

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organization

GFA Certification GmbH

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

8-0187-16-000-00

1.4 Membership category

Organisations

1.5 Membership sector

Affiliate

Affiliate

1. Operational Profile

1.1 What are the main activities of your organisation?

We are a certification body of natural resources and connected supply chains from Hamburg, Germany. We offer certification services worldwide in the fields of FSC-Æ, PEFC, RSPO, Blue Angel and Gold Standard.
For more information please visit us at www.gfa-cert.com.

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.

GFA has promoted RSPO through the internet page and other promotional activities and conducted audits for RSPO SCC

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?

No

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

No

1.7 How is your work on palm oil funded?

Income from supply chain certification services.

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.

1. We attend at the RSPO event in Utrecht in June 2019
 2. Encourage companies to come into RSPO certification
 3. Conducting RSPO SCC audits
 4. Participation in European CB Meetings
 5. Being member of the German FONAP initiative
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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:

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:

Engagement in FONAP

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)

<https://www.gfa-cert.com/en/types-of-certification/rspo-certification/>
