

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organization

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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

8-0177-16-000-00

1.4 Membership category

Individuals

1.5 Membership sector

Affiliate

Affiliate

1. Operational Profile

1.1 What are the main activities of your organisation?

I am an individual affiliate member.

My company, the Columbia Research Corp., offers fact-finding, due diligence and investigative services to a wide range of clients, including companies in the environmental and natural resource sector.

I am interested in how entities, like the RSPO, verify the "sustainability" label and ensure that the products (palm oil) meet the principles and criteria of the RSPO Board of Governors.

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.

I participated as a Reference Panel member of the Assurance Task Force ("ATF"), created by Resolution 6(h) in the 2015 General Assembly (RT-13). I attended RT-15 in Bali and participated in the ATF meeting there and worked with colleagues to improve the RSPO's audit and training procedures. Those activities continued in 2018.

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

10%

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

Yes

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?

Overhead -- I am participating in RSPO activities as a volunteer.

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.

I will continue to participate in ATF activities in 2019. I have also expressed an interest in serving on the RSPO Complaints Panel and in assisting the RSPO investigative staff as they seek to address complaints in a timely manner.

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:

Not relevant -- I am an individual affiliate member. I do not produce or buy palm oil.

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 answer to 1.3

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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