

Particulars

About Your Organisation

Organisation Name

Sumatran Orangutan Society (SOS)

Corporate Website Address

<http://www.orangutans-sos.org>

Primary Activity or Product

- Environmental NGO
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Related Company(ies)

No

Membership

Membership Number	Membership Category	Membership Sector
6-0013-09-000-00	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 ?**

SOS works to protect orangutans, their forests and their future. We support frontline conservation programmes and campaign on issues threatening the survival of orangutans in the wild. Our projects include rainforest restoration and developing community conservation initiatives which support the protection of the Leuser forests, empowering local people to become guardians of this precious ecosystem.

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

SOS has worked with partners in Sumatra, Indonesia, to provide training for plantation workers and agricultural communities on best management practices for dealing with human-wildlife conflict, enabling farmers to protect their crops without harming wildlife. We have supported the evacuation of orangutans at risk in plantation areas, including those owned and managed by RSPO members. We submitted a robust complaint against an RSPO member in 2012 in an effort to support the increased integrity and credibility of the RSPO - this case however remains unresolved. Ensuring that standards are upheld on the ground is a crucial role for NGO members of RSPO.

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

We are in regular contact with RSPO members to support them in adhering to their commitments and continual improvements towards compliance with the RSPO standard, for example through alerting them to non-compliance in their supply chains.

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

50%

1.7 How is your work on palm oil funded?

Public donations and grants from donor agencies.

Time-Bound Plan**2.1 Date started or expect to start participating in RSPO working groups/taskforces**

2009

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

2009

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

We will continue to submit resolutions to be considered at the RSPO GA annual meetings that we believe strengthen the RSPO standard and system.

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

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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)

Our ability to promote or endorse the RSPO depends very much on the outcome of our long-running complaint case.

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

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

No N/A

5.2 Please upload related document

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5.2 Add a link to a website

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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:**

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- If none of the above, please specify if/when you intend to develop one

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6.2 If no to any of the above, what steps will your organization take to realize ethical conduct in business-applicable regulations and industry practices?

N/A

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?

N/A

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

No

Please explain why

N/A

Detail

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Website link

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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?

An RSPO member company, PT Sisirau/Ibris, was found to be actively clearing HCV, and despite the acknowledged presence of a population of orangutans within the concession, continued clearance. The RSPO's complains procedure has proven to be wholly inadequate in addressing this case.

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

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Cost Effective:

Yes

Robust:

No

Simpler to Comply to:

Yes

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)

Engagement with key stakeholders; education and outreach

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

N/A
