, upload attachments or complete the text box)

Please provide links for reports that may be relevant to Sustainable Palm Oil.

Position Statement on ZSL's work with the palm oil industry in Indonesia

Background: The Zoological Society of London (ZSL) is an international scientific, conservation and educational charity whose mission is to promote and achieve the conservation of animals and their habitats. Our mission is realised through ground breaking and internationally acclaimed science which we apply and develop in active conservation projects in more than fifty countries.

ZSL recognises the economic value that palm oil has for developing countries to help them achieve their development goals. However, current practices used in the production palm oil have been found to have long-lasting negative effects on biodiversity, habitats, and ecosystem services. ZSL believes it is essential to use a collaborative and participatory approach to reduce and eradicate the negative pressures that palm oil plantations place upon the environment. The Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) is a certification scheme, as well as a stakeholder platform, committed to achieving this goal. ZSL therefore actively participates within the RSPO and its working groups and taskforces in order to steer the direction of progress towards better practices, stricter regulation, better spatial planning, and greater accountability and transparency.

ZSL has been researching the effects of palm oil production on biodiversity since 2001 and is now one of the leading environmental NGOs working to provide knowledge based, practical solutions, tools and mechanisms to address these problems. To refine the biodiversity monitoring methods we are proposing, we are undertaking research on two plantation sites run by RSPO certified companies that actively participate in the RSPO's Biodiversity and High Conservation Value (HCV) working group. Through these relationships, we aim to refine our methods; developing practical and standardised tools and techniques that can be used in the palm oil plantations to increase a company's capacity to minimise impacts on the environment and manage the biodiversity found in the remaining HCV areas on palm oil concessions.

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Palm oil related websites	:	http://www.zsl.org/conservation/regions/asia/indonesia/oil-palm-and-biodiversity-project,1180,AR.html
RSPO reporting period	:	July 2011 to June 2012
Date of submission	:	Date/Month/2012

Environmental NGOs

Organisational profile:

When was your organisation established?

What are the main activities of your organisation?

"The Zoological Society of London (ZSL) recognises the economic value that palm oil has for developing countries to help them achieve their development goals. Achievement of economic goals however should not, and need not, come at the expense of protecting habitats, ecosystem services and biodiversity. Long term economic development and growth is inextricably intertwined with habitat and biodiversity persistence. We ignore the latter at the peril of the first.

Current methods of palm oil production are having a serious negative effect on biodiversity, habitats, and ecosystem services. The consumption of palm oil however is unlikely to cease or decrease in the near future and therefore it is essential to use a collaborative and participatory approach to reduce and eradicate these negative pressures that palm oil plantations place upon the environment. The Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) is a certification scheme, as well as a stakeholder platform, committed to this goal. ZSL therefore actively participates within the RSPO and its working groups and taskforces in order to steer the direction of progress towards better practices, stricter regulation, better spatial planning and greater accountability."

How many people does your organisation employ (Full-time equivalent)? : 1826

How many of these are working on palm oil (Full-time equivalent)? : 844 people

What is the total budget of your organisation in the reporting year? : approx. £46,000,000

What were the main sources of this budget?
Grants and donations

Operations

Is your organization involved with the growth / production / manufacture / retailing / financing of palm oil and derived products?

Activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil in the reporting period:

Development of HCV monitoring protocol for oil palm landscapes.

- Development of software tools for data storage, analysis and reporting of monitoring data.
- Development of a Sustainable Oil Palm Platform as a resource and information distribution tool.
- Adaptation of information and tools for the oil palm industry in Africa

Do you have any collaborations with the industry players/private sector to support them in the market transformation towards RSPO Certified Sustainable Palm Oil?

Yes

If yes please give details:

We currently have projects which partner with Musim Mas, Wilmar and SIPEF.

What percentage of your organization's overall activities focus on palm oil?

0-10%

How is your work on palm oil funded?

Targets for next reporting period

Outline actions that will be taken in the coming year to promote towards RSPO Certified Sustainable Palm Oil

Completion of HCV monitoring protocols, software and training materials.

- Further expansion of HCV monitoring training
- Adaptation of tools for African context
- Potential expansion of tools for smallholders
- Creation of further software modules and monitoring protocols

- Further involvement with RSPO working groups and Executive Board
