

Particulars

Organisation Name	ProForest
Corporate Website Address	www.proforest.net
Related Company(ies)	None
Country Operations	Brazil, Cameroon, Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Liberia, Malaysia, Mexico, Sierra Leone, United Kingdom
Membership Number	8-0061-07-000-00
Membership Type	Affiliate Members
Membership Category	Organisations

Affiliate Members / Supply Chain Associate

Operational Profile

1. What are the main activities of your organisation?

Proforest helps people manage the world's natural resources sustainably. We are an independent, international organisation that works alongside producers, industry, governments, NGOs and communities to help them understand and address their sustainability challenges, bridge their differences and arrive at effective, integrated solutions. Our expertise delivers sustainable natural resource management – from policy, investment and procurement to production on the ground.

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

Proforest provides responsible palm oil sourcing services, giving practical support to companies - processors, buyers and traders - to develop and implement their responsible sourcing policies. In addition, Proforest works directly with growers and smallholders, helping them to meet the RSPO P&C, and providing services such as HCV assessments. We have been working with many of the world's leading companies who are RSPO members.

We have worked hard to raise funding - partly through RSPO member companies - for RSPO awareness raising and capacity building programmes, including in Africa and Latin America. This includes training for companies on key RSPO issues such as High Conservation Values (HCV) and Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC).

Proforest has also been providing support services directly to the RSPO, including for standards development procedures, facilitation of processes such as National Interpretations, and training events such as the RSPO Lead Auditor Course.

Proforest is also the secretariat for the SHARP initiative, a new multi-stakeholder partnership which is working with the private sector to support sustainable smallholder development. As part of this, models are currently being developed to ensure support for smallholder inclusion in sustainable palm oil supply chains: www.sharp-partnership.org [Click here to visit the URL](#)

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:

As detailed above, part of our work involves collaboration with the palm oil industry private sector, providing them with support services towards achieving production and sourcing of CSPO.

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

50

5. How is your work on palm oil funded?

Either directly through private companies or grants, depending on the nature of the work.

Actions for Next Reporting Period

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

Continuation, development and expansion of activities as listed in Section 2.

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 stated, the work of Proforest specializes in developing and implementing practical solutions to obstacles surrounding CSPO, at all stages of the supply chain.

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

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Cost Effective:

Yes

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)

As listed in Section 2, Proforest's work specializes in developing and implementing practical solutions to obstacles surrounding CSPO, at all stages of the supply chain. This includes engagement with and support for companies at all stages of the supply chain (including producers and FMCG), programme work to support inclusion of smallholders in supply chains, and various training and outreach events.

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

Visit the Proforest website at: www.proforest.net [Click here to visit the URL](#)
