

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organisation

National Wildlife Federation (USA)

1.2 What is/are the primary activity(ies) or product(s) of your organisation?

- ☐ Palm Oil Grower
- ☐ Processor and/or Trader
- ☐ Consumer Goods Manufacturer
- ☐ Retailer
- ☐ Bank and/or Investor
- ☐ Social and/or Development NGO
- ☒ Environmental and/or Conservation NGO
- ☐ Affiliate

1.3 Membership number

6-0019-11-000-00

1.4 Membership category

Environmental or Nature Conservation Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)

1.5 Membership sector

Ordinary

NGOs

1. Operational Profile

1.1 What are the main activities of your organisation?

The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) is the largest membership supported conservation group in the U.S. with nearly six million members and supporters. Our Strategic Plan (<https://www.nwf.org/About-Us/Our-Mission>) sets in motion a Common Agenda for Wildlife, built upon sound science, clear priorities, and scalable solutions that match the magnitude of the crisis. Our Common Agenda includes a commitment to: - Protect, Restore, and Connect Wildlife Habitat: Promote active restoration and reconnection of fragmented and degraded habitat across protected lands, working lands, waterways, coasts, and communities. - Transform Wildlife Conservation: Advance 21st-century wildlife management, defend public trust resources, and confront emerging stressors like climate change, invasive species, and wildlife diseases. - Connect Americans with Wildlife: Inspire the next generation of conservationists and mobilize a diverse conservation army to broaden the stewardship ethic, conservation action, public and private investments, and support for policy changes necessary to save thousands of at-risk species in our time. NWF has been active in a variety of international conservation and development assistance programs since the inception of its international program in the 1980s. NWF has worked extensively on sector based reforms, certification systems, and sustainable development approaches for forest and agricultural based commodities. We currently have leadership roles in the Forest Stewardship Council, the Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef, and held the past chair of the Roundtable on Sustainable Biomaterials. We are also a member of the High Carbon Stock Approach Steering Group and the Accountability Framework initiative Steering Group.

1.2 What activities has your organisation undertaken to publicise programmes to support the RSPO, RSPO certification, the uptake of RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products, or to support good standing RSPO members during the reporting period?

In November 2019, NWF in collaboration with other leading conservation organizations, issued a public Statement in Support of Sustainable Palm Oil. This Statement was widely circulated, appears on our social media channels, and is featured on our website (<https://international.nwf.org/portfolio-item/statement-in-support-of-sustainable-palm-oil/>). Additionally, NWF is a member of the No Deforestation Joint Steering Group (NDJSG) between RSPO and the High Carbon Stock Approach, and serves on the Definitions subgroup. Further, as a member of the Accountability Framework initiative Steering Group, NWF has worked to demonstrate where sustainability certification systems can meet Accountability Framework guidance.

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

1%

1.4 Did members of your organisation participate in RSPO working groups and/or taskforces during the reporting period?

Yes

1.5 Does your organisation have any collaborations with public or private sector palm oil industry players to support them in their efforts to increase the production or consumption of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)?

Yes

1.6 How is your organisation's work on palm oil funded?

Grant awards

2. TimeBound Plan

2.1 Which year did your organisation start or expects to start participating in RSPO working groups and/or taskforces?

2014

2.2 Which year did your organisation start or expects to start undertaking and publicising programmes to support the RSPO, RSPO certification, uptake of RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products and/or good standing RSPO member?

2014

3. Actions for Next Reporting Period

3.1 Please outline activities that your organisation will take in the coming year to promote the production or consumption of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)

NWF leads a consortium whose goal is to reduce tropical deforestation through the promotion and monitoring of deforestation-free commodity supply chains, including, inter alia, palm oil in Southeast Asia and South America. As part of this effort, NWF will advocate for compliance with the new P&C, and strengthened quality assurance mechanisms via expanded utilization of remote sensing technology to monitor compliance. We will leverage our relationships with key civil society, government, and private sector actors to communicate best practice guidance, exchange lessons-learned, and build understanding of the High Carbon Stock Approach and RSPO certification. As Co-Chair of the HCSA Legacy Case Task Force, NWF will continue to oversee the Legacy Case Task Force, and liaise with the RSPO Secretariat on process and determinations. Relatedly, NWF will continue to sit on the No Deforestation Joint Steering Group working to develop procedures for RSPO Criteria 7.12. We will also explore opportunities for further engagement with NASPON.

4. Shared Responsibility

The Board of Governors of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) approved new Shared Responsibility rules on 31 October 2019, requiring all members to share sustainability requirements and obligations. Reporting of Shared Responsibility indicators will be done through several channels, including ACOP. As the implementation of Shared Responsibility reporting is still on-going and in development, the Shared Responsibility section in ACOP is not yet final and may change in future ACOP cycles. For more information on Shared Responsibility, please go to <https://rspo.org/news-and-events/news/what-are-the-new-shared-responsibility-rules> or email the ACOP team at acop@rspo.org

Labour & Labour Rights

4.1 Does your company have a publicly-available policy covering Labour & Labour Rights?

Yes

4.1.1 Does the policy cover:

- ☒ No discrimination
- ☒ Wage and working conditions
- ☐ Freedom of association
- ☒ No child labour
- ☒ No harassment
- ☒ No forced or trafficked labour

4.1.2 Has your company previously uploaded or linked its Labour & Labour Rights policy in previous ACOP reporting cycles?

Yes

Ethical Conduct & Human Rights

4.2 Does your company have a publicly-available Policy covering Ethical Conduct & Human Rights?

Yes

4.2.1 Does the policy cover:

- ☒ Recruitment
- ☒ Contractors
- ☒ Sub-Contractors & Third-Party Contractors

4.2.2 Has your company previously uploaded or linked its Ethical Conduct & Human Rights policy in previous ACOP reporting cycles?

Yes

Occupational Health & Safety**4.3 Does your company have a publicly-available Policy covering Occupational Health & Safety?**

Yes

4.3.1 Has your company previously uploaded or linked its Occupational Health & Safety policy in previous ACOP reporting cycles?

Yes

Climate Change & Greenhouse Gas (GHG)**4.4 Does your company have a publicly-available policy covering Climate Change & Greenhouse Gas (GHG)?**

Yes

4.4.1 Does the policy cover:

- ☐ Identification and assessment of GHG
- ☐ Public reporting of GHG footprint
- ☒ Monitored implementation plan to reduce or minimise GHG emissions

4.4.2 Has your company previously uploaded or linked its Climate Change & Greenhouse Gas policy or report in previous ACOP reporting cycles?

Yes

Complaints & Grievances**4.5 Does your company have a Complaints & Grievances Mechanism?**

Yes

4.5.1 Is your Complaints & Grievances mechanism in line with the RSPO's grievance mechanism? For details of the RSPO's grievance mechanism, please go to <https://askrspo.force.com/Complaint/s/>

Yes

Smallholders**4.6 Does your company support oil palm independent smallholder groups?**

Yes

4.7.1 Does this support cover:

- ☒ Fair and transparent dealings with Smallholders
- ☒ Improved Smallholder livelihoods

4.6.2 How is your company supporting them?

As a member of the Accountability Framework initiative Steering Group, NWF supported the development of the AF's Operational Guidance on Smallholder Inclusion. This guidance includes support for smallholder producers, including enabling access to financial services, agricultural inputs, providing training and technical assistance, support for land titling, and other support programmes.

5. Challenges

5.1 What significant obstacles or challenges has your company encountered in the promotion of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)? What efforts has your company 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
- ☒ High costs in achieving or adhering to certification
- ☒ Human rights issues
- ☒ Insufficient demand for RSPO-certified palm oil
- ☐ Low usage of palm oil
- ☒ Reputation of palm oil in the market
- ☒ Reputation of RSPO in the market
- ☒ Supply issues
- ☒ Traceability issues
- ☐ No challenges faced
- ☐ Others

Others

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5.2 In addition to the actions already reported in this ACOP report, what other ways has your company 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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5.3 If your organisation has any other publicly-available reports or information regarding its palm oil-related policies and activities, please provide the links here

<http://international.nwf.org/deforestation/palm-oil>