

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organization

Earth Innovation Institute

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

6-0023-12-000-00

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?

At the Earth Innovation Institute, we are committed to finding and formulating solutions related to rural development together with efforts to maintain the sustainability of tropical forest ecosystems and meet the socio-economic needs of local and regional communities. By using a sustainable jurisdiction approach, our current works are to support more sustainable primary commodities production in Indonesia, Peru, Brazil and Colombia.

Earth Innovation Institute's goal in Indonesia is to build upon the political support in selected regions for a transition to low-deforestation, productive rural development (LED-R) to achieve multi-stakeholder consensus in support of this agenda. EII, through collaboration with Inovasi Bumi (INOBU) an Indonesian NGO, has been working with sub-national governments in Central Kalimantan Province, Indonesia. Through this collaboration, EII supports sustainable commodity production and transformation of the supply chain of oil palm and a goal of having the jurisdictions certified based on RSPO Principles and Criteria.

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. We carried out facilitation to RSPO/ISPO certification in three villages in Kotawaringin Barat District and two villages in Seruyan District, Central Kalimantan Province, Indonesia. As of December 2018, 708 smallholders with a total area of 1.425, 42 hectares in Pangkalan Tiga village, 214 smallholders with a total area of 399, 27 hectares in Lada Mandala Jaya village and 204 smallholders with a total area of 338, 38 hectares in Pangkalan Dewa village have participated in RSPO/ISPO certifications.

2. Our current work is supporting Seruyan District Government in piloting the implementation of legal instruments for protecting and managing the environment, which will support the conservation of High Conservation Value and High Carbon Stock areas are conserved at the jurisdictional area, supporting the jurisdictional certification process. The main instruments that have been piloted are the Strategic Environmental Assessment (Kajian Lingkungan Hidup Strategis - KLHS) and the Environmental Protection and Management Plan (Rencana Perlindungan dan Pengelolaan Lingkungan Hidup - RPPLH). The first step in this process was the recently completed Environmental Carrying Capacity Assessment (Daya Dukung Daya Tampung Lingkungan Hidup - DDDT-LH). The KLHS document, as mandated by Law Number 32/2009 on Environmental Protection and Management, is one of the prerequisites needed in preparing a medium-term development plan (Rencana Pembangunan Jangka Menengah Daerah - RPJMD) at the provincial and district levels and ensures that regional development is environmentally sustainable. In 2018, we completed the DDDT analysis and the draft of KLHS and RPPLH. In 2019, the KLHS and RPPLH document for Seruyan District will be submitted for approval by the Head of District through a Head of District Decree. Seruyan District is the first district in Indonesia to implement all of these instruments and is an important pilot district for the Ministry of Environment and Forestry.

3. We supported the Ministry of Agriculture to develop an online platform for the smallholders to obtain cultivation registration letters (Surat Tanda Daftar Budidaya Usaha Perkebunan or STDB). These letters are required for certification under RSPO and ISPO. The Ministry of Agriculture launched the online platform in December 2018, namely e-STDB. The e-STDB system provides local governments with a simplified database of farmers, plots, socioeconomic data and registrations. Through the platform, STDB can be issued electronically, where farmers can apply directly for a STDB through a dedicated website. STDB are a requirement for smallholders to achieve RSPO certification and the system simplifies the process for farmers to receive these documents.

4. A pilot initiative for implementing FPIC at the jurisdictional (district) level to resolve land conflicts has been launched. The FPIC mechanism will include a standard operating procedure for preventing and mediating conflicts, which will be supported by a district regulation and tied to the plantation monitoring system. The design is currently being discussed with the relevant non-government organizations, including the Forest Peoples Programme (FPP). This initiative is the first of its kind that we are aware of in Indonesia.

5. A field visit to Sabah was carried out in November 7-15, 2018. Approximately 18 smallholders from Seruyan participated in the field trip. The participants visited four districts in Sabah, including: (1) Telupid; (2) Beluran; (3) Kinabatangan; and (4) Kundasang. Through the field visit, Seruyan's smallholders exchanged experiences and information about process of smallholder certification in each district. This field trip was followed by another field trip from Sabah to Seruyan in March 2019. (

<https://twitter.com/inovasibumi/status/1079280861206331392>)

6. In November 2018, following the field visit described above, INOBU supported the smallholders from Seruyan District to participate in the 16th RSPO Roundtable in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia. INOBU also supported the Head of Seruyan District, Mr. Yulhaidir, to present about the work for jurisdictional sustainability in Seruyan District, focusing on jurisdictional certification, in the session titled 'Jurisdictional approaches: delivering sustainable and deforestation-free palm oil'.

(<https://twitter.com/inovasibumi/status/1062495851396788224>)

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

20%

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?

Regarding the works that focus on promoting more sustainable palm oil production, jurisdictional certification and on improving sustainability of smallholder, agriculture practices in Indonesia, the donors are:

1. Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad);
2. the David and Lucile Packard Foundation; and
3. International Climate Initiative (IKI) of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU), Germany.

For the village-based approach to smallholder certification, the funding comes from RSSF, co-funded by Unilever, as well as funding from UNEP in conjunction with RSPO for smallholder certification.

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

2016

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.

2016

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.**

In 2019, we plan to facilitate certification process for 400 smallholders in Seruyan. These efforts support Seruyan District, pathway to becoming certified at the jurisdictional level. Seruyan district is one of three RSPO jurisdictional pilots globally.

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 footprints**

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4.1.B Land use rights

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4.1.C Ethical conduct and human rights

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4.1.D Labour rights

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4.1.E Stakeholder engagement

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4.1.F None of the above

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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?

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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:

The drop in prices and demand for palm oil 2018 affected most palm oil producers in our target jurisdictions, with many smallholders unable to sell their FFB. The demand for certified palm oil from independent smallholders, however, provided incentives for smallholders to join the certification activities.

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

Other:

„Draft of Jurisdictional Framework: „Balikpapan Jurisdictional Framework for Tropical Forest Partnerships,“ to facilitate governmental collaborations with companies to foster jurisdictional sustainability and regional solutions to deforestation while enhancing the successful implementation of corporate zero deforestation commitments which aligned with RSPO,“s Principle and Criteria. English language version. Link: <https://earthinnovation.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/BalikpapanFramework2018.pdf>

„Published commentary on „Tropical deforestation: the need for a strategy adjustment,“. Originally published on Mongabay. English and Indonesian. In this commentary, Daniel Nepstad as founder and executive director of the Earth Innovation Institute, makes the case for building stronger government support to end deforestation in tropical countries. Without this support, it may not be possible to further curb tropical deforestation. English and Indonesia language version. Link: <https://earthinnovation.org/publications/tropical-deforestation-the-need-for-a-strategy-adjustment/>

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)

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