Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organization

UTZ

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

1.3 Membership number

7-0008-08-000-00

1.4 Membership category

Social or Development Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)

1.5 Membership sector

Ordinary

Environmental and/or Conservation NGO

1. Operational Profile

1.1 What are the main activities of your organisation?

UTZ stands for sustainable farming and better opportunities for farmers, their families and our planet. The UTZ certification programs for coffee, cocoa, tea and hazelnut enable farmers to learn better farming methods, improve working conditions and take better care of their children and the environment.
UTZ partners with other organizations and standards, in the fields of standard development, traceability and supply chain analysis. As of January 2018, UTZ is joining forces with Rainforest Alliance because we know that together we can have a greater impact and be a better partner to the many stakeholders we work with.
UTZ provides RSPO with the traceability, certified member registration and certification management system RSPO PalmTrace.

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

No

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?

UTZ provides RSPO PalmTrace which includes the functionalities of registering the trades certified palm oil and palm oil products and the functionality for members to manage credit trade under the RSPO Book and Claim supply chain model. In 2018 new features were the connection of PalmTrace with RSPO's membership database allowing for real time information on the RSPO website of the certification status of certified units, efficiencies and streamlining of this process and increased data integrity. The process for Traders and Distributors to request and obtain a license in PalmTrace was also improved making it easier and faster. A feature was also added to PalmTrace, when mills enter their GPS coordinates, they can immediately see the mill location on a satellite image to validate their input.

Training to members and CBs are provided on a continuous, as needed basis.

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

11%

1.5 Did members of your staff participate in RSPO working and/or taskforce groups in the reporting period?

Yes

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

1.7 How is your work on palm oil funded?

We receive part of the volume based fee for first buyer sales in PalmTrace.

2. Time-Bound Plan

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

2011

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.

2007

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.

As the merged Rainforest Alliance, RA aims to continue supporting RSPO in making sustainable palm oil the norm. RA/UTZ will continue to improve the PalmTrace system to keep it up to date and assure that it supports RSPO ÃÅs developments and needs. For 2019, among other changes, PalmTrace will be translated into various languages, among which are Spanish, Bahasa and Thai. Furthermore the process for Independent Smallholder to offer their credits for sale in PalmTrace will be simplified. UTZ/RA will be present at RSPO events where the use of various PalmTrace functionalities is illustrated and communicated. Training to RSPO's members and CBs will continue to be provided as needed and requested.

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.

4.1.A Water, land, energy and carbon footprints

File: --
Link: --

4.1.B Land use rights

File: --
Link: --

4.1.C Ethical conduct and human rights

File: --
Link: --

4.1.D Labour rights

File: --
Link: --

4.1.E Stakeholder engagement

File: --
Link: --

4.1.F None of the above

File: --

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?

File: Training Manual RSPO PalmTrace Member Area.pdf

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

Other:

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

Other:

Support RSPO in their outreach, at events, in engagement with their stakeholders, when it comes to certification and Palmtrace.

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)

https://utz.org/what-we-offer/traceability-system/traceability-service/palm-oil/

https://rspo.org/palmtrace

https://palmtrace.rspo.org/web/rspo/welcome