

## Particulars

### About Your Organisation

#### 1.1 Name of your organization

HUTAN Kinabatangan Orang-utan Conservation Programme

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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

6-0025-13-000-00

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#### 1.4 Membership category

Environmental or Nature Conservation Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)

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#### 1.5 Membership sector

Ordinary

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## Environmental and/or Conservation NGO

### 1. Operational Profile

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

HUTAN is a grassroots non-profit organization working to build innovative approaches to conserve the orang-utan and other wildlife populations in the forests of Sabah, Malaysian Borneo. In 1998, Hutang set up the Kinabatangan Orang-Utan Conservation Programme (KOCP) as a collaboration between the Lower Kinabatangan community and the Sabah Wildlife Department. Today our team is composed of 52 highly skilled staff hailing from the Orang Sungai community.

HUTAN-KOCP has faced many challenges over the past sixteen years, which have incited us to develop a holistic strategy combining long-term scientific research, wildlife and habitat protection and management, policy work, capacity building, education and awareness, as well as community outreach and development. We are now working with a wide range of partners - including communities, government agencies, research institutions, other NGOs and private stakeholders - to find realistic and localised solutions where the sustainable use of natural resources and durable socio-economic development can be compatible with long-term wildlife and habitat conservation.

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

No

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#### 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?

We have supported the RSPO vision by engaging with our partners and funders via peer reviewed research papers, presentations, reports, conferences, meetings, workshops, discussions and press releases on the merits of CSPO and RSPO to improve the situation of those who work in plantations as well as for wildlife and the environment.

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

50%

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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 RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products?

Yes

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

We have not applied for specific funding for 'palm oil' work. However, all our work including research/studies and human - wildlife conflict which involves the palm oil landscape is funded via grants mostly from Foundations and Zoos in the United States, Europe and Australia.

In addition, since 2018 we work closely with PONGO Alliance to carry out work on the ground directly involving the oil palm landscape.

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### 2. Time-Bound Plan

#### 2.1 Date started or expected to start participating in RSPO working and/or taskforce groups.

2014

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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.

2013

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### 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. Within the Kinabatangan landscape we have been working with mostly outgrowers and a few companies which are RSPO members to study orang-utans in secondary secondary forest. In addition since 2018, we have been working with outgrowers on human wildlife conflict particularly in regards to the Bornean elephants.
  2. We are part of the PONGO Alliance; an alliance of several major palm oil producers and nature conservation organisations, with the mission to support the proper management of orang-utans and other wildlife within plantations. One of the biggest challenges of PONGO Alliance is to set in motion a general move away from separating orangutans and plantations, and from automatically taking orang-utans out of plantations on the assumption that they will do better somewhere else.
  3. We are part of the Steering Committee in the Malaysian State of Sabah, which aims to achieve Statewide Jurisdictional output of CSPO by 2025.
  4. We have been working with none RSPO member company and other groups such as Seratu Atai and Earthworm Foundation (formerly The Forest Trust) together with the Sabah Wildlife Department, the local District Office on human elephant conflict with focus on oil palm smallholders.
  5. We have been actively engaging with European Zoos and Foundations/Organisations in particular over the EU mandate in regards to sustainable palm oil.
  6. As of November 2017, we are an alternative member for WWF-International as part of the Environmental NGO causes of the Board of Governors for RSPO.
  7. We have been training with RSPO member Wilmar (PBB Oil) on wildlife assessment and management within Sabah, Malaysian Borneo.
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## 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.

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#### 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 constant battle of greenwashing and blackwashing conducted by industry players and NGOs.

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**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:**

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### 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)

For 2018, these are peer reviewed articles published in journals which either directly or indirectly advocate for sustainable palm oil industry with RSPO as the minimum standard. These are in English:

Ancrenaz, M., Barton, C., Riger, P., Wich, S. 2018. Building relationships: how zoos and other partners can contribute to the conservation of wild orangutans *Pongo spp.* *Int. Zoo Yb.* doi:10.1111/izy.12184

Ancrenaz, M., Cheyne, S.M., Humle, T., and M.R. Robbins. 2018. Impacts of infrastructures on apes, indigenous peoples and other local communities. In *State of the Apes: Infrastructure Development and Ape Conservation*. A. Lanjouw, H. Rainer & A. White eds, ARCUS Foundation, USA. Pp. 41-80.

Ancrenaz, M., Bergl, R., Greer, D., Humle, T., Kormos, R., Kuhl, H., Macfie, E., Maisels, F., Oates, J., Robbins, M., Sherman, J., Sop, T., Williamson, L. 2018. Report to the CITES Standing Committee on the status of Great Apes. Refish, J. and Wich, S.A. (eds). UNEP GRASP, Nairobi, and IUCN, Gland.

Matsuda, I., Abram, N.K., Stark, D.J., Sha, J.C.M., Ancrenaz, M., goossens, B., Lackman, I., Tuuga, A., Kubo, t. 2018. Population dynamics of the proboscis monkey *Nasalis larvatus* in the Lower Kinabatangan, Sabah, Borneo, Malaysia. *Oryx*, <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0030605318000467>

Meijaard, E., Sherman, J., Ancrenaz, M., Wich, S.A., Santika, T., Voigt, M. 2018. Orangutan populations are certainly not increasing in the wild. *Current Biology*, 28, 1221-1242. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cub.2018.09.052>

Morgans, C.L., Meijaard, E., Santika, T., Law, E., Burdita, S., Ancrenaz, M., Wilson, K.A. 2018. Evaluating the effectiveness of palm oil certification in delivering multiple sustainability objectives. *Environmental Research Letters*, 13, 064032, <https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-9326/aac6f4>

Oram, F. Abundance, activity budget and feeding ecology of orangutans, *Pongo pygmaeus morio*, in the fragmented forest landscape of the lower Kinabatangan, Sabah, Malaysia. PhD's thesis, University Malaysia Sabah, 2018.

Sheil, D., Wich, S.A., Ancrenaz, M., Gaveau, D., Karlson, K.M. and P. Furumo. (2018). Oil palm impacts on biodiversity. In Meijaard, E., Garci-Ulloa, J., Sheil, D., Wich, S.A., Carlston, K.M., Juffe-Bignoli, D., Brooks, T.M. Eds. *Oil palm and Biodiversity: a situation analysis by the IUCN Oil Palm Task Force*. IUCN Palm Oil Task Force, Gland, Switzerland, pp 19-41.

Spehar, S.N., Sheil, D., Harrison, T., Louys, J., Ancrenaz, M., Marshall, A.J., Wich, S.A., Bruford, M.W., Meijaard, E. 2018. Orangutans venture out of the rainforest and into the Anthropocene. *Science Advances*, 4: e1701422.

Van Noordwijk, M.A., Utami, S., Knott, C.D., Kuze, N., Morrogh-Bernard, H.C., Oram, F., Schuppli, C., van Schaik, C.P., Willems, E.P. 2018. The slow ape: high infant survival and long interbirth intervals in wild orangutans. *Journal of Human Evolution*, 125: 38-49.

Voigt, M., Wich, S.A., Ancrenaz, M., Meijaard, E., Kuhl, H. 2018. Global demand for natural resources eliminated more than 100, 000 Bornean orangutans. *Current Biology* 28: 1-9. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cub.2018.01.053>

Wich, S.A., Delabre, I., Koh, L.P., Ancrenaz, M., Meunier, Q., Gaveau, D., Carlson, K.M., and E. Meijaard. (2018). The future of oil palm. In Meijaard, E., Garci-Ulloa, J., Sheil, D., Wich, S.A., Carlston, K.M., Juffe-Bignoli, D., Brooks, T.M. Eds. *Oil palm and Biodiversity: a situation analysis by the IUCN Oil Palm Task Force*. IUCN Palm Oil Task Force, Gland, Switzerland, pp. 70-85.