

Particulars

About Your Organisation

Organisation Name

Natural Habitats Group

Corporate Website Address

<http://www.natural-habitats.com>

Primary Activity or Product

- Oil Palm Growers
 - Processor and/or Trader
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Related Company(ies)

No

Membership

Membership Number	Membership Category	Membership Sector
1-0115-11-000-00	Ordinary	Oil Palm Growers

Oil Palm Growers

Operational Profile

1.1 Please state your main activities as a palm oil grower

- Palm oil grower & miller
- Palm oil mill/palm kernel crusher operator

Operations and Certification Progress

2.1.1 Total landbank licensed / owned (ha)

211.32

2.1.2 Total landbank for oil palm cultivation (ha)

211.32

2.1.3 Total land managed for conservation that is set aside (ha)

43.00

2.2.1 Mature area (ha)

211.32

2.2.2 Immature area (ha)

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2.2.3 Total area of estate plantations - planted (ha)

211

2.3.1 Area certified (ha)

211

2.3.2 Number of estates/Management Units

1

2.3.3 Number of estates/Management Units certified

1

2.4.1 Indonesia - Please indicate which province(s)

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2.4.2 Malaysia - please indicate which state(s)

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2.4.3 Other - please indicate which country(ies)

Ecuador

2.5.1 Do you have smallholders as part of your supply base?

Yes

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- Independent

Area of "Independent" smallholder plantations - planted:
ha

Area of "Independent" smallholder plantations - certified:
- ha

2.6.1 Area planted in this reporting period

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

No

2.7.1 Do you source for FFB from third parties i.e. FFB that is not sourced from your own plantation(s), scheme smallholders or contracted outgrowers?

No

2.8.1 Number of Palm Oil Mills operated

1

2.8.2 Number of Palm Oil Mills certified

1

2.8.3 Number of Palm Kernel crushers and/or Palm Kernel mills operated

1

2.8.4 Number of Palm Kernel crushers and/or Palm Kernel mills certified

1

2.9.1 Total annual Crude Palm Oil production capacity (tonnes)

7,500.00

2.9.2 Total annual Palm Kernel production capacity (tonnes)

3,600.00

2.9.3 Total annual Palm Kernel Oil production capacity (tonnes)

700.00

2.9.4 Total annual FFB processing capacity (tonnes)

36,000.00

Supply Chain Used

3.1 Which supply chain options do you sell RSPO-certified palm oil products through?

- Identity Preserved

Time-Bound Plan

4.1 Date of first RSPO estate certification (planned or achieved)

2013

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

2013

Comment:

The group only has one state in Ecuador. This plantation got certified in 2013

4.3 What are your interim milestones towards achieving RSPO certification commitment (year and progressive CSPO%) - please state annual targets/strategies

The group only has one state in Ecuador. This plantation got certified in 2013. Nevertheless, we go further than the standards and since last year we have been working on the development of a biodiversity enhancement program, and multi cropping studies

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

2015

4.5 What are your interim milestones towards achieving this RSPO certification commitment (year and progressive CSPO%) - please state annual targets/strategies

NHG is a small and young group dedicated to the production of organic, RSPO and Fair Trade palm oil. In order to guarantee the integrity of the organic oil, and to comply with the standards we only work with already certified farmers. This means that we first certify the smallholder and only after that we start receiving their FFB. All the farmers, who are currently supplying to us, have been already RSPO certified.

Every year we add new farmers to our supplying base. A transition period is required before they can supply to us (up to 3 years), and the full compliance of the standards. We have a team dedicated to guide, monitor and support the farmers in the implementation of the standards while they are conventional. Once they are ready, they undergo organic, RSPO and fair trade audits, and once they are certified we start collection their FFB.

In 2015 we expect to add to our supply base 80 smallholders (RSPO, organic and fair trade certify).

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

2013

Comment:

The group does not collect/process independently source FFB.

4.7 What are your interim milestones towards achieving this RSPO certification commitment (year and progressive CSPO%) - please state annual targets/strategies

The group does not collect/process independently source FFB.

4.8 Which countries that your organization operates in do the above commitments cover?

- Ecuador

Concession Map**5.1 With regards to the GA resolution 6g that call for map submission by ACOP 2014 deadline. Please upload your estate location concession maps in KML or SHP format here: (RSPO General Assembly resolution 6g calling for map submissions by ACOP 2014 deadline)**

Uploaded files:

- grupo-de-suministros-pequeos-productores.zip
- extraccin.zip

Map data declaration

I hereby declare that map data submission represents 100% of an oil palm growers' concession sites (both RSPO certified and uncertified)

Please state if any concession sites have been recently acquired or if any concession sites have changed ownership since the previous ACOP submission

Natural Habitats Group has added a new country to our operations. In 2013, the group started working in Sierra Leone. The operation consists of two operations:

1. Small farm holders Yele town.

The group has been working on the organisation and training of more than 2000 farmers in the chiefdoms close to Yele town (where the mill is located). As mentioned above, the operation will only start trading oil coming out of this operation when it is RSPO and organic certified.

2. Through its subsidiary Natural Habitats Sierra Leone the group owns a concession of land in Makpele chiefdom Sierra Leone. The area consists mainly of flat undulating grassland and bush.

Over the past year an extensive feasibility study has been conducted whereby ca 17,600 hectares have been identified as suitable for planting (i.e. no HCV areas, swamps, buffer zones, settlements land with less than 6 degree slope). Currently a major ESIA is being conducted.

At full scale the project will create 73,000 job opportunities for the plantation itself and roughly 500 jobs in support services for villagers in the surrounding area.

Outgrower model incorporated into the plan accounts for roughly 40% of plantable area .

GHG Emissions**6.1 Are you currently assessing your operational GHG emissions?**

No

6.1.1 What GHG assessment tool or method are you currently using?

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6.1.2 When do you plan to start assessing your operational GHG emissions in line with the requirements of C5.6?

2015

6.2 What is your operational GHG emission value (tCO₂e/tCPO)? (refer to P&C C5.6)

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6.3 What is the projected GHG emission associated with your new plantation development(s) (tCO₂e)? (refer to P&C C7.8)

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Actions for Next Reporting Period

7.1 Outline actions that you will take in the coming year to advance your plans for certification

- To conclude the training process and standards implementation for our small farm holders in Ecuador and Sierra Leone.
 - We are working towards carbon neutral certification in all our operations. All the sources of GHG emissions are being identify and measured at the moment. Clear plan and efforts will be presented by the end of 2015
 - To support the preparation of a National interpretation of the standards for Sierra Leone and Ghana (country in which we are exploring expansion).
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7.2 Outline actions that you will take to promote CSPO along the supply chain

We work in a fully integrated supply chain. Our operation only processes and trades IP RSPO certified oil. We will continue doing so, and upgrade our quality control system to guarantee even more the integrity of the oil through the whole supply chain.

Reasons for Non-Disclosure of Information

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

Data Unknown

Conflict and Complaints Mechanism

9.1 Has your Company put in place any mechanism to resolve any conflict?

Uploaded files:

- [2.1.1.3-procedure-for-handling-complains-grievances-suggestions-and-req.pdf](#)
 - [2.1.1.3-procedure-for-handling-complains-grievances-suggestions-and-req.3.pdf](#)
 - [2.1.1.3-procedure-for-handling-complains-grievances-suggestions-and-req.2.pdf](#)
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Mechanism details to resolve conflicts.

Attached.

9.2 Has your company any ongoing land conflict?

No

Palm Oil Processors and Traders

Operational Profile

1.1 Please state your main activity(ies) within the supply chain

- Refiner of CPO and CPKO
- Trader
- Ingredient manufacturer

1.2 Operation and Certification Progress

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1.2.1 Do you have a system for calculating how much palm oil and palm oil products you use?

Yes

1.3 Total volume of all palm oil products handled in the year (Tonnes)

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1.3.1 Total volume of Crude Palm Oil (CPO) handled in the year (Tonnes)

5,700

1.3.2 Total volume of Palm Kernel Oil (PKO) handled in the year (Tonnes)

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1.3.3 Total volume of other Palm Oil Derivatives and Fractions handled in the year (Tonnes)

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1.3.4 Total volume of all palm oil and palm oil derived products handled in the year (Tonnes)

5,700

1.4 Volume handled in the year that is RSPO-certified (Tonnes):

No	Description	Crude Palm Oil (Tonnes)	Palm kernel oil (Tonnes)	All other palm-based derivatives and fractions handled in the year that is RSPO-certified (Tonnes)
1.4.1	Book & Claim	-	-	-
1.4.2	Mass Balance	-	-	-
1.4.3	Segregated	-	-	-
1.4.4	Identity Preserved	5,700.00	-	-
1.4.5	Total volume of Oil Palm handled that is RSPO-certified:	5,700.00	-	-

What is the percentage of certified sustainable palm oil in the total palm oil your company sells in:

Europe 70%
India --%
China --%
South East Asia --%
North America 30%

What is the percentage of certified sustainable palm kernel oil in the total palm kernel oil your company sells in:

Europe --%
India --%
China --%
South East Asia --%
North America --%

Time-Bound Plan

2.1 Date of first supply chain certification (planned or achieved)

2014

2.2 Time-bound plan - Year expected to achieve 100% RSPO certification of all supply chains

2014

2.3 What are your interim milestones towards achieving this RSPO certification commitment (year and progressive CSPO%)? Please state annual targets/strategies.

All our supply chain has been RSPO IP already certified

2.4 Timebound plan - Year expected to only "handle/supply" RSPO certified oil palm products

2014

2.5 What are your interim milestones towards achieving this RSPO certification commitment (year and progressive CSPO%)? Please state annual targets/strategies.

We only handle RSPO IP already certified oil.

2.6 How do you promote RSPO and RSPO certified sustainable palm oil to your customers proactively?

We are continuously working with all our customers to promote sustainable palm oil, and to educate consumers and retailers about all the sustainability efforts and actions required by the certification. We are very active on social media posting articles and studies to educate about consumers and to contribute in the generation of a positive palm oil image.

GHG Emissions

3.1 Are you currently assessing the GHG emissions from your operations?

No

Please explain why

The group is working towards Carbon neutral certification, which means that all the GHG sources are being identified and our emissions are being

3.2 Do you publicly report the GHG emissions of your operations?

No

Please explain why

We will do it from next year.

Actions for Next Reporting Period

4.1 Outline actions that you will take in the coming year to promote CSPO use along the supply chain

We are developing a very ambitious content marketing strategy to create an education and communication platform through social media and inbound marketing. This efforts will facilitate the communication between our farmers, team and consumers; while at the same time, it will provide consumers with a close view of how organic and sustainable palm oil is produced in the countries where we operate.

Reasons for Non-Disclosure of Information

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

All the information that we have available have been disclosed.

Application of Principles & Criteria for all members sectors

6.1 Related to your sourcing, do you have (a) policy/ies, that are in line with the RSPO P&C such as:

- Ethical conduct and human rights
[P-Policies-to-PNC-ethicalconducthr.pdf](#)
- Labour rights
[P-Policies-to-PNC-laborrights.pdf](#)

6.2 Where relevant, what prevents you from trading/processing only CSPO?

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Commitments to CSPO uptake

Congratulations, your commitments to CSPO uptake is already 100% certified

7.1. Do you have plans to immediately cover the gap using Book & Claim?

No

Please explain why:

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Concession Map

Do you agree to share your concession maps with the RSPO?

No

Please explain why: We are working on the boundaries demarcation. We will share the maps next year.

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?

To educate and make small farm holders committed to the compliance of social and environmental standard is a very challenging activity. In order to tackle this obstacle we defined an agro-ecological production system, and instructed our agronomist team to put it into practice. The enforcement of the National law compliance monitoring system has also helped us to cover the social standards.

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

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Cost Effective:

No

Robust:

Yes

Simpler to Comply to:

No

3 How has your organization supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets? (e.g. Funding; Engagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)

Business to business education

4 Other information on palm oil (sustainability reports, policies, other public information)

Please refer to our blog for reports, editorials and more information on palm oil.

<http://www.natural-habitats.com/en/blog/>
