Particulars

About Your Organisation

Organisation Name

Stichting AERA

Corporate Website Address

http://www.aidenvironment.org

Primary Activity or Product

■ Environmental NGO

Related Company(ies)

No

Membership

Membership Number	Membership Category	Membership Sector
6-0032-14-000-00	Ordinary	Environmental or Nature Conservation Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)

Environmental and Conservation NGOs

Operational Profile

1.1 What are the main activities of your organization ?

Research and advisory services in the field of sustainable land use and water management.

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

No

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

- Smallholder mapping (Sumatra)
- Mapping of RSPO grower members' certified and un-certified supply base (global)
- Land Use Change analysis and "Go-no-Go" mapping for growers (Kalimantan)
- HCV assessor accreditation, peer review
- Preliminary HCS analysis (Kalimantan)
- Formulation of sustainability policy for growers
- Sustainability Risk Assessment of various plantation groups
- Land conflict analysis (Sarawak)
- Review/monitoring of RSPO NPPs, filing of documented comments
- Verification of grower's compliance with POIG (Papua New Guinea)

1. 4 Did members of your staff participate in RSPO working groups/taskforces in the reporting period?

No

1.5 Do you have any collaborations with the industry players/private sector to support them in the market transformation towards CSPO?

Yes

Please explain how

In 2014, Aidenvironment partnered up with several growers, traders and refiners, among other to conduct:

- "Go-no-Go" mapping at concession level
- HCV assessment peer review
- HCS patch analysis
- Advice on conflict resolution
- Verification of POIG compliance
- Company group sustainability risk assessment

1.6 What percentage of your organizations overall activities focus on palm oil?

50%

1.7 How is your work on palm oil funded?

Consultancies/partnerships, donor grants

Time-Bound Plan

2.1 Date started or expect to start participating in RSPO working groups/taskforces

2016

Comment:
We were asked to be involved in working groups related to the Complaints Procedure and NPP review in 2014 and await formal invitation.

2.2 Date expected to undertake and publicise programmes to support RSPO, RSPO certification and/or good standing RSPO members

2014

2.3 What are your interim milestones towards achieving your commitments to promote sustainable palm oil (the production/uptake of CSPO)?

- Partner up with 10 growers/trader/refiners to assist them in achieving compliance;
- Continue to work with RSPO, NGOs and others to demonstrate and address non-compliances and systemic weaknesses.

2.4 Which countries that your institution operates in do the above commitments cover?

- Indonesia

- Malaysia

- Papua New Guinea

Actions for Next Reporting Period

3.1 Outline actions that will be taken in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil(along the supply chain)

Partner up with approximately 10 growers/trader/refiners;
Continue to work with RSPO and others to demonstrate and address non-compliances and systemic weaknesses, where they appear.

Reasons for Non-Disclosure of Information

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

GHG Emissions

5.1 Are you currently assessing the GHG emissions from your operations?

No

Please explain why

n/a considering scale of operations

5.2 Do you publicly report the GHG emissions of your operations?

No n/a considering scale of operations

Application of Principles & Criteria for all members sectors

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

6.2 What steps will your organization take to realize ethical conduct in business-applicable regulations and industry practices?

Work with growers, traders, refiners to explore what this means.

6.3 What best practice guidelines or information has your organization provided to facilitate production and consumption of CSPO? What languages are these guidelines available in?

We prepare such information for our partners whom either use this internally or publish this under their name.

6.4 Has your organization partnered with any RSPO members in the implementation of or benchmarking against the Principles and Criteria?

Yes

Concession Map

7.1 This questions only applies for companies who would like to declare concession boundaries owned. (both RSPO Certified and uncertified)

Do you agree to share your concession maps with the RSPO?

No

Please explain why

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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?

Whilst few RSPO-certified estates are contested, compliance with RSPO's Certification Systems document remains substandard in most majority owned non-certified estates. This is one of the core reasons why RSPO is no widely accepted as credible.

Too often, HCV assessors and CBs deliver substandard reports, not infrequently at the expense of RSPO growers' longer term interests.

We have raised our concerns by filing NPP comments and RSPO complaints, by presenting our findings at RT12 and through dialogue with RSPO staff and members.

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

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Cost Effective:

No

Robust:

No

Simpler to Comply to:

No

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)

Funding; Engagement with key stakeholders; Smallholder support; NPP comments and monitoring, supporting stakeholders to submit and follow up on RSPO complaint cases.

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

http://www.aidenvironment.org/publications/