

## Particulars

### About Your Organisation

#### 1.1 Name of your organization

UNION DE PALMEROS DEL LITORAL ATLANTICO (UNPALA)

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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

8-0157-15-000-00

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#### 1.4 Membership category

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#### 1.5 Membership sector

Affiliate

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## Affiliate

### 1. Operational Profile

#### 1.1 What are the main activities of your organisation?

1. Support to independent producers in technical, administrative and financial matters.
  2. Training of independent producers in the agricultural activities of the plantation and the requirements of the P & C RSPO Standard.
  3. Support to independent producers in the process of certification of their farms in the requirements of the P & C RSPO Standard.
  4. Supervision of management performance of independent producers to verify compliance with the requirements of the RSPO P & C Standard
  5. Internal control management for the control of the necessary documentation implemented for compliance with the requirements of the P & C RSPO Standard:
  6. Coordinate internal audits to verify compliance with the requirements of the RSPO P & C Standard.
  7. Review of audit results.
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#### 1.2 Does your organisation use and/or sell any palm oil?

No

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

1. Implement 2018 training program developed for independent producers.
  2. Training and support to independent producers in the use of the format notebook and operational records 2018.
  3. Preparation and Implementation of documents necessary to promote sustainable agricultural practices.
  4. Technical assistance to independent producers to ensure the implementation of sustainable agricultural practices.
  5. Monitoring and inspection of the plantations of independent producers to verify implementation of sustainable agricultural practices and requirements of the RSPO P & C Standard
  6. Establish criteria for the preparation of the business plan of the independent producers and support in their implementation.
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#### 1.4 What percentage of your organisation's overall activities focus on palm oil?

100%

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

No

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

Yes

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#### 1.7 How is your work on palm oil funded?

1. Contribution of independent producers per ton of fresh oil palm fruit sold to Grupo Jaremar
  2. Economic contribution and human and logistic support and technical and management advice from the Grupo Jaremar.
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### 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. Develop a 2019 training program for independent producers.
  2. Accompaniment of the field technician of independent producers including the scope of the certification process in the requirements of the P & C RSPO Standard.
  3. Continue the process of environmental licensing of the members.
  4. Complete data collection for studies of land use change of the members.
  5. Develop a 2019 Training Program for the Group Manager staff.
  6. Coordinate the execution of soil and foliar sampling and analysis for UNPALA members according to plan.
  7. Strengthen the document control system implemented to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of the P & C RSPO Standard.
  8. Calculate GHG 2018 from producers included in the certification process in the P & C RSPO Standard.
  9. Plan the P & C RSPO Internal Audit Program for the year 2020.
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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:**

UNPALA currently faces the following challenges: –†Economic challenges: 1. Costly environmental licensing process 2. Lack of economic resources to strengthen the structure of the personnel and the expenses required for the implementation process. 3. Lack of economic resources of small farmers of less than 50 hectares to invest in the necessary improvements to meet the requirements of the P & C Standard. 4. Process of implementation expensive and slow due to the geographical dispersion of the plantations of the producers. Social challenges: 1. The low level of education of small landowners hinders the process of raising awareness and the use of notebooks for operational formats and registers 2018. 2. Little interest of small producers for high investment costs to meet the requirements of the RSPO P & C Standard. 3. Demotivation of producers due to low fruit purchase prices due to low oil prices internationally. Environmental challenges: 1. The environmental policies and regulations of the government that are difficult to meet by the small business owners and organizations that support them. –†Efforts: 1. Motivate the entry of producers in the certification process 2. Collaborate with state institutions to contribute with the experiences and knowledge acquired in the country certification process.

**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:**

1. Coordinate with the Grupo Jaremar fertilizer financing for independent producers at cost price against purchase of fresh fruit

**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.dropbox.com/sh/qdo8feodrmmta7i/AACz4CQM86nFmMaJ\\_dW1dbtma?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/qdo8feodrmmta7i/AACz4CQM86nFmMaJ_dW1dbtma?dl=0)