

Particulars

About Your Organisation

Organisation NameProForest

Corporate Website Address<http://www.proforest.net>

Primary Activity or Product

- Affiliate Member
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Related Company(ies)No

Membership

Membership Number	Membership Category	Membership Sector
8-0061-07-000-00	Affiliate	Organisations

Affiliates/Supply Chain Associate

Operational Profile

1.1. What are the main activities of your organisation?

Proforest helps people manage the world's natural resources sustainably. We are an independent, international organisation that works alongside producers, industry, governments, NGOs and communities to help them understand and address their sustainability challenges, bridge their differences and arrive at effective, integrated solutions. Our expertise delivers sustainable natural resource management – from policy, investment and procurement to production on the ground.

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

Proforest provides responsible palm oil sourcing services, giving practical support to companies – processors, buyers and traders – to develop and implement their responsible sourcing policies and improve the traceability of their supply chains. In addition, Proforest works directly with growers and smallholders, helping them to meet the RSPO P&C and providing services such as High Conservation Values (HCV) assessments. Our work includes spatial analysis and mapping of oil-palm production zones. We have been working with many of the world's leading companies who are RSPO members, and either participate in or provide technical support for several multi-stakeholder initiatives concerned with sustainable palm oil.

Proforest also continue to provide support services directly to the RSPO, including reviewing RSPO audit reports, providing technical input concerning the RSPO Compensation Procedure and facilitation of consultations regarding the revised Smallholder Guidance. We deliver RSPO lead auditor and producer training courses, in addition to HCV training for practitioners.

By hosting the secretariat of the HCV Resource Network (www.hcvnetwork.org), Proforest is helping to promote application of the HCV approach through workshops, technical guidance and an assessor licensing scheme. Proforest is also the secretariat for the SHARP programme (www.sharp-partnership.org), a multi-stakeholder partnership which is working with the private sector to support sustainable smallholder development. As part of this, SHARP is involved in developing the RSS framework for smallholders and their partners in palm oil supply chains to use as a stepwise approach towards RSPO certification.

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

Yes

If yes, please give details:

As detailed above, part of our work involves collaboration with the palm oil industry private sector, providing them with support services towards achieving production and sourcing of CSPO.

If not, please explain why:

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1.4. Did members of your staff participate in RSPO working groups/taskforces in the reporting period?

Yes

1.5. What percentage of your organization's overall activities focus on palm oil?

50

1.6. How is your work on palm oil funded?

Through private companies or through grants, depending on the nature of the work.

Actions for Next Reporting Period

2.1. Outline actions that will be taken in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil.

Continuation, development and expansion of activities as listed in Section 1.2.

Challenges

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?

As stated, the work of Proforest specializes in developing and implementing practical solutions to obstacles surrounding CSPO, at all stages of the supply chain.

Some of our work on CSPO awareness-raising, stakeholder facilitation and assessment in Sierra Leone and Liberia was disrupted during the ebola outbreak, but where possible we maintained relationships remotely.

2 How would you qualify RSPO standards as compared to other parallel standards?

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Cost Effective:

Yes

Robust:

Yes

Simpler to Comply to:

No

3 How has your organization supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets? (e.g. Funding; Engagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)

As listed in the previous section, Proforest's work specializes in developing and implementing practical solutions to obstacles surrounding CSPO, at all stages of the supply chain. This includes engagement with and support for companies at all stages of the supply chain (including producers and FMCG companies), programme work to support inclusion of smallholders in supply chains, and various training and outreach events.

4 Other information on palm oil (sustainability reports, policies, other public information)

Please visit the Proforest website at www.proforest.net.
