Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organization

United Plantations Bhd

1.2 What is/are the primary activity(ies) or product(s) of your organization?

- [x] Oil Palm Growers
- [x] 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

1.3 Membership number

1-0004-04-000-00

1.4 Membership category

Ordinary

1.5 Membership sector

Oil Palm Growers

Oil Palm Growers

Operational Profile

1.1 Please state your main activities as a palm oil grower

- Oil palm grower & miller

Operations and Certification Progress

2.1.1 Please state your number of estates/management units

11

2.1.2 Total land controlled/managed for oil palm cultivation, planted (already planted areas and areas used for roads, mills, housing and other associated infrastructure)

43,646.00 ha

2.1.3 Total area unplanted (land area controlled/managed that is designated for future planting of oil palm)

500.00 ha

2.1.4 Total land designated and managed as HCV areas

6,000.00 ha

2.1.5 Other conservation areas set aside excluding HCV areas reported in 2.1.4

1,939.00 ha

2.1.6 Total land under scheme/plasma smallholders certified

0.00 ha

2.1.6.1 Total land under scheme/plasma smallholders uncertified

1,285.00 ha

2.1.7 Total land area controlled/managed for oil palm cultivation (This is an auto sum of 2.1.2 - 2.1.6.1)

53,370.00 ha

2.2 Certification progress

2.2.1 Number of estates/Management Units certified
9

2.2.2 Total certified area
34,611.00 ha

2.3 In which countries are your estates?

2.3.1 Indonesia - Please indicate which province(s)

- Kalimantan Tengah

2.3.2 Malaysia - please indicate which state(s)

- Perak
- Selangor

2.3.3 Other - please indicate which country(ies)
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2.4 New plantings and developments (Exclude replanting):

2.4.1 New area planted in this reporting period
- ha

2.4.2 Have New Planting Procedures notifications been submitted to the RSPO for plantings this year?
No

2.5 Supply of Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB)

2.5.1 Please choose from the list below if you have smallholders and/or outgrowers as part of your supply base?
yes

2.5.2 Please select:

- Scheme/plasma smallholders
- Independent smallholders
- Outgrowers

2.5.3 "Scheme/plasma" smallholder operations that supply your organization:

2.5.3.1 Total FFB volume that is supplied
9,241.00 Tonnes

2.5.3.2 FFB volume supplied that is certified
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2.5.5 "Independent" smallholder operations that supply your organization:

2.5.5.1 Total FFB volume that is supplied
37,985.00 Tonnes

2.5.5.2 FFB volume supplied that is certified
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2.5.6 "Outgrower" operations that supply your organization:

2.5.6.1 Total FFB volume that is supplied
25,640.00 Tonnes

2.5.6.2 FFB volume supplied that is certified
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2.6 Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB) processing operations

2.6.1 Number of Palm Oil Mills operated
5

2.6.2 Number of Palm Oil Mills certified
4

2.7 Total Fresh Fruit Bunches processing production capacity

2.7.1 Total hourly FFB processing capacity (ton FFB/hr)
60.00 Tonnes

2.7.2 Total hourly kernel processing capacity (ton PK/hr)
0.00 Tonnes

Volume of RSPO-Certified oil palm products

3.1 Sold as RSPO Certified for CSPO & CSPK

3.1.1 Book and Claim
0.00 Tonnes

3.1.2 Mass Balance
0.00 Tonnes

3.1.3 Segregrated
79,924.88 Tonnes

3.1.4 Identity Preserved
94,469.22 Tonnes

3.2 Sold under other schemes for CSPO & CSPK
0.00 Tonnes

3.4 Sold as conventional for CSPO & CSPK
22,712.51 Tonnes

3.4 Total Volume (Auto sum for 3.1 - 3.3)
197,106.61 Tonnes

Time-Bound Plan

4.1 Year of first RSPO P&C certification (planned or achieved)

2008

Comment:
All our Palm Oil Mills in Malaysia (4units) were certified on 21st August 2008 and subsequent 3rd cycle re-certification was conducted on 29th September 2017.

4.2 Year expected to achieve 100% RSPO certification of estates

2020

If target has not been met, please explain why:
PT Surya Sawit Sejati (PT SSS) is located in Pangkalan Bun, Kotawaringin Barat District, Central Kalimantan Province and was purchased by this company (United Plantations Berhad) early 2007. At the time of purchase PT SSS had approvals and possession of HGU no 42 (Land Title) for 2,508.472 ha issued by the National Land Authority/BPN Kotawaringin Barat on 9 August 2005 and the remaining of ± 13,000 ha had been further processed application of HGU – in 2007 up to the Cadastral (Land Office Boundary Confirmation) ref.113.540.42.2007. The Land Boundary Confirmation was based on Spatial Management Plan (RTRWP 2003) for Central Kalimantan Province, which mapped and designated this area as non-forest land (KKP -Kawasan Pengembangan Produksi and KPPL-Kawasan Pemukiman dan Penggunaan Lain).

In 2008, PT SSS received a letter from the National Land Authority (BPN-Badan Pertanahan Nasional) that the process for application of HGU of ± 13,000 ha was postponed as a result of the forest land release (Izin Pelepasan Kawasan Hutan) issued by the Ministry of Forestry (Reference Letter No.800.540.42 dated September 2008) due to the discrepancy between RTRWP 2003 and TGHK (Tata Guna Hutan Kesepakatan) 1982, which is prevalent in Kalimantan Tengah. As per TGHK 1982, PT SSS's land was partially in the forest zone area.

PT SSS accordingly submitted an application for land release (Izin Pelepasan) since 5 June 2009 based on PP no 10 year of 2010. Unfortunately the process in securing the required land release documents were held back due to ongoing uncertainties by the Local and Central Government on whether to follow RTRWP 2003 or TGHK 1982 and also the fact that there was No Bupati of Kalimantan Barat District untill the end of 2011, hence bringing all decisions to a standstill.

With the appointment of the new Bupati towards end 2011, the process of PT SSS's land release was completed and submitted to the Forestry Ministry. However in April 2012, PT SSS received a letter from the Ministry of Forestry stating the application for forest release would be postponed until the "harmonization process" of the zoning map based on RTRWP 2003 with the new forestry map of 2011 (changing TGHK 1982 map) had been completed pending the amendment of the "Peraturan Pemerintah No.10, 2010" concerning converting the forest zone use and functions according to the Director of General Planology, Forestry Ministry No.S.431/V11-KLH/2012, dated 19th April 2012.
On 6th July 2012 The President of The Republic of Indonesia issued the amendment of the Peraturan Pemerintah No.10 year 2010,namely Peraturan Pemerintah No.60 year 2012.
From the flow chart of PP No 60 of 2012, any company affected by the "harmonization process has to go back to the drawing board and initiate the forest release application according to the new regulation.

In this respect, PT SSS has successfully obtained the Pelepasan Decree from the Investment Coordinating Board on behalf of the Environment and Forestry Minister for 5,122.73 ha on 20 March 2015. For this 5,122.73 ha, HGU application shall be able to proceed to BPN. However, the 4,717.03 ha of HP area are still in the process of Land Swap under the PP no 60 year 2012.

Meanwhile, PT SSS's application for land release of 1,769.61 ha of land in the forest zone from its original HGU area of 2,508.47 was not supported by the Land Office, as the Land Office is of the opinion that once HGU is approved (as under KPP/KPPL in RTRWP 2003) there is no necessity to apply for land release, very much contrary to the Ministry of Forestry's stand. PT SSS had envisaged to certify this 2,508.47 ha of HGU area in its Lada Estate in Q4 of 2016 as per its time bound plan. However due to the difference in opinions between the Land Office and the Ministry of Forestry, which of late has surfaced,PT SSS has to postpone its time bound plan.

The President of The Republic of Indonesia issued Peraturan Pemerintah 104, 2015 dated 28 Dec 2015 and made available to the public in early 2016 a new protocol for the "harmonization process" replacing PP 60/2012. This will prolong the process of 4,717.03 ha of HP area Land Swap ; as the re application has been submitted by 17 February 2016 to the Forestry Deparment. PT SSS is in the process now submitting all documents for its 1769.61ha (from its original HGU) to the Investment Coordinating Board/ Badan Koordinasi Penamanan Model/BKPM. PTSSS has appeared for Initial RSPO Assessment for the balance of 713.47ha on 11th to 14th December 2017, however the Certification Body will only take a certification decision on acceptance of the Company's Remediation and Compensation Plan (RaCP) by RSPO. The Company's Final Compensation Liability (FCL) has been approved and its RaCP concept note has been also approved and currently the final budget planning is work in progress . The Company has (12) twelve months from the initial assessment to obtain the approval of the RaCP Budget and Plan.

The Company had proposed in its time bound plan to seek certification in 4th quarter of 2017 and 2018 for Lada and Runtu Estate on the clean and clear HGU portion and the area where Panitia B (final step before issuance of HGU) had been completed. However on 12th October 2017, the RSPO Statement on Hak Guna Usaha (HGU) - Indonesia has stated: RSPO grower members that are not certified and want to apply for RSPO certification, must show evidence of possession of a legitimate Hak Guna Usaha (HGU) and Izin Usaha Perkebunan (IUP) for the intended unit of certification. We are now pleased to inform that the long overdue HGU for 6004.15 ha was received on 12th March 2018. This portion will go in for extension of scope audit soon. The other portion pending HGU are in the land swap phase and its HGU issuance is beyond our control.

The Company in view of several sudden and unexpected changes in legislation and laws by the authorities, combined with deferring views between the National and Regional bodies in terms of land tenure and designation as explained in detail as above and the recent RSPO Statement on HGU which is totally beyond its control is now compelled to defer its time bound plan.

4.3 Year expected to achieve 100% RSPO certification of scheme/associated smallholders and outgrowers

2020

If target has not been met, please explain why:
All our Plasma scheme are managed by PT.SSS and thus the certification will be in tandem with PTSSS.

4.4 Year expected to achieve 100% RSPO certification of independently sourced FFB

2022

If target has not been met, please explain why:
The outside crop received in our Lada Palm Oil Mill are from non-associated smallholders and outgrowers and we will continue to educate them in RSPO P&Cs , however they have an option to sent elsewhere. Soon they will have to comply with ISPO which is compulsory.

Concession Map

5.1 With regards to RSPO General Assembly resolution 6g that calls for members to submit maps of their concessions by ACOP deadline, please upload your estate location concession map(s) in Shapefile format here:

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5.2 Map data declaration

Please state if any concession sites have been recently acquired or if any concession sites have changed ownership since the previous ACOP submission

No.

GHG Footprint

6.1 Are you currently assessing your operational GHG footprints using other tools/ methodology(s) than RSPO PalmGHG Calculator?

No

6.1.2.1 How many management unit is currently reporting its GHG footprint using RSPO PalmGHG Calculator?
11 Estates + 5 Mills

6.1.2.2 What is the average GHG footprint by hectare (tCO2e/ha) and by tonne of Crude Palm Oil (tCO2e/tCPO) of reporting management units?

GHG footprint by hectare (tCO2e/ha)
3.41

GHG footprint by tonne of Crude Palm Oil (tCO2e/tCPO)
1.49

6.1.2.3 What would the key emissions sources of reporting management unit?
POME, Electricity, Fossil Fuel, EFB, Fertilizer, Replanting activities, Peat soils

Actions for Next Reporting Period

7.1 Outline actions that you will take in the coming year to advance your plans for certification
We are pleased to inform that all our plantations in Malaysia have successfully obtained the RSPO 3rd cycle Re-certification in 2017. In addition, 2 of our mills (UIE & Jendarata POM and their supply bases) have successfully received RSPO NEXT Certificates in October 2017. We are the first recipient in Asia Pacific and Africa. In view of the discrepancy between the Provisional and National maps, we are in the harmonization process through the PP No 60 0f 2012(forest release). Until such time the HGU will not be issued .It is a prerequisite that HGU must be obtained for RSPO certification. We have submitted our application for outstanding HGU areas and expect to obtain it by 3rd Quarter of 2018 and in tandem with its issuance we will seek certification in 2018-2020 for our plantations in Indonesia. For the new Indonesian Estates, UP had targeted to move towards RSPO and ISPO certification in 2017. This was achieved for part of our HGU area as our subsidiary in Indonesia underwent the RSPO and ISPO initial main assessment on the 11th to the 15th December 2017 and is awaiting issuance of the certificates. The Time Bound Plan for all the areas being certified will be in tandem with the hectarage issued with HGU certificates by the Government of Indonesia. This is expected by 2020. For our Plasma smallholders scheme, full certification is expected by 2020 subject to issuance of individual land certificates by the local government, which is in process. The MSPO main audit for our Malaysian Plantations will commence in the middle of 2018. The ISPO main audit for our Indonesian Plantations has been conducted in 2017 for a part of our HGU area.

7.2 Outline actions that you will take in the coming year to promote CSPO along the supply chain
Our organisation started working with stakeholders involved with the RSPO in 2004. We have promoted the concept behind RSPO ever since. United Plantations received the worlds first RSPO certificate in August 2008 indicating our commitment from the beginning. In addition, 2 of our mills (UIE & Jendarata POM and their supply bases) have successfully received RSPO NEXT Certificates in October 2017. We are the first recipient in Asia Pacific and Africa. Through our international network we have promoted RSPO and persuaded many customers to switch to responsible palm oil being CSPO under the RSPO. We attend international conferences and promote the RSPO when discussing with different stakeholders. We attend the RSPO conferences and continue to promote the RSPO. We educate smallholders and PLASMA farmers on the benefits of being RSPO certified. we open our doors to hundreds of visitors annually and provide them with an overview on sustainable oil palm cultivation and the importance in promoting the RSPO.

Reasons for Non-Disclosure of Information

8.1 If you have not disclosed any of the above information, please indicate the reasons why

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Support Smallholders

9.1 Are you currently supporting any independent smallholder groups?
Yes

9.2 How are you supporting them?
Oil palm smallholders have a critical role in helping us achieve our sustainability goals, they are part of the supply chain providing an estimated 40% of world palm oil production. The RSPO defines smallholders with less than 50 hectares of cultivated land and are mostly family-run, with some sustenance farming to support basic needs. As part of our Company’s involvement, UP continuously engages with smallholders. The recent Smallholder’s Field Day was held on 11th November 2017. We invited 80 smallholders from local districts to visit our plantations to get a better understanding of good agricultural practices, sustainability initiatives and environmental protection. We are pleased to inform that 59 smallholders or equivalent to 74% of the smallholders attended the Smallholders Field Day. The smallholders were given training sessions in safe handling of pesticides with appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), effective use of pre-emergent herbicides for less chemical usage, integrated pest management (IPM) and mechanized harvesting in order to assist them with their agricultural interests. In addition, demonstration on fire combat procedures were carried out to further enhance the awareness of neighbouring smallholders in case of fire incidence and were informed to contact UP for emergency assistance within the close vicinity.

Palm Oil Processors and Traders

Operational Profile

1.1 Please state your main activity(ies) within the supply chain

- [x] Refiner of CPO and CPKO
- [ ] Post-refinery processor
- [ ] Trader with physical posession
- [ ] Trader without physical posession
- [ ] Kernel Crusher
- [ ] Food and non-food ingredients producer
- [ ] Power, energy and bio-fuel
- [ ] Animal feed producer
- [ ] Producer of oleochemicals
- [ ] Distributor and wholesaler
- [ ] Other

Palm Oil and Certified Sustainable Palm Oil Use

2.1 Please include details of all operations using palm oil majority owned and/or managed by the member and/or related entities

2.1.1 In which markets do you sell goods containing palm oil and oil palm products?

- Applies Globally

2.2 Volumes of palm oil and oil palm products

2.2.1 Total volume of crude and refined Palm Oil handled/traded/processed in the year
142,087.00 Tonnes

2.2.2 Total volume of crude and refined palm kernel oil handled/traded/processed in the year
110,096.00 Tonnes

2.2.3 Total volume of Palm Kernel Expeller handled/traded/processed in the year
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2.2.4 Total volume of other palm-based derivatives and fractions handled/traded/processed in the year
10,364.00 Tonnes

2.2.5 Total volume of all palm oil and oil palm products handled/traded/processed in the year
262,547.00 Tonnes

2.3 Volumes of palm oil and oil palm products certified

2.3.1 Volume handled/traded/processed in the year that is RSPO-certified (Tonnes):

Description	Refined/CPO	PKO	PKE	Palm-based derivatives and fractions
2.3.1.1 Book and Claim from Mill / Crusher				
2.3.1.2 Book and Claim from Independent Smallholder				
2.3.1.3 Mass Balance		3226.00		
2.3.1.4 Segregated	47516.00	27844.00		684.00
2.3.1.5 Identity Preserved	94571.00			
2.3.1.6 Total volume	142,087.00	31,070.00	-	684.00

2.3.2 How much RSPO certified products have you sold as certified (tonnes)

Description	Refined/CPO	PKO	PKE	All other palm-based derivatives and fractions
2.3.2.1 Book and Claim	-	-	-	-
2.3.2.2 Mass Balance	-	-	-	-
2.3.2.3 Segregated	-	-	-	-
2.3.2.4 Identity Preserved	-	-	-	-
2.3.2.5 Total volume	-	-	-	-

2.3.3 How much RSPO certified products have you sold under other schemes (tonnes)

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2.3.4 How much RSPO certified products have you sold as conventional (tonnes)

6,616.00

2.4 Total annual crude, refined palm kernel oil and derivatives production (only if applicable)
92,333 Tonnes

2.5 What is the percentage of Certified Sustainable Palm Oil in the total palm oil sold by your company in the following regions:

2.5.1 Africa
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2.5.2 Australasia
7%

2.5.3 Europe (incl.Russia)
40%

2.5.4 North America
12%

2.5.5 South America
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2.5.6 Middle East
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2.5.7 China
1%

2.5.8 India
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2.5.9 Indonesia
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2.5.10 Malaysia
39%

2.5.11 Asia
1%

Time-Bound Plan

3.1 Year of first supply chain certification (planned or achieved)

2010

3.2 Year expected to/or started to handle/trade/process any RSPO-certified palm oil and oil palm products

2010

3.3 Year expected to achieve 100% RSPO certification of all palm product processing facilities*

2010

3.4 Year expected to only handle/trade/process 100% RSPO-certified palm oil and oil palm products

If target has not been met, please explain why:
Depending on customers demand.

3.5 Which countries that your organization operates in do the above own-brand commitments cover?

Malaysia

3.6 How do you proactively promote RSPO and RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products to your customers?

Specific actions taken by continuous briefing to customers via detailed presentations about RSPO solutions. Promoting RSPO solutions through dialogues and showing customers our plantations and refinery. Attending conferences and discussing sustainable and responsible agriculture through supporting RSPO P&Cs.

We also disseminate information through Annual Report (Sustainability Report).

Trademark Use

4.1 Do you use or plan to use the RSPO trademark on your own brand products?

Yes

Please state the markets where you use or intend to apply the Trademark and when you plan to start

The trademark is used in USA and Russia for "Nutrolein" since 2012.

2012

Actions for Next Reporting Period

5.1 Outline actions that you will take in the coming year to promote the use of RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products along the supply chain

We will continue further the tireless efforts undertaken by the Company over the past many decades in terms of our leadership within the segment of sustainable agricultural production. Specific actions is to continue briefing customers through detailed presentations about RSPO solutions and continue to promote RSPO solutions through dialogue and showing them our plantations. We will continue to discuss possibilities for our customers to increase the demand for RSPO solution we can supply them with. We attend conferences and discuss sustainable and responsible agriculture through supporting the RSPO P&Cs. As an important step towards improving our sustainability within economic, environmental and social areas of our business, we have invited our suppliers and contractors to join us along the journey. Prior to any formal engagement with suppliers or contractors within our Group, a screening process by distributing a self-assessment questionnaire against social and environment aspect is carried out. Our aim is to improve sustainability in our supply chain and ensure our suppliers and contractors collaborate with us in the compliance of company policy as well as legal requirements.

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Application of Principles & Criteria for all members sectors

7.1 Do you have organizational policies that are in line with the RSPO P&C, such as:

- [x] Water, land, energy and carbon footprints

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- [x] Stakeholder engagement

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- [ ] None of the above

7.2 What best practice guidelines or information has your organization provided in the past year to facilitate the uptake of RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products? What languages are these guidelines available in?

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7.3. Your answers above indicate that you are not yet using 100% RSPO certified palm oil and oil palm products. Do you have plans to immediately cover the gap using Book & Claim?

No

Please explain why:

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GHG Footprint

8.1 Are you currently reporting any GHG footprint?

Yes

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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?

The opportunity loss by not developing more areas through further expansion as we are committed to preserve conservation areas and have committed to strict standards of the RSPO including the add on criteria of No deforestation, No Peat land development, HCS assessments and all elements involved with that. In addition, it has been a tough journey identifying customers that are willing to pay a premium for CSPO solutions. Fortunately this is changing now and we do see more demand which hopefully entice producers and not be a demotivating factor for producers. Smallholders also don't have the means to rush into certification due to costs and hence it takes time for full certification throughout the organization including smallholders. Smallholders require more time in certification and therefore can prolong and delay a fully certified supply chain. It is therefore good that there are time-bound plans in order for all to work together for certification including smallholders and plasma groups. Government permits in Indonesia takes much time in pursuing and being issued hence delaying the process of certification. In terms of social obstacles we have spent much time and money trying to solve land issues which is a common problem for Plantations companies in Indonesia. It takes much time and effort, however, with the various procedures in Place and by following the FPIC principle progress has been made. Initially the communities around our operations had great mistrust in the new owners and management, due to many broken promises earlier, however, with genuine commitment and social awareness including seriousness in developing plasma areas, participating in the local society and promoting CSR projects, the social collaboration with the surrounding communities have improved significantly. We have had an uphill task in trying to preserve our conservation areas as many members of the community are aware of the timber value in the trees. With poverty and financial constraints amongst the communites, it is of key importance to spend time in trying to convince communities to retain the conservation areas. This will take time and much effort is being placed on finding a balance between economy and ecology. We have established a Biodiversity Department and work with Copenhagen Zoo in order to establish a first class example on how plantation development can go hand in hand with environmental protection and conservation.

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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)

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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)

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