

Particulars

Organisation Name	PALMELIT SAS		
Corporate Website Address	www.palmelit.com		
Related Company(ies)	Company	Primary Activity	RSPO Member
	Siam Elite Palm Co. Ltd.	Affiliate Member	No
Country Operations	Benin, Cameroon, Colombia, Ecuador, France Metropolitan, Indonesia, Nigeria, Thailand		
Membership Number	8-0147-13-000-00		
Membership Type	Affiliate Members		
Membership Category	Organisations		

Affiliate Members / Supply Chain Associate

Operational Profile

1. What are the main activities of your organisation?

PalmElit SAS is an oil palm seed company, subsidiary of CIRAD. Our activities are linked to seed breeding, seed production and distribution, under CIRAD and partner trademarks.

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

- Promotion through inclusion of RSPO in all our many presentations to our customers and prospects, in conferences or in private meetings.
- Including a clause on respect of RSPO P&C in all our long term contracts for seed supply to oil palm planters
- We invite all our prospects (future planters) to reflect on RSPO through a questionnaire systematically forwarded at the early steps of our relationship with them, with the following note: "Choosing a sustainable approach will have a determining impact for your project and for all stakeholders (customers, employees, public opinion..). Moreover you will be more efficient and will limit risks and will facilitate your project development in the long run." In this opportunity we request them to declare their intention with regards to RSPO certification.
- Funding of smallholder study project in Ecuador.
- Preparing a project in Thailand regarding the creation of CSPO smallholder groups and their sustainability, then the creation of new ones.

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:

In our discussions with and in the form provided to all our prospects (future planters), we offer them to guide them with RSPO and to give them contacts on HCV and P&C compliance consultants.

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

100

5. How is your work on palm oil funded?

100% through our own sale of oil palm seeds.

Actions for Next Reporting Period

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

- Include a clause on RSPO compliance in our General Conditions of Sale new version
- Build a project with CIRAD and Wild Asia on Smallholder group scheme
- Propose a Project to be developed in Africa to the Alliance Française for Sustainable Palm Oil
- Contribute to training of smallholders in Latin America
- Raising awareness that high yielding planting material is a key factor to sustainable oil palm (resistance to diseases and reducing land use pressure)

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 a seed seller/distributor, PalmElit is an intermediary and we have difficulties getting complete and verified information on projects and on our prospects' activities as future planters. Nevertheless in application of our code of conduct we request at least a declaration of intention regarding the RSPO certification process and offer support to connect to experts in the topic.

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

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Cost Effective:

No

Robust:

Yes

Simpler to Comply to:

similar

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)

Explaining and raising awareness about RSPO in all our presentations to customers and prospects (planters).
Engaging our partners to become members of RSPO and to become certified as soon as possible.
Refusing to deal in certain areas, where there are recognized troubles, or with some customers whom we think may have wrongful behaviour.

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

none
