

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organization

World Resources Institute (WRI)

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

6-0020-12-000-00

1.4 Membership category

Environmental or Nature Conservation Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)

1.5 Membership sector

Ordinary

Environmental and/or Conservation NGO

1. Operational Profile

1.1 What are the main activities of your organisation?

WRI is a global research organization that spans more than 50 countries, with offices in the United States, China, India, Brazil, Indonesia and more. Our more than 700 experts and staff work closely with leaders to turn big ideas into action to sustain our natural resources, the foundation of economic opportunity and human well-being. Our work focuses on six critical issues at the intersection of environment and development: climate, energy, food, forests, water, and cities and transport.

We measure our success through real change on the ground. Our approach involves three essential steps: Count It, Change It, and Scale It.

Count It

We start with data. We conduct independent research and draw on the latest technology to develop new insights and recommendations. Our rigorous analysis identifies risks, unveils opportunities, and informs smart strategies. We focus our efforts on influential and emerging economies where the future of sustainability will be determined.

Change It

We use our research to influence government policies, business strategies, and civil society action. We test projects with communities, companies, and government agencies to build a strong evidence base. Then, we work with partners to deliver change on the ground that alleviates poverty and strengthens society. We hold ourselves accountable to ensure our outcomes will be bold and enduring.

Scale It

We don't think small. Once tested, we work with partners to adopt and expand our efforts regionally and globally. We engage with decision-makers to carry out our ideas and elevate our impact. We measure success through government and business actions that improve people's lives and sustain a healthy environment.

1.2 Does your organisation use and/or sell any palm oil?

No

1.3 What activities has your organisation undertaken to publicise programmes to support RSPO, RSPO certification, uptake of RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products and/or good standing RSPO members during the year?

(1) Supporting the RSPO and its individual members to identify deforestation-related risks in supply chains, track trends in deforestation over time, and to monitor deforestation and fires in near-real time through Global Forest Watch. WRI partners directly with the RSPO Secretariat and numerous RSPO members to utilize on how to best utilize these tools to drive impact in the palm oil sector.

During this reporting period we initiated the preview period for the new Global Forest Watch Pro platform, onboarding a number of RSPO member companies into the system. GFW Pro is designed to make the latest forest monitoring technology and analysis accessible to commodity and finance sector professionals. With this scalable and easy-to-use management system, a company, bank or any institution managing land-related assets can: plot the location of thousands of farms, production facilities or municipalities; save location data securely; access a dashboard of alerts to track environmental risks occurring in these areas, such as tree cover loss, fires and more; spot trends in risky areas; monitor progress over time.

(2) Improving transparency and quality of spatial data related to palm oil supply chains and forests. In Nov 2018, we launched the Universal Mill List (developed in partnership with Rainforest Alliance, Proforest, and Daemeter) on GFW and PalmTrace systems.

(3) Supporting RSPO spatial data and analysis initiatives as such GeoRSPO platform (powered by Global Forest Watch), and HCV/NPP monitoring.

(3) Promoting the effectiveness of the RSPO standard by participating in the RSPO Board of Governors (elected co-chair in Nov 2018), BHCV WG, Compensation Panel, S&C SC, Assurance TF, and P&C Review TF, as well as the HCVRN Management Committee.

(4) Promoting improved land use planning and data alignment in Indonesia through the One Map initiative and other government engagement.

(5) Building capacity of smallholders in pilot areas of Indonesia for sustainability and RSPO certification

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

3%

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 RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products?

Yes

1.7 How is your work on palm oil funded?

Global Forest Watch has received generous support (including both past and current funders) from USAID, Norwegian Ministry of Climate and Environment, UKAid, Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, Cargill, GEF, Generation Foundation, Inter-American Development Bank, IDB Invest, MacArthur, Foundation, IIC, Wilburforce Foundation, Bobolink Foundation, Eurasia Foundation, IFC, Johnson&Johnson, Mondelez, Morgan Family Fund, Netherlands Development Finance Company (FMO), NewPage, Rainforest Alliance, Tetra Tech, The Tilia Fund, UNEP, Walmart Foundation, World Bank.

2. Time-Bound Plan**2.1 Date started or expected to start participating in RSPO working and/or taskforce groups.**

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2.2 Date expected to undertake and publicise programmes to support RSPO, RSPO certification, uptake of RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products and/or good standing RSPO members.

2009

3. Actions for Next Reporting Period**3.1 Outline activities that you will take in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil along the supply chain.**

1. Launch (public) the new Global Forest Watch Pro platform and generate uptake by RSPO members in order to support informed decision making and mitigate or eliminate reputational and operational risks for organizations working to eliminate deforestation from commodity supply chains.
2. Continue to develop and publish datasets, analytical tools, reports and other communications related to the palm oil sector - including updating the Universal Mill List, improving concession data.
3. Continue to support the RSPO Secretariat in spatial data management and geospatial analysis - specifically on GeoRSPO portal, HCV/NPP mapping and monitoring, fire monitoring, and use of GFW Pro
4. Continue to build upon our partnership with the RSPO Secretariat and actively participate in RSPO decision making processes as a member of the Board of Governors (elected co-chair in Nov 2018), BHCV WG, the new No Deforestation TF, No Deforestation Joint Steering Group (alternate), Shared Responsibility TF (alternate), Standards SC, Compensation Panel, Accountability TF.
5. Continue in-country work in Indonesia related to more efficient land use planning, conflict resolution, and data consistency in Indonesia via One Map initiative.
6. Build on existing partnerships and establish new partnerships with companies across the palm oil supply chain in order to promote robust commitments to sustainability and support implementation of these commitments.
7. Convene consortium of RSPO member companies to fund the development of a new public facing radar-based deforestation alert system for Indonesia and Malaysia (in partnership with Satelligence and Wageningen University) and pilot a collaborative approach to landscape/jurisdictional monitoring.
7. Participate in other multistakeholder fora related to sustainability in the palm oil sector, such as the Accountability Framework Initiative (steering group & WRI Indonesia leading regional engagement in SE Asia), HCS Approach SG (observer), HCVRN Management Committee, IDH Sustainable Landscapes Working Group, TFA.
8. Continue to drive increased transparency in the palm oil sector.

4. Application of Principles & Criteria for all members sectors**4.1 Regarding your organisation's operations and activities, do you have position statements and/or policies related to dealings in the palm oil industry that are in line with RSPO P&C? Select all relevant options.**

4.1.A Water, land, energy and carbon footprintsFile: [stories-wri-sustainability_2.pdf](#)Link: --

4.1.B Land use rightsFile: [The Access Initiative \(TAI\) _ World Resources Institute.html](#)Link: --

4.1.C Ethical conduct and human rightsFile: [pp10_commitments_2008-2010.pdf](#)Link: [pp10_commitments_2008-2010.pdf](#)

4.1.D Labour rightsFile: [WRI2018-19_Annual_Report.pdf](#)Link: [WRI2018-19_Annual_Report.pdf](#)

4.1.E Stakeholder engagementFile: [For Corporations _ World Resources Institute.html](#)Link: [For Corporations _ World Resources Institute.html](#)

4.1.F None of the aboveFile: --

4.2 What best practice guidelines or information has your organisation provided in the past year to facilitate production and consumption of RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products? What languages are these guidelines available in?

File: [Pro_overview_one_pager.pdf](#)

5. Challenges

5.1 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:

5.2 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:

5.3 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)

Global Forest Watch: www.globalforestwatch.org. Available in 15 languages.

Global Forest Watch Pro: <https://gfwpro.globalforestwatch.org/>
