

**Particulars**

**About Your Organisation**

**1.1 Name of your organization**

CONSEJO MEXICANO PARA EL DESARROLLO DE LA PALMA DE ACEITE, A.C. (COMEXPALMA)

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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**

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**1.4 Membership category**

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**1.5 Membership sector**

Affiliate

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## 1. Operational Profile

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

I.- The main activity of Comexpalma is to become a National representative instance in the integral development of the productive chain of oil palm for Mexico. We seek a greater and better coordination of producers and industry and any other protagonist in the palm oil production chain, with the federal, state, and municipal governments and financial, academic, research or any other institutions that have a direct or indirect relationship with the aforementioned chain.

II.- Fight for the increase in productivity and oil palm production. As well as promoting the growth of the crop and improving the commercialization and industrialization of fruit and oil, making this a profitable, competitive activity with criteria of sustainability and protection of the environment;

III. - Participate in the definition and orientation of programs and supports for its associates in coordination with the Federal, State, and Municipal Governments, as well as private institutions and organizations;

IV.- Perform all kinds of acts and operations and subscribe credit instruments in the terms of the General Law of Credit Titles and Operations and all types of documents including granting of powers and faculties, as well as generally leading to any type of activities that are necessary for the fulfillment of the social purpose of the company.

V.-Purchase, lease, sublease and administration of all kinds of personal and real property, which are necessary for the realization of the object of the association.

VI- Promote the integration of State Councils of the Oil Palm, as part of the operational structure of the National Council itself.

VII, - The other objectives that the General Assembly determines in future sessions.

VIII.- Form part of the National Committee of Oil Palm System-Product in accordance with the Law of Sustainable Rural Development.

IX.- Promote technological development both in agricultural production and in the industrialization of oil palm.

X.- Develop technical assistance and training programs for agricultural producers.

XI.- Promote and manage financing that allows members to obtain loans in conditions to boost their growth and productivity.

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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.

During 2018, COMEXPALMA continued to fund, facilitate, and promote the works of the National Interpretation of Principles and Criteria of the RSPO for Mexico, carried out by the E3 consulting firm; During 2018 there were 6 meetings of the work team consisting of 60 representatives of the different categories that make up the palm oil production chain, among which we can name Producers, Processors, Traders, Observers, Banks and investors, Government and experts technicians, environmental interests (NGO's), social interests and producers of consumer goods.

The work of the National Interpretation of RSPO Principles and Criteria for Mexico is currently in the phase of resolution of comments by the RSPO on the National Interpretation document that will subsequently go to public consultation.

The meetings have been held for Mexico City, Chiapas, Tabasco and Campeche; which represent more than 120 hours of face-to-face work and 15 thematic trainings. Courses on the Principles and Criteria for small producers have been held in the palm zones.

There is a special web page to see the process of the National Interpretation of Principles and criteria of RSPO for Mexico: [www.inrspomexico.org](http://www.inrspomexico.org)

COMEXPALMA has disseminated the National Interpretation of the RSPO Principles in governmental events, as well as in agricultural fairs.

Currently the National Interpretation of RSPO Principles and Criteria for Mexico is in RSPO Latin America for comment, which, once answered, will lead to a public consultation.

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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?**

Yes

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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?**

No

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

Managing support from the Federal Government with programs directed to the cultivation of oil palm and participating in the definition and orientation of said programs and supports for its associates in coordination with the Federal, State, and Municipal Governments.

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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.**

Continue all activities related to the National Interpretation of RSPO Principles and Criteria for Mexico. Planning and execution of numerous courses on for palm oil producers, both big and small producers, present at every palm producing state in Mexico. Continue with the promotion of RSPO Principles and Criteria at every governmental event related to the Agriculture sector, paying special attention to the palm oil production chain.

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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
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  - Supply issues
  - Traceability issues
  - Others
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**Other:**

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**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:**

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**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)**

[www.inrspomexico.org](http://www.inrspomexico.org)

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