

About your organisation	Wetlands International		
<b>Name of the organisation:</b>			
<b>Membership number:</b>			
<b>What is the primary activity or product of your organisation?</b>	NGO: working on sustainable management of wetland areas.	<b>Other, please specify</b>	
Operations and certification progress			
<b>Activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil to date</b>	Research and scientific review on the impact of drainage of peatlands (due to palm oil) on peat-carbon emissions. Monitoring palm oil expansion on peatlands / peatswamp forests. Flag the issue of palm oil on peatlands in the media and via advocacy (sharing information on the carbon footprint of palm oil from peatlands). Push for criteria to ban palm oil produced on peat (within the RSPO and at other public / private bodies). Participation in the RSPO Peat Land Working Group (PLWG).		
Other information			
<b>Other information (sustainability reports, policies, other public information)</b>	See pdf on <a href="http://www.wetlands.org/WatchRead/tabid/56/mod/1570/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/2469/Information-sheet-on-palm-oil--peatlands.aspx">http://www.wetlands.org/WatchRead/tabid/56/mod/1570/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/2469/Information-sheet-on-palm-oil--peatlands.aspx</a>		
<b>Websites</b>	<a href="http://www.wetlands.org/palmoil">www.wetlands.org/palmoil</a>		
<b>Further information on your organisation's commitment to sustainable palm oil</b>	Wetlands International is a pro-palm oil organisation if the palm oil is produced sustainably, recognising its high productivity compared to other oil crops. Sustainable palm oil grown on peat is impossible, in view of the major subsidence issues, flooding risks caused by this and very high GHG emissions linked to oil palm cultivation on peat . The key contribution WI can provide to RSPO is science and information that will convince RSPO to adopt a moratorium on further expansion of oil palm plantations on peat and a strategy to reduce existing plantations on peat including rehabilitation of such areas. This will be in the long term interest of the industry, environment and economy at large.		

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