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INITIAL CERTIFICATION "PALMAS DEL CESAR S.A."**

1. Introduction – NaturaCert, it is an initiative of the Natura Foundation, which has been designed to provide certification and verification of national and international standards for sustainable agricultural Colombian products. **NaturaCert** is a non-profit organization that promotes the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity through the certification and verification of national and international standards, for the strengthening competitiveness of the clients with sustainability criteria.

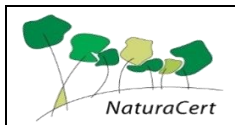
NaturaCert will be in charge of conducting the formal evaluation of the Certification Units, sites and/or production units involved in the production, extraction, transportation, processing, marketing and the storage of **Palmas del Cesar S.A.** – member number 101611400000, palm oil products. The following information relates to the palm oil mill plant and its supply base:

Name of Palm Oil Mill	Mill Capacity FFB (Tonnes/hour)	Location (In full address)	GPS Reference		Estimated / Forecast Annual Output (MT)	
			Latitude	Longitude	CSPO	CSPK
Palmas del Cesar S.A	60	Plantación Km113 vía al Mar. Corregimiento de Minas. San Martín, Cesar, Colombia.	7° 53' 10"	73° 28' 00"	18,060 Ton/year	4,200 Ton/year

CPSO: Certified Sustainable Palm Oil.

CSPK: Certified Palm kernel.

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Supply Base

Planting S.A Palmas del Cesar is located in the department of Cesar, Colombia. Following the same information is detailed.

Name of Estates / Association	Location	GPS Reference		Area Summary (Ha)		Annual Estimation Certified FFB Production (MT)
		Latitude	Longitude	Total Certified Area	Planted Area	
PALMAS DEL CESAR S.A	Plantation Km113 via the sea. Corregimiento de Minas. San Martín, Cesar, Colombia.	7° 53' 38"	73° 27' 30"	4,191.05	3,377	84,100 Ton/year
Total				4,191.05	3,377	84,100 Ton/year

The field evaluation will take place **July 11-13, 2016**.

2. Scope of the evaluation – The RSPO Standard evaluation for certification units, sites and/or production units takes into consideration, but is not limited to aspects with a potential economic, social, environmental and legal risk to the areas managed by Palmas Cesar S.A., or any other zone subjected to any impact or influence caused by the activities carried out by the organization, as well as the organizational, management and operational systems aimed at complying with the purpose and the requirements of the RSPO certification systems. By applying the following standards in accordance with the scope of evaluation required.

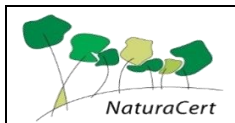
- RSPO Supply Chain Certification Standard, current version.
- RSPO Supply Chain Certification Systems, current version.
- RSPO Principles and Criteria, current version.
- RSPO procedures for new plantings, current version.
- RSPO Certification Systems, current version.
- RSPO Rules on Communications & Claims, current version.

In order to obtain a copy of the referenced standards or submit your observations on the standards, please contact RSPO: <http://www.rspo.org/>.

Details on the entity or entities to be assessed

Entity name	Palmas del Cesar S.A
RSPO Membership Number and RSPO membership	Palmas del Cesar S.A - 101611400000

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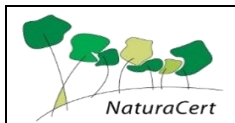


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<p>Brief description on the company (RSPO member)</p>	<p>PALMAS DEL CESAR S.A. was founded in 1960; its creation is the visionary effort of a group of entrepreneurs from Santander, Colombia who firmly believed in the cultivation of African palm as a promising tool for achieving progress and development in their region. The RSPO Certification project plays a fundamental role in the company as, according to international standards, palm oil must be socially and environmentally sustainable.</p> <p>This organization has established the conditions to embrace any change and improvement by way of management principles adapted to the demands of today's business world. We have a top-of-the-range group of professionals made up of directors, consultants, engineers, technologists and field workers at the extraction plant, who day after day put all their efforts in the execution of their jobs in the best way possible, challenging the possibility of a better future and demonstrating their unwavering commitment to fully comply with their responsibilities.</p>	
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<p>Email</p>	<p>Silvia.ojeda@palcesar.com</p>	
<p>Correspondence Address</p>	<p>Calle 35 N° 17 - 56 piso 15. Bucaramanga. Colombia.</p>	
<p>Responsible for certification</p>	<p>Silvia Ojeda</p>	
<p>Position</p>	<p>Coordinadora RSPO</p>	
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<p>Name certification unit / site and / or production unit to be assessed</p>	<p>Location</p>	<p>Date of planned Field Assessment</p>
<p>Plantation. Desk review</p>	<p>Department Cesar, municipalities San Alberto.</p>	<p>11/07/2016</p>
<p>Plantation. Field visit / Interviews / HVC Evaluation</p>	<p>Departamento Cesar, municipalities San Martín, San Alberto, Aguas Blancas, Minas.</p>	<p>12/07/2016</p>

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<p>Palm oil mill. Field visit / Interviews with the community. Bucaramanga office. Desk review.</p>	<p>Departamento Cesar, municipalities San Martín, San Alberto, Aguas Blancas, Minas. Department of Santander, Bucaramanga.</p>	<p>13/07/2016</p>
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3. Audit team:

3.1 Lead Auditor competencies

Competencies	
Name:	Yuri Alexander Carrillo
Education:	Agricultural Engineer
Training in the practical application of the RSPO Criteria, and RSPO Certification	RSPO Lead Auditors Training Course. Proforest. Santa Marta, Colombia. October 21 to 25, 2013.
Successful completion of an RSPO-endorsed RSPO Supply Chain Certification training course	Supply chain auditor for the RSPO standard certification (November 2014 version). David ogg & partners ltd. April 12-13, 2015.
Successful completion of an ISO 9000/19011 lead auditor course;	Auditor / lead auditor on quality management systems based on ISO 9001: 2008 training course. Bureau veritas. Bogotá. February 14-22, 2014. 40 hour-long course.
Professional experience:	6 years.
Audit experience:	5 years.
National language:	Spanish

3.2.3. Audit team competencies

Name	María Angélica Ocampo	Diego Andrés Bernal Forero
Education:	Ecology, health and safety management.	Agricultural Engineer, Technology in Agricultural Business Administration.
Training in the practical application of the RSPO Criteria, and RSPO Certification	RSPO Lead Auditors Training Course. Proforest. Bucaramanga, Colombia. December 9 to 13, 2014.	RSPO Lead Auditors Training Course. Proforest. Bucaramanga, Colombia. December 9 to 13, 2014.
Successful completion of an RSPO-endorsed RSPO Supply	Supply chain auditor for the RSPO standard certification (November 2014 version). David Ogg & partners ltd. April 12-13, 2015.	Supply chain auditor for the RSPO standard certification (November 2014 version). David Ogg & partners ltd. April 12-13, 2015.

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Chain Certification training course		
Successful completion of an ISO 9000/19011 lead auditor course:	Auditor / lead auditor on quality management systems based on ISO 9001: 2008 training course. Bureau veritas. Bogotá. February 14-22, 2014. 40 hour-long course.	Auditor / lead auditor on quality management systems based on ISO 9001: 2008 training course. Bureau veritas. Bogotá. February 14-22, 2014. 40 hour-long course.
Professional experience:	11 years	8 years
Audit experience:	7 years	7 years
Languages:	Spanish and English	Spanish

3.3 Specialists

Nombre	Diego Alejandro Rodríguez Torres	Nancy Milena Esteban
Education:	Biologist	Food Chemistry, Project Management Specialist
Specialty:	International Advisory HVC	Fats and Oils Quality Control
Professional experience:	8 años	9 años
Languages:	Spanish and English	Spanish

4. Request of contribution and opinions – All stakeholders involved in the RSPO evaluation process are asked for the submission of their observations and opinions regarding the management of certification units, sites and/or production units at **Palmas del Cesar S.A.** We welcome any public or confidential contribution, submitted by way of the method that you consider more convenient and safe for you. The opinions are to be submitted no later than four (4) weeks before the beginning and during the evaluation process in order to have them taken into consideration at the moment of the certification decision by the NaturaCert Committee. The following are the options to present your observations:

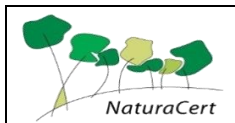
4.1 Meeting with NaturaCert’s evaluation team during the fieldwork.

4.2 By telephone. Share your observations with NaturaCert’s Technical division coordinator.

4.3 By mail. Submit your written observations via certified mail, e-mail or any other medium of your preference. These observations are confidential and will be exclusively used by NaturaCert during the evaluation of the way the certification units, sites and/or production unit are being managed, unless otherwise requested.

The stakeholders have the possibility to file any claim or complaint in relation to the performance of NaturaCert, if and when they have a legitimate interest on, or are directly affected by the operations of the organization that is being audited; they may also file appeals associated with the process and the results of the certification

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evaluation, or with any other aspect concerning the implementation of the RSPO certification systems by means of NaturaCert's PS-10 form: Suggestions, Claims/Complaints, Appeals and Disputes Report.

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