

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

Assin Juaso Oil Palm Growers Association

1.2 Membership Number

1-0205-16-000-00

1.3 Membership Sector

Oil Palm Growers

1.4 Membership Category

Ordinary

1.5 Country

Ghana

2.0 Does your company or organisation produce, process, consume or sell any palm oil or any products containing derivatives of palm oil?

Yes

2.1 Please select all description(s) that describe the palm oil-related activities of your company or organisation. Multiple selections are allowed, and not limited to the primary sector of the member's RSPO membership. You will be required to complete the relevant ACOP section based on your selection(s).

- ☐ I own and operate oil palm estate(s) and/or palm oil mill(s)
- ☒ I represent a palm oil Independent Smallholder farmer Group
- ☐ I own and operate independent palm oil mills
- ☐ I own and operate independent palm kernel crushing plants - Processors and/or Traders
- ☐ I trade or broker palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products - Processors and/or Traders
- ☐ I am a refiner of palm oil or palm kernel oil - Processors and/or Traders
- ☐ I am a processor of intermediate (B2B) palm oil, palm kernel oil or related fractions/derivatives - Processors and/or Traders
- ☐ I am a B2B distributor or wholesaler of palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products - Processors and/or Traders
- ☐ I manufacture final consumer (B2C) products containing palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products. This includes products manufactured by 3rd party contractors - Consumer Goods Manufacturers
- ☐ I retail final consumer (B2C) products containing palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products - Retailers
- ☐ I operate food retail outlets that use palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products - Retailers
- ☐ I am a conservation and environmental NGO supporting the sustainable development of the palm oil industry
- ☐ I am a social and human development NGO supporting the sustainable development of the palm oil industry

Smallholder Group Manager

1. Palm Oil and Certified Sustainable Palm Oil Production

Information in Section 1 - Palm Oil and Certified Sustainable Palm Oil Production - is a mandatory declaration in your ACOP. This includes hectareage and volume data, to enable the RSPO to accurately calculate certification on a member, sector and total level. ACOP reports without reported hectareage and volume data will be considered as incomplete and will not be accepted.

1.1 Production Management

1.1.1 Number of smallholder groups under your management

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1.1.2 Total Number of smallholder members in the group/s

Description	Number
1.1.2.1 Number of smallholder members in the group/s - Male	29
1.1.2.2 Number of smallholder members in the group/s - Female	0
Total	29

1.2 Land Management

Description	Hectares
1.2.1 Total land controlled or managed for oil palm cultivation - planted and infrastructure (hectares)	62.00
1.2.2 Total land controlled or managed for oil palm cultivation - unplanted (hectares)	0.00
1.2.3 Total land designated and managed as HCV areas (hectares)	0.00
1.2.4 Other conservation areas set aside excluding HCV areas reported in 1.2.3	0.00
Total	62.00

1.3 Certification Progress**1.3.1 Number of groups certified under RSPO Group Certification**

0**1.3.2 Total certified area under RSPO Group Certification (hectares)**

0.00**1.3.3 Number of members certified under RSPO Group Certification**

0**1.3.4 Number of members not certified under RSPO Group Certification**

29**1.4 In which countries are your groups operating?****1.4.1 Indonesia - Please indicate which province(s)**

-**1.4.2 Malaysia - Please indicate which state(s)**

-**1.4.3 Thailand - Please indicate which province(s)**

-**1.4.4 Other - Please indicate which country/countries**

Ghana

1.5 New plantings and developments (excluding replantings):

1.5.1 Has your group planted any new land with palm oil during this reporting period, excluding replanted land?

No

1.6 Changes in group management

1.6.1 Has there been a change in the number of group members this year?

No

1.6.2 Has there been a change in the land managed by your group this year?

No

1.7 Production of Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB)**1.7.1 Total FFB produced by your group during this reporting period (tonnes)**

512.00**1.7.2 Total RSPO certified FFB produced by your group during this reporting period (tonnes)**

0.00**1.7.3 Please provide the names and locations of the oil palm mills that you are supplying FFB to. This question is not mandatory, and is left to the discretion of the RSPO member to answer.**

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2. Supply Chain Options

Information in Section 2 - Palm Oil and Certified Sustainable Palm Oil Production - is a mandatory declaration in your ACOP. This includes volume data, to enable the RSPO to accurately calculate certification on a member, sector and total level. ACOP reports without reported volume data will be considered as incomplete and will not be accepted.

2.1 Which options did your group sell RSPO-certified FFB through this reporting period?

Description	Tonnes
IS-CSPO RSPO Credits	0.00
IS-CSPKO RSPO Credits	0.00
IS-CSPKE RSPO Credits	0.00
Physical	0.00
Total	0.00

3. TimeBound Plan

3.1 Which year did your group achieve (or plans to achieve) its RSPO Group certification

2023

3.2 Which year does your group plan to certify 100% of your group members against the RSPO ISH Standard?

2023

4. Concession Map

4.1 The RSPO General Assembly Resolution 6G (2013) calls for all members with Grower operations to submit maps of their concessions through ACOP. Has your smallholder group submitted concession maps to the RSPO in previous ACOP cycles?

Yes

4.2 Has your smallholder group's concession area changed since the previous ACOP map submission?

No

5. Challenges

5.1 What significant obstacles or challenges has your group encountered in the promotion of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO) or certified FFB? What efforts has your group taken to address these obstacles or challenges?

- ☐ Awareness of RSPO in the market
- ☐ Difficulties in the certification process
- ☐ Certification of smallholders
- ☐ Competition with non-RSPO members
- ☐ Funding/Financial resources
- ☒ High costs in achieving or adhering to certification
- ☐ Human rights issues
- ☒ Insufficient demand for RSPO-certified palm oil
- ☐ Lack of access to training on Certification requirements
- ☒ Reputation of palm oil in the market
- ☐ Reputation of RSPO in the market
- ☐ No challenges faced
- ☐ Others

Others

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5.2 What positive impact has your group observed in the production of certified CSPO or FFB through your group's membership of the RSPO?

- ☐ Awareness of environmental issues
- ☐ Awareness of human rights issues
- ☐ Federal or state government support
- ☐ Increased demand for palm oil
- ☐ Increased income through trading of credits
- ☒ No impact observed
- ☐ Others

Others

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5.3 In addition to the actions already reported in this ACOP report, what other ways has your group supported the vision of the RSPO to transform markets to make sustainable palm oil the norm?

- ☐ Engagement with business partners or consumers on the use of CSPO
- ☒ Engagement with government agencies
- ☐ Promotion of CSPO outside of RSPO venues such as trade workshops or industry associations
- ☐ Promotion of physical CSPO
- ☐ Providing funding or support for CSPO development efforts
- ☐ Research & Development support
- ☒ Stakeholder engagement
- ☐ No actions taken
- ☐ Others

Others

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5.4 If your group has any other publicly-available reports or information regarding its palm oil-related policies and activities, please provide the links here

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