

## Particulars

### About Your Organisation

#### 1.1 Name of your organization

UNION DE PALMEROS DEL LITORAL ATLANTICO (UNPALA)

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#### 1.2 What are the main activity(ies) of your organisation?

- Oil Palm Growers
  - Palm Oil Processors and/or Traders
  - Consumer Goods Manufacturers
  - Retailers
  - Banks and Investors
  - Social or Development Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)
  - Environmental or Nature Conservation Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)
  - Affiliate Members
  - Supply Chain Associate
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#### 1.3 Membership number

8-0157-15-000-00

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#### 1.4 Membership category

Affiliate

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#### 1.5 Membership sector

Organisations

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## Affiliates

### Operational Profile

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

1. Guide existing or new producers in technical, administrative and financial matters.
  2. Empowering small independent producers through training and best agricultural practices.
  3. Create or support initiatives for the benefit of the palm sector with local, state or governmental authorities.
  4. Support existing producers in order to be candidates for the RSPO Certification.
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#### 1.2. Does your organization 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

1. Development of 2017 smallholders training program
  2. Training and support in usage of 2017 Registry Book for smallholders
  3. Georeferencing smallholders crops under 5 hectares.
  4. training for group manager staff
  5. Implementation of keywork materials.
  6. Development of "person to person training program" for members and employees.
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#### 1.4. What percentage of your organization's overall activities focus on palm oil?

100%

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

No

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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?

Yes

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##### If yes, please give details:

1. Collaboration with FENAPALMAH as trainers in its training program for group managers.
  2. Participation of UNpala's Group manager in Smallholders training by WWF and FHIA, speaking of the topic "Group Management Experience Sharing".
  3. Simplified approach to HVC for Small producers training: was performed by group manager staff , on October 10th , with the participation of our partners from companies CORAPSA, ANAPIH and PALCASA.
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##### If not, please explain why:

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

Unpala's work in palm oil is funded by:

1. the contribution of members per tone of palm oil fruit sold.
  2. Grupo Jaremar economic, human, logistics and advising contribution
  3. Rspo-RSSF
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### Actions for Next Reporting Period

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

1. develop 2018 "Person to Person training program".
  2. Calculate GHG for 2017
  3. develop 2018 training program for group manager Staff
  4. continue Soil and Foliar sampling and Analysis for Unpala's members
  5. Strengthening of Internal Control System
  6. develop Internal Audits Program
  7. Continue Environmental Licensing Process
  8. Develop Certification Audits for Group 1
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## 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?**

UNPALA has or is currently facing the following challenges: Economic Challenges: 1. Expensive Environmental licencing process and lack of support of local authorities. 2. lack of economic resources to strenghtening the staff structure and expenses required for the implementation process. 3. Lack of economic resources of smallholders under 50 hectares to invest in the improvements required by the Group Certification standar 4. Government lack of economic resources for monitoring and follow-up actions taken in order of RSPO certification. 5. The dispersed geographic location of the producers makes the implementation process more expensive and slow. Social Challenges: 1. Smallholders low educational level slow the awareness process and registry book usage. 2. Smallholders Decreasing interest and low engagement in RSPO certification. 3. Statal Authorities and institutions lack of knowledge of the palm oil cultivation best agriculture practices and the efforts that organisations like UNPALA deveolope to contribute to the welfare of the country 4. A strongly variable producers supply base due to strong competition between the companies in the palm oil sector. Enviromental Challenges: 1. government enviromental policies and regulations are dificult to fulfill for smalholders and organizations supporting them. 2.The geographical dispersion of independent producers in Honduras includes producers whose plantations are located in protected areas that were declared as such after the existence of palm cultivation in that area. Efforts: 1. Encourage the whole base of UNPALA´s members to attend to training progam and to enlist in the certification process. 2. Unpala´s is collaborating with state institutions to contribute the awareness of the certification process 3. Unpala has shared its experiencies with other independent producers, smallholders organizations, companies and other entities interested in supporting this type of initiatives in Honduras.

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### **2 In addition to the actions already reported in this ACOP how has your organization supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets in other ways? (e.g. Funding; Engagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)**

1. Unpala is part of the Inter-institutional thecnical team, precided by el Instituto de Conservacion Forestal to update the management plans of the protected areas in Atlantic Littoral.

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### **3 File -Please attach or add links to any other information from your organisation on your policies and actions on palm oil (EG: sustainability reports, policies, other public information)**

● Uploaded files:

[AM Actualizacion PM PNND y RVSBCS.pdf](#)

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