

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organization

PT. Gagas Dinamiga Aksenta

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
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1.3 Membership number

8-0131-12-000-00

1.4 Membership category

Organisations

1.5 Membership sector

Affiliate

Affiliate**1. Operational Profile****1.1 What are the main activities of your organisation?**

Aksenta is a socio-environmental consultancy company with the main objective is to assist companies, communities, NGOs and governments to have a good understanding of sustainability, sufficient knowledge, skills and attitude to improve its social relations and environmental management, and to become environmentally and socially sustainable.

Related to RSPO, Aksenta provides its services of independent assessments, technical assistance, trainings, coaching and consultancy in the areas of HCV, HCS, social management, remote sensing, spatial analysis, GHG studies, conservation programs for compensation liability, wildlife management, human-wildlife conflict mitigation, soil studies, environmental and social due diligence, and sustainability standards.

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.

Our main activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or members in 2018 included:

- 1) HCVs. More than 30 HCV assessments have been carried out in 2018
 - a) HCV Assessments for RSPO grower members: New Planting Procedures, existing oil palm plantation, conversion of agricultural crops into oil palm, review and update;
 - b) HCV Assessments for non-member: palm oil companies interested in joining RSPO, palm oil companies willing to comply with NDPE, smallholders as RSPO member supply chain;
 - c) HCV Management and Monitoring Plans: developing, training-facilitating;
 - d) HCV Delineation and Demarcation: training and implementation.
 - 2) Social Management. At least 15 social management projects have been carried out in 2018
These projects consist of Social Impact Assessments (SIA), Social Liability Identification, Social Due Diligence, Participatory Mapping, Social Management and Monitoring Plan, FPIC Verification, Multi-Stakeholder Engagement.
 - 3) Remediation and Compensation. At least 20 projects with regard to Remediation and Compensation have been carried out. These projects consist of conducting Land Use Change Analyses (LUCA), reviewing LUCA reports, developing Compensation Concept Notes, developing Compensation Plans, seeking the best areas for compensation programs, facilitating conservation collaborations between the RSPO grower members and NGO partners for the planning and implementation of Compensation/Conservation Programs.
 - 4) GHG-related studies. At least 25 GHG-related studies have been finished in 2018. The studies included Carbon Stock Assessment (CSA), HCS assessment using RSPO Carbon Assessment Tool, HCS assessment using HCS Approach, GHG Emission Estimation, GHG Emission Mitigation Plan.
 - 5) Soil studies:
Several studies comprising of soil suitability, and peat land studies and mapping, have been carried out in 2018.
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1.4 What percentage of your organisation's overall activities focus on palm oil?

90%

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 work is mainly funded by the private sector (palm oil companies) for our professional services. Several works are funded by RSPO: a series of LUCA independent reviews, and LUCA Guidance for RSPO Remediation and Compensation Procedures

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.

We will continue what we have been doing and expand to serve new clients, regions and countries. We are planning to set up new products of services in the areas of:

- 1) Conduct Public Trainings regarding Sustainable Palm Oil main issues,
 - 2) Expand the services to Conservation Programs for Compensation liability (planning, facilitating, implementing).
 - 3) Focusing the consultation services on integrating all sustainability requirements into Sustainable Management Systems.
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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
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Other:

The most tangible and significant obstacle in the production, procurement, use and/or promotion of CSPO we encountered again in 2018, is that the increasingly demanding RSPO requirements on new P&C 2018 make it less attractive for companies to become or stay as RSPO members, and prohibit development of areas which have too many restrictions to be economically viable. The net result will be detrimental to many of these areas, which will still be developed by non-members and local communities, without sufficient environmental and social standards. In addition, the biased public opinion on oil palm industry in general, the hesitation of companies to be transparent fearing negative publication, the RSPO requirements becoming more demanding, complex and more expensive every year. Our efforts related to these obstacles have been limited to education and awareness efforts towards the RSPO, our clients, local communities, Indonesian Government, NGOs and the general public

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
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Other:

Aksenta has been active in HCV related works and issues: the first consultancy-initiated HCV assessment in Indonesia in 2007, become HCVRN member since 2016, active in HCVRN ALS training and workshop since then, encourage its associates to be HCVRN ALS Licensed Assessors, active participant of the Indonesian HCV Network (JNKTI) since the establishment of this network. Aksenta has also been actively involved in HCS related work and issues: become HCS Approach registered organization since 2016, active in HCS Approach training and workshop since then, encourage its associates to be HCS Approach Practitioners. Aksenta has also been keeping itself at the edge by attending the RSPO Annual Roundtable Conference on Sustainable Palm Oil (RT) and other RSPO meetings since 2008. It also actively promotes sustainable palm oil and RSPO and its concern, mission and program to key stakeholders outside of ,RSPO environment,": Indonesian governmental institutions, local government, local communities, local NGOs and companies. It also promotes sustainable palm oil and RSPO to non-member palm oil companies to implement sustainable palm oil policy and management in its operations and to join RSPO.

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)

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