

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organization

OVID Verband der –ilisaatenverarbeitenden Industrie in Deutschland e.V.

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

- Grower
- Processor and/or Trader
- Consumer Goods Manufacturer
- Retailer and/or Wholesaler
- Bank and/or Investor
- Social and/or Development NGO
- Environmental and/or Conservation NGO
- Supply Chain Associate
- Affiliate

1.3 Membership number

8-0094-08-000-00

1.4 Membership category

Organisations

1.5 Membership sector

Affiliate

Affiliate

1. Operational Profile

1.1 What are the main activities of your organisation?

OVID represents the oilseed crushing and oil refining companies in Germany. As an association OVID is the interface between its member companies, politics, industry, academia and institutions.

1.2 Does your organisation use and/or sell any palm oil?

No

1.3 Activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or members in the reporting period.

- Discussion, exchange and communication of palm oil and RSPO related topics within OVID board and OVID committees (e.g. committee on sustainability) and with other stakeholders in the supply chain.
 - OVID is member of the Forum for Sustainable Palm Oil in Germany (FONAP): The aim of FONAP is to boost significantly the proportion of segregated, certified sustainable palm oil in Germany and to make 100% certified palm oil available as soon as possible.
 - Publication of "OVID-Brief Nachhaltiges Palmöl" (OVID report on sustainable palm oil)
 - Participation in conferences, seminars, training courses, e.g. within the European Palm Oil Alliance.
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1.4 What percentage of your organisation's overall activities focus on palm oil?

25%

1.5 Did members of your staff participate in RSPO working and/or taskforce groups in the reporting period?

No

1.6 Do you have any collaborations with the industry players/private sector to support them in the market transformation towards CSPO?

Yes

1.7 How is your work on palm oil funded?

Our general work as an association including palm oil is funded by membership fees.

2. Actions for Next Reporting Period

2.1 Outline activities that you will take in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil along the supply chain.

- '- As mentioned above.
 - At the moment OVID stand as a candidate for the FONAP board in order to get even more involved in this important forum in Germany.
 - More intensive exchange with the individual sustainability initiatives of the German federal ministries.
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3. Challenges

3.1 What significant economic, social or environmental obstacles have you encountered in the production, procurement, use and/or promotion of CSPO and what efforts did you make to mitigate or resolve them?

- 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
- Others

Other:

Demand is lower than supply of CSPO

3.2 In addition to the actions already reported in this ACOP, how has your organisation supported the vision of RSPO to transform the market for sustainable palm oil in other ways? (e.g. Funding; Engagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)

- Engagement with business partners or consumers on the use of CSPO
- Engagement with government agencies
- Promotion of CSPO outside of RSPO venues eg trade workshops industry associations
- Promotion of physical CSPO
- Providing funding or support for CSPO development efforts
- Research & Development support
- Stakeholder engagement
- Others

Other:

See above (for example, as member of FONAP activities towards politics, business, civil society in Germany to boost the proportion of CSPO).

3.3 Please attach or add links to any other information from your organisation on your palm oil policies and activities (e.g.: sustainability reports, policies, other public information)

OVID-Brief "Nachhaltiges Palmöl" (in German; OVID report on sustainable palm oil):

https://www.ovid-verband.de/fileadmin/user_upload/OVID_Briefe/2017-11_OVID_Brief_Nachhaltiges_Palmoel.pdf