

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organization

National Edible Oil Distributors' Association

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

8-0017-05-000-00

1.4 Membership category

Affiliate

1.5 Membership sector

Organisations

Affiliates

Operational Profile

1.1. What are the main activities of your organisation?

The National Edible Oils Distributors Association (NEODA) is a trade association representing all the major UK Oils and fat refiners, distributors. The association works on behalf of its members to establish and monitor industry standards by means of the Guarantee of Confidence scheme as well as a Oil Monitoring system.

NEODA has also been a strong advocate for the Promotion of the RSPO and its standards, supported by its refiner members and by direct presentations and updates from the RSPO.

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

No there is no physical oil traded.

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

NEODA has included updates the RPSO during its main meetings, which take place twice a year, which includes the invitation and participation from the RPSO to speak directly to the refiners and distributors. We have also held educational seminars which have always included the role of the RSPO and how our members are involved.

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

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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?

Yes

If yes, please give details:

We have helped educate members, including the distributors on the RSPO and helped support them to becoming members and to be also supply chain certified, were appropriate. NEODA has been actively support RSPO for at least 9-10 years.

If not, please explain why:

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1.7. How is your work on palm oil funded?

The association is funded by our membership but we fortunately have leading refiners providing their time and support including, AAK, New Britain Palm Oil, ADM, Cargill.

Actions for Next Reporting Period

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

There will be a RSPO update given on behalf of the RSPO at our April Annual General Meeting.

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?

We are a trading association so we are not involved directly in this field and have not had many issues in the promotion of this but it has been difficult to involve companies who only supply a small amount of RSPO products. This has been addressed by the group membership scheme and this will continue to be discussed.

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)

NEODA will continue to hold educational seminars to members and non members and the agenda given by experienced industry professionals and we will always include a section on the RSPO.

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)

- No files were uploaded

Link: <http://www.neoda.org.uk/sustainability>
