

Particulars

Organisation Name	Natural Habitats Group		
Corporate Website Address	http://www.natural-habitats.com		
Primary Activity or Product	Oil Palm Growers		
Related Company(ies)	Company	Primary Activity	RSPO Member
	Natural Habitats	Processor and/or Trader	Yes
Country Operations	Ecuador		
Membership Number	1-0115-11-000-00		
Membership Type	Ordinary Members		
Membership Category	Oil Palm Growers		
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Person Reporting	Jessenia Angulo		

Related Information

Other information on palm oil:

Natural Habitats, is a 100% organic operation, based on Ecuador, The Netherlands and Liberia. We are fully committed to the highest standards of palm oil organic production, social development and environmental stewardship. To share and measure the impact of our organic and sustainable values we have developed the following policies:

Responsible organic production:

NH (Natural Habitats) management and production team are responsible for the use of only 100% organic production practices. These practices should sustain and enhance the health of the soils, water, and biodiversity while at the same time should represent a development tool to integrate and empower small farmers and communities. The main areas covered by this policy are:

- Organic supplies, - Pest management control system, - Fertilization, composts, and others. NH counts with a highly motivated group of professionals researching and working continuously in ways to improve the operations' performance and alternatives to enhance organic production.

Traceability and control along the whole supply chain:

NH controls the whole production process and supply chain –from farmer to fork- to assure the highest quality results, and food safety from all its products. Occupational health and safety, and training policies are also part of this group.

Social responsibility

NH further than complying with local legislation laws, rules and contracts, develops and executes a participatory and inclusive economic model for its workers and farmers by:

- Encouraging and empowering small farm holders to reactivate the economic cycle in the communities where they are located,

- Providing employment, and generating resources for their families and communities. - Offering free-of-charge advisory and known-how on production techniques to promote the use of organic production practices. NH will work together with communities to improve their economic, nutritional, and health care levels, by developing and controlling a series of social programs in the countries of production.

Environmental stewardship:

The company works with clear objectives for energy and CO2 emissions reduction, waste management in our farms and communities, training, knowledge spreading regarding conservation and, biodiversity enhancement.

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Reporting Period

01 July 2012 - 30 June 2013

Oil Palm Growers

Operational Profile

1. Main activities as a palm oil grower

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Operations and Certification Progress

2. Total landbank available

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2.1. Total landbank licensed

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2.2. Total landbank for oil palm cultivation

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2.3. Total landbank for conservation

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3. About your estate operations

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3.1. Total area of estate plantations - planted

220

3.2. Mature area

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3.3. Imature area

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3.4. Area certified

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3.5. Number of estates/Management Units

1

3.6. Number of estates/Management Units certified

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4. In which countries are your estates?

4.1. Indonesia

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4.2. Malaysia

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4.3. Other

Ecuador

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5.1. Area of scheme smallholder plantations - planted

2700

5.2. Area of scheme smallholder plantations that are certified

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6. New plantings and developments

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6.1. Area planted in this reporting period

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6.2. Have New Planting Procedures notifications been submitted to the RSPO for the plantings this year?

No

7. Third party Fresh Fruit Bunches sourcing

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7.1. Tonnes of outside FFB purchased from sources that are not company, scheme smallholders or contracted outgrowers

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7.2. How much of this is certified?

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8. Fresh Fruit Bunches processing operations

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8.1. Number of Palm Oil Mills operated

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8.2. Number of Palm Oil Mills certified

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8.3. Number of Palm Kernel crushers and/or Palm Kernel mills operated

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8.4. Number of Palm Kernel crushers and/or Palm Kernel mills certified

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9. Total Fresh Fruit Bunches processing production capacity

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9.1. Total annual Crude Palm Oil production capacity

5400

9.2. Total annual Palm Kernel production capacity

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9.3. Total annual Palm Kernel Oil production capacity

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9.4. Total annual Certified Crude Palm Oil production capacity

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9.5. Total annual Certified Palm Kernel production capacity

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9.6. Total annual Certified Palm Kernel Oil production capacity

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9.7. Total annual FFB production capacity

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Marketing**10 Which supply chain options do you sell RSPO-certified palm oil products through?**

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Time-Bound Plan**11 Date of first RSPO estate certification (planned or achieved)**

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12 Time-bound plan - Year expected to achieve 100% RSPO certification of estates

2013

13 What are your interim milestones towards achieving RSPO certification commitment (year and progressive CSPO%)

NHG is an active member of the RSPO since 2011; nevertheless we have been fully committed to the RSPO Principles and Criteria since our operations started in 2009. As a 100% organic and social responsible company we were some steps forward in the process of the RSPO standards' compliance; and we have been working with a time-bound plan to reach complete compliance in 2013.

At NHG, we have been working in the design and implementation of action plans for the correct application and monitoring of the RSPO principles. The eight main RSPO principles have been converted into measurable and auditable actions (figure 1), and implemented since 2009. Key performance indicator and an evaluation system have been also implemented to measure the continuous improvement process. We expect to complete the RSPO process and be granted certification on the third quarter of 2013.

1. Commitment to transparency

- a. Transparency in environmental, social and legal information
- b. Management documents are publicly available

2. Compliance with applicable laws and regulations

- a. All ownership documents, licenses, and authorizations up to date

3. Commitment to long-term economic and financial viability

- a. Business plan up-to-date.
- b. Operations plan.

4. Use of appropriate best practices by growers and millers

- a. Operating procedures: production practices, soil fertility improvement, erosion control, degradation of soils control, water quality, Integrated Pest Management techniques, non-use of chemicals, occupational health and safety plan workers and small farm holders training programs.

5. Environmental responsibility and conservation of natural resources and biodiversity

- a. Environmental impact assessment
- b. Conservation areas, and endangered species protection programs
- c. Waste management procedures based on RSPO and organic practices
- d. Energy use management plan.
- e. Plan to reduce pollution and emissions.

6. Responsible consideration of employees and of individuals and communities affected by growers and mills.

- a. Participatory and social impact assessment
- b. External communication plan
- c. Complaints dealing procedures
- d. Procedure for identifying legal and customary rights.
- e. HR plan: training, freedom of association, benefits, code of conduct, company policies.
- f. Health and safety training, risk assessments, and risk avoidance programs.

7. Responsible development of new plantings

- a. Social and environmental impact assessment including soil survey and topographic information, primary forest, plantations since 2005, avoidance of extensive planting, no new planting are established on local people's land.

8. Commitment to continuous improvement in key areas of activity

- a. Waste reduction plan
- b. Pollution and emissions reduction procedures
- c. Social and environmental impact mitigation

For detailed information and yearly progress please contact: Jessenia Angulo, Sustainability Manager; jessenia@natural-habitats.com

Timebound plan - Year expected to achieve 100% RSPO certification of associated smallholders and outgrowers)

2014

14 What are your interim milestones towards achieving this RSPO certification commitment (year and progressive CSPO%)

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15 Time-Bound plan - Year expected to achieve 100% RSPO certification of independently sourced FFB

2014

16 What are your interim milestones towards achieving this RSPO certification commitment (year and progressive CSPO%)

Natural Habitats works with in a participatory and inclusive model with around 50 small palm producers. All small farm holders are 100% organic and get certified under the organizational umbrella receiving constantly training, advisory visits, and being encouraged and empowered to run completely organic and sustainable production units. Small farm holders part of NH, reactivate the economic cycle in the communities where they are located, providing employment, and generating resources for their families and communities.

At Natural Habitats, We expect to complete the RSPO process and be granted certification on the first quarter of 2013, and from the second quarter of the same year, we have prepared a time-bound plan to prepare and cover the gaps in compliance with the standards for our small holders. We have already conducted a pre-assessment on their farms, identified gaps, and build actions plans, for that reason we consider that for 2014 all of them will be ready for audit.

We are supporting and providing our experience and RSPO knowledge to ANCUPA (National Association of Palm growers) and we will work on collaboration with NGOs to facilitate the compliance with the standards for other organic or non-organic producers in the country.

17 Which countries that your organization operates in do the above commitments cover?**Actions for Next Reporting Period****18 Outline actions that will be taken in the coming year to advance your plans for certification**

2013: to work in the environmental licenses for our small farm holders (in progress)

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

1. Include RSPO in our media and public awareness 2013 plan, and provide our clients with more detailed informative information about the initiative.
2. To prepare informative flyers on how to comply with the standards and deliver them to all our farm holders and public interested.
3. To support ANCUPA in informative sessions and training activities for the whole palm sector in Ecuador.

20 Does your company have a public commitment relating to the GHG emissions of your operations?

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Public commitment relating to the GHG emissions report:

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21 Do you publicly report the GHG emissions of your operations? - Existing operations (as per Criterion 5.6)

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Report the GHG emissions of operations - existing operations (as per Criterion 5.6)

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21 Do you publicly report the GHG emissions of your operations? - Expected emissions associated with new plantings

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Report the GHG emissions of operations - Expected emissions associated with new plantings (as per Criterion 7.8)

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Reasons for Non-Disclosure of Information

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

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Reasons

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Challenges

1. Significant economic, social or environmental obstacles

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

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Cost Effective:

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Robust:

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Simpler to Comply to:

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3. How has your organization supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets?

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