

**Notification of RSPO Re-Certification Assessment of PALMERAS DEL ECUADOR S.A., ECUADOR**  
**RSPO Membership: 2-0143-10-000-00**

To Whom It May Concern:

PALMERAS DEL ECUADOR S.A of Ecuador has commissioned SCS Global Services to conduct an RSPO Re-Certification Assessment of its palm oil mill and supply basin located near Km 16 Vía Limoncocha – Shushufindi, Shushufindi, Sucumbios, Ecuador. The assessment will be conducted of 1 Palm Oil Mill and 1 Oil Palm Plantations.

SCS Global Services plans to conduct the Re-Certification assessment of the PALMERAS DEL ECUADOR S.A mill from **January 8-12, 2024**. The assessment will be conducted against the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil requirements, including the Principles & Criteria (RSPO P&C 2018 including Supply Chain requirement for mills), using as reference the National Interpretation of the P&Cs for **Ecuador/2021**.

The assessment will cover legal, environment, economical, workers' health and safety, and social aspects as required by the RSPO Principles & Criteria. Below is general information related to the certification unit.

PALMERAS DEL ECUADOR S.A	
<b>Description</b>	Oil mil and Supply base
<b>Mill Name</b>	PALMERAS DEL ECUADOR S.A.
<b>PalmTrace ID</b>	RSPO_PO1000008053
<b>Mill Capacity (tonnage/hour)</b>	75
<b>Supply Chain Model</b>	MB
<b>Address</b>	Km 16 Vía Limoncocha – Shushufindi
<b>GPS Reference (Palm Oil Mill)</b>	-0.284851 -76.564756
<b>CPO Tonnage (Projection 2024)</b>	51,577 MT
<b>PK Tonnage (Projection 2024)</b>	1,463 MT
<b>FFB Tonnages (Projection 2024)</b>	214,299 MT

Farms / Estate / Association	Location	GPS Coordinates	Planted Area		Certified Area (ha)	Annual FFB Projection (MT)
			Mature Palm (ha)	Immature Palm (ha)		
Palmeras del Ecuador S.A.	Km 16 Vía Limoncocha – Shushufindi Shushufindi, Ecuador	-0.284851 - 76.564756	7,352.8	736.7	14,492	214,299
TOTAL			7,352.8	736.7	14,492	214,299

New Planting Procedure		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Check if N/A)
<b>NPP Reference Number</b>	-	
<b>Country of the NPP submission</b>	-	
<b>Name of Management Unit:</b>	-	
<b>Name(s) of Estate(s) covered under this management plan</b>	-	
<b>Location of NPP area</b>	-	
<b>Address of NPP area</b>		
<b>GPS Reference</b>	-	



<b>Total area as per permit</b>	-
<b>Area for new planting</b>	-
<b>Date of Completion</b>	-

RACP Procedure			<input type="checkbox"/> (Check if N/A)
<b>Liability disclosure</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Palmeras del Ecuador S.A.	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Annex 2 disclosure</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Palmeras del Ecuador S.A.	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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SCS Global Services has appointed the following team for the assessment of PALMERAS DEL ECUADOR S.A:

Name	Role and Audit Aspect Audit Aspects	Qualification and Experience
<b>Dina Cortés</b>	Lead Auditor Supply chain, H&S	Education: Production Engineering with emphasis on environmental management. Specialist in Environmental Education and Management. Trainings Attended: P&C RSPO Lead Auditor Update v.2018 (2021), QMS ISO 9001:2015 Lead Auditor Training course (2019), GLOBALG.A.P Chain of Custody (2020), GLOBALG.A.P QMS - Auditor for group certification - (2020), GLOBALG.A.P GRASP - (2020), Lead Auditor RSPO principles and criteria (2017), Internal Auditor in ISO 9001 - ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18000 (2011). Working experience: with five years of experience in process planning and scheduling management, inventories, resource allocation, budget and cost preparation and tracking, management software management (Visual Manufacturing, SIIGO and Salesforce); six years of experience in supporting the accreditation, maintenance and auditing of management systems of sustainability standards for the agricultural sector: Rainforest Alliance™ certification, Nespresso AAA program, Starbucks C.A.F.E Practices, 4C Code of Conduct, UTZ Certified, RSPO, GLOBALG.A.P, among others. Lead auditor and trainer for different sustainability standards in the agricultural sector.
<b>Ricardo Zerlin</b>	Team Auditor	Education: Biologist with a master's degree in Ecology. Training attended: RSPO SCC 2020, ISO 9001:2015, ISO 19011:2011, RSPO Lead Auditor Training P&C 2018 (2019), Organic Certification (Organic Brazil - Law 10.831, NOP-USDA, Organic - Equivalence European Regulation CE834/07 and EC 889/2008), Rainforest Alliance AS and CC, 4C, ISCC (Plus; EU, Circular Economy and Bioeconomy, Waste and Residues, GEE, Food Security Standard), GHG, Global GAP (IFA, GRASP, and Chain of Custody), and Bonsucro. Protocols related to food, such as BRCGS and HACCP - Codex Alimentarius. Working experience: 5 years of experience as a lead auditor in the mentioned protocols. Currently working as an independent auditor for SCS Global Services and other certifying bodies (SGS, Control Union, SBCert).



<p><b>Gloria Alejandra Maurello</b></p>	<p>Team Auditor</p>	<p>Education: Environmental engineer, specialist in environmental assessment of projects, specialist in occupational health and occupational hazards and candidate for Master in Business Administration "MBA" + Project Management.</p> <p>Training attended: AUDITOR RAINFOREST ALLIANCE SCHEME 2020 Version 1. 3 (2023), AUDITOR FOOD SECURITY STANDARD - FSS (2023), LEADER AUDITOR P&amp;C RSPO (2019) - UPDATE COURSE (2023), LEADER QUALITY AUDITOR ISO 9001:2015 "IRCA" (2018), diploma in hygienic risk management and industrial safety, diploma in management systems and evaluation in occupational safety and health, diploma in climate change management, diploma in quality management ISO 9001: 2015, diploma in integrated systems in quality, environment and occupational health and safety management (HSEQ), circular economy - green growth.</p> <p>Work experience: professional with more than 8 years of experience in the agro-industrial, livestock and service sectors, performing different functions such as strategic direction of the environmental management system, sustainability certification auditor, and environmental management system consulting. Fluent in Spanish.</p>
<p><b>Enrique Ospina</b></p>	<p>Team Auditor Environmental, HCV</p>	<p>Education: BS-Environmental Engineer, specialization in sustainable environmental management.</p> <p>Trainings attended: RSPO ISH 2020, ALS Advisor for the evaluation of HCV (High conservation Areas) in HCV-HCVR. Resource Network. RSPO P&amp;C (2013) Lead Auditor Course, RSPO SCCS (2019) Lead Auditor Course, RSPO P&amp;C (2018) Lead Auditor Update, RSPO SCC (2019), ISCC Lead Auditor: 2018, Integrated Management System Leader Systems Auditor ISO 9001: 2015, 14001: 2015 OHSAS 18001: 2007: 31000: 2011). Other trainings via webinar PalmGHGV4 RSPO, Living Wage (DLW), Control of Palm Oil Extraction Process.</p> <p>Working experience: 10 years of experience in the palm oil and biofuels industry, 6 more years of experience in the implementation and auditing of Integrated Systems of Control and Management of the Supply Chain and in environmental management with the legal requirements in Agroindustry. Fluent in Spanish.</p>

SCS Global Services invites stakeholders to provide written comments on any of the following issues related to the operations of PALMERAS DEL ECUADOR S.A, particularly related to social and environmental impacts.

**Topics that you may wish to comment on are as follows:**

- Environmental Protection
- Biodiversity conservation
- Opportunity for employment
- Company approach to community development
- Your relationship with the company
- Participation in decision making
- Free, prior and informed consent
- Suggestion for improvement

Comments received within 30 days from the date of this notification will be considered during the certification assessment.

Please include the following details in case we need to contact you for additional information or clarification on any issued raised:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish your comments to be treated confidentiality or remain anonymous, please indicate 'CONFIDENTIAL' in your correspondence to us. Please send comments to:

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Thank you for your comments and feedback.

Sincerely,



Adriana Cala  
RSPO P&C Technical Manager