

## Particulars

### About Your Organisation

#### 1.1 Name of your organisation

Earth Innovation Institute

#### 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

6-0023-12-000-00

#### 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?

At Earth Innovation Institute, we are committed to developing and implementing solutions related to rural development and efforts to maintain the sustainability of tropical forest ecosystems, while meeting the socio-economic needs of local and regional communities. By developing innovative approaches to jurisdictional sustainability, our current work supports transitions to sustainable production of key agricultural commodities primarily in Indonesia, Peru, Brazil, and Colombia. EII seeks political support in the regions where we work to advance transitions to low emissions rural development (LED-R) that is low-deforestation, productive, and inclusive. EII strives to achieve multi-stakeholder consensus and public policy development in support of this agenda. In Indonesia, EII supports sustainable commodity production and transformation of oil palm supply chains and advocates for sustainability certification at jurisdictional scales.

#### 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?

Over the past several years, EII has participated in RSPO's Jurisdictional Approach Working Group to provide conceptual and technical advice on the development of RSPO's new framework for a Jurisdictional Certification system. Through work with our former partner in Indonesia, Institut Penelitian Inovasi Bumi (INOBU), we have also supported public-private partnerships in Central Kalimantan to develop comprehensive incentive programs for smallholder oil palm producers, leading to RSPO certification and transitions to sustainable, productive, and legal oil palm cultivation. We have supported our partner in Mexico, Pronatura-Sur, to support and participate in the development of the Mexican National Interpretation of the RSPO Principles & Criteria. We advised key stakeholders in Ecuador (UNDP-ProAmazonia team, Ministry of Environment, and Ministry of Agriculture) about the importance of aligning and integrating the RSPO jurisdictional pilot project in Ecuador with the National REDD+ Plan.

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

10%

#### 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?

Through grants from the Norwegian Government (NICFI), UNDP-GCF Window-A Projects, Germany's International Climate Initiative (IKI) program, and Packard Foundation.

**2. TimeBound Plan**

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

2017

**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?**

2011

### 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)

EII will continue to promote partnerships between private actors interested in sustainably produced palm oil and governments committed and advancing strategies towards Low-Emission Rural Development (LED-R) in the tropical regions producing palm oil. From 2020 onward these partnerships shall be facilitated through the Tropical Forest Champions (TFC) Initiative, including a platform that links multiple actors, including buyers, investors, consumers, and donors with jurisdictional-level programs promoting the production of sustainable palm oil, such as RSPO jurisdictional pilot projects in Central Kalimantan, Indonesia.

#### 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](mailto:acop@rspo.org)*

##### Labour & Labour Rights

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

Yes

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##### 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?

No

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##### Ethical Conduct & Human Rights

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

Yes

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##### 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?

No

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**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?**

No

**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?**

No

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

No

**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?**

Earth Innovation Institute has supported smallholder oil palm producers through a public-private partnership program in Kotawaringin Barat District in Central Kalimantan. The partnership included EII's in-country partner INOBU, RSPO, ISPO and Unilever, and provided administrative, technical and financial support to smallholder cooperatives to formalize production and obtain RSPO certification. Through this program, smallholders gained access to administrative processes to map and register cultivated areas, financial resources to modernize production methods, and technical support, including access to fertilizers and improved oil palm cultivars, to increase yields. In addition, an Agricultural Facility was established to provide agricultural extension services to local smallholders.

## 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

We recognize the many challenges and barriers to smallholder certification at the farm level. Although smallholders are projected to account for more than 40% of Indonesia's total oil palm production in the near future, significant administrative, financial, technical, and educational barriers exist that put RSPO certification out of reach for many of these producers. Jurisdictional Certification is a proposed mechanism to help overcome these challenges, however the jurisdictional certification framework must go beyond simply applying RSPO's principles and criteria to all farms within a jurisdiction, and shifting compliance and oversight from the farm level to a jurisdictional entity. Ideally, sustainability metrics and indicators must be developed and monitored at the jurisdictional level rather than at the farm level. We see Jurisdictional Certification as a gradual process tailored to each jurisdiction, with measured progress toward achieving sustainability goals as a key metric.

### 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

We have been engaged with working groups (e.g. Balikpapan Challenge global committee) that include consumer goods companies, commodity buyers, sellers, and traders, and subnational governments, to explore how sustainability certification systems such as the RSPO can be integrated into broader jurisdictional planning processes for low emissions rural development.

### 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

Nothing additional to report