

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organization

BCS Öko Garantie Colombia S.A.S.

1.2 What are the main activity(ies) of your organisation?

- Oil Palm Growers
 - Palm Oil Processors and/or Traders
 - Consumer Goods Manufacturers
 - Retailers
 - Banks and Investors
 - Social or Development Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)
 - Environmental or Nature Conservation Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)
 - Affiliate Members
 - Supply Chain Associate
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1.3 Membership number

8-0200-17-000-00

1.4 Membership category

Affiliate

1.5 Membership sector

Organisations

Affiliates**Operational Profile****1.1. What are the main activities of your organisation?**

BCS ÖKO GARANTIE COLOMBIA S.A.S. belongs to the KIWA GROUP INT.

Kiwa BCS - the number 1 - for worldwide certification of organic products according to different standards

Kiwa BCS certifies more than 450.000 farmers and more than 1.000 processing businesses in import and export worldwide. Our services cover all vital agricultural cultivations and the majority of all relevant processing industries. Several market leaders are among the companies serviced by Kiwa BCS.

We extend our services permanently to serve you best: 1-Stop-Shop with the certifier number 1: Kiwa BCS

Kiwa BCS Öko-Garantie offers a seal for BCS certified companies, in order to help them distinguish their products in the market. The BCS seal is an easily recognizable sign for the customer to identify high quality organic products.

Kiwa BCS Öko-Garantie collaborates with organisations well-known in the field of organic production both inland and abroad. I.e.:

QAI (USA)
Organica (YU)
Soil Association (GB)
Gaa (DE)
Biokreis (DE)
ACI Australian Certified Organic
Bio Suisse (CH)
Naturland (DE)
COFCC (China)
KRAV (S)
Bioland (DE)
CAAQ Quebec
Hungaria Öko Garancia (HU)
Biokontroll Hungária Kht. (HU)
Austria Bio Garantie (AT)
Agrovet (AT)
Demeter (DE)

Also, for you, Kiwa BCS Öko-Garantie is the right partner for up-to-date and reliable investigations, information and contacts.

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

We are a Certification Accredited Body, since the 26th March by ASI.

Our scope includes P&C and SCC Certification in LatAm, specifically: Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama and Peru.

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

We were during all this period in our accreditation process.

Perhaps we can mention that within the mentioned process, we perform two certification audits, one in P&C and one in SCC in which we verified compliance with the standards, rules of use of the trademark and, in general, all the requirements demands for the RSPO.

1.4. What percentage of your organization's overall activities focus on palm oil?

10%

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

No

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

No

If yes, please give details:

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If not, please explain why:

As CAB, we must maintain our independence with the processes developed by the industry / private sector players in their process of transforming the market towards the RBSA.

The most we can do is to guide them towards the implementation of the standards, explaining the issues that generate confusion. Without entering the consulting or assessing, our participation is more informative and educational., and obviously, with the certification and surveillance audits.

1.7. How is your work on palm oil funded?

Initially, the KIWA BCS group assigned a fund to defray the expenses associated with the accreditation process, once obtained the accreditation, we depend on the sales we make for the provision of the service.

Actions for Next Reporting Period**2.1. Outline actions that will be taken in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil.**

Our idea is to carry out training throughout Latin America regarding the RSPO Certification and the elements that must be considered to achieve certification.

That is part of our marketing plan and service expansion.

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?

The main problems detected are related to the difficulty that is presented to the companies to implement the Principles and Criteria; On the one hand there is the issue of costs; on the other hand, the transition processes that were presented between 2015 and 2017 with the mandatory nature of LUCA and RaCP, because there was no response from companies that required their studies to be evaluated and approved. This delayed a lot the certificaicón processes and also demotivated many others.

2 In addition to the actions already reported in this ACOP how has your organization supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets in other ways? (e.g. Funding; Engagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)

As we expressed previously, from our role as CAB, our commitment is mainly focused on the dissemination and development of the benefits of the RSPO and the CSPO. And for that we put an availability our mass media

3 File -Please attach or add links to any other information from your organisation on your policies and actions on palm oil (EG: sustainability reports, policies, other public information)

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Link: <https://www.kiwa.com/en/about-kiwa/corporate-social-responsibility-csr/>
