

Sumatran Orangutan Society (SOS)

Name of the organisation : Sumatran Orangutan Society (SOS)
 Corporate website address : www.orangutans-sos.org

Company Details

Membership number : 6-0013-09-000-00
 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

| 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

Is the holding company a RSPO Member?

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 | USA | Australia | South East Asia | Indonesia

Contacts

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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.

We believe that a boycott of products containing palm oil is not the answer to saving tropical forests, for a number of reasons. Palm oil is usually a hidden ingredient in food and cosmetic products, listed simply as 'vegetable oil' on packaging, so it is currently almost impossible to make informed choices about what you buy at the supermarket. In Europe, this is soon set to change, thanks to the success of the Clear Labels, Not Forests campaign.

However, even armed with a palm-oil-free shopping list, protesting with your wallet may have some unintended consequences. Oil palms are the most productive oil seed in the world - one hectare of oil palms produces more than ten times as much oil than other oilseed crops. If companies are forced to switch to alternative oils, even more land could be put at risk. Soybeans, for example, tend to be grown under a similar model to oil palms: huge monocultures, often at the expense of tropical forests in South America. We do not want to export the problem - saving the Southeast Asian rainforests from conversion at the expense of the Brazilian Amazon, swallowing up even more forest in the process. We simply want forest conversion to stop.

Palm oil is an important commodity when it comes to meeting the huge global demand for vegetable oils, accounting for more than a third of the world's supply. Countries such as India and China rely on huge palm oil imports to meet the nutritional needs of their growing populations, bringing billions of dollars to top producer countries such as Indonesia and Malaysia. As long as the world needs vegetable oil, there is no question that the palm oil industry will continue to grow; what we need to be concerned with is how this expansion happens.

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Palm oil related websites :

RSPO reporting period : July 2011 to June 2012

Date of submission : 11/9/2012

Environmental NGOs

Organisational profile:

When was your organisation established? : 1997

What are the main activities of your organisation?

Sumatran orangutans are critically endangered and without urgent action could be the first Great Ape species to become extinct. SOS is dedicated to turning this situation around. We do this by:

- Raising awareness about the importance of protecting orangutans and their rainforest home.
- Supporting grassroots projects which empower local people to become guardians of the rainforests

Restoring damaged orangutan habitat through tree planting programmes.

Campaigning on issues threatening the survival of orangutans in the wild.

How many people does your organisation employ (Full-time equivalent)? : 2

How many of these are working on palm oil (Full-time equivalent)? : 2

What is the total budget of your organisation in the reporting year? : 100,000 GBP

What were the main sources of this budget?

Donations

Operations

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

No

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

We encourage our supporters to request that the retailers and manufacturers of the products they buy commit to sourcing CSPO.

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:

In March 2011 we launched the Clear Labels, Not Forests campaign, which supports the mandatory labelling of palm oil on food packaging as a mechanism to drive demand for CSPO from European food manufacturers.

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

10-50%

How is your work on palm oil funded?

Donations, grants

Targets for next reporting period

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

We will continue to encourage our supporters to request that the retailers and manufacturers of the products they buy commit to sourcing CSPO.