

Particulars

About Your Organisation

Organisation Name

UNION DE PALMEROS DEL LITORAL ATLANTICO (UNPALA)

Corporate Website Address

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Primary Activity or Product

- Social NGO
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Related Company(ies)

No

Membership

Membership Number	Membership Category	Membership Sector
8-0157-15-000-00	Ordinary	Social or Development Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)

Social and Developmental NGOs

Operational Profile

1.1 What are the main activities of your organization?

1. Orient new or existing producers in the technical, administrative and financial aspect, seeking to have successful producers. 2. Empowering small independent producers. 3. Together with local or state authorities seek the most expeditious means to manage the sector. 4. Support the Government initiatives to order the heading of oil palm. 5. Support existing producers to standardize their crops to be candidates for RSPO certification.

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

No

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

1. Registration in RSPO 2. Request for Funds to RSSF-RSPO 3. Implementation RSS- Tool (Responsible Supply) 4. Participation in pilot-testing of simplified methodology for AVC's 5. Communication of UNPALA certification project to the stakeholders such as associates, state authorities, local associations, environmental and social NGO,

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

No

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

Yes

Please explain how

1. Jaremar Group is supporting Unpala towards the certification as and adviser and implementation entity. 2. Proforest supports Unpala through the implementation of the RSS tool. 3. Rspo supports our certification process through the RSSF

1.6 What percentage of your organizations overall activities focus on palm oil?

51-100%

1.7 How is your work on palm oil funded?

UNPALA's fund works in palm oil by: 1. contribution of members per ton of fruit sold 2. Group contribution of Jaremar 3. RSSF-RSPO

Time-Bound Plan

2.1 Date started or expect to start participating in RSPO working groups/taskforces

2018

2.2 Date expected to undertake and publicise programmes to support RSPO, RSPO certification and/or good standing RSPO members

2017

2.3 What are your interim milestones towards achieving your commitments to promote sustainable palm oil (the production /uptake od CSPO)?

1. Obtaining legal status of the association and realize ordinary general meeting (2014) 2. Registration in RSPO and communicate the associates about the commitment RSPO Certification (2015) 3. Identification of Geographic scope, risks and needs of the producers. (2015) 4. staff and goup manager Training in internal audit (2015) 5. elaboration of key working material for producers such as operating notebook, daily book report, posters related: best agriculture practices, farm maintenance, safe use of pesticides, labor rights and AVC's conservations. (2015)

2.4 Which countries that your institution operates in do the above commitments cover?

- Honduras

Actions for Next Reporting Period

3.1 Outline actions that will be taken in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil along the supply chain

1. develop Producers training program (2016) 2. develop Soil and foliar analysis program (2016) 3. Pre audit of group 1 (120 producers) (24. develop of mapping project. (2016) 4. develop enviromental licensing project. (2016) 5. develop Social Impact Assessment project (2016) 6. develop AVC's assesment project (2016) 7. Training and skills development of group manager (2016) 8. put in practice key working materials for producers developed on 2015. (2016)

Reasons for Non-Disclosure of Information

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

GHG Emissions

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

No

Please explain why

because our process is in the initial phase, ghg emissions assestment are not in our program yet.

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

No

Please explain why

because our process is in the initial phase, ghg emissions assestment are not in our program yet.

5.2 Please upload related document

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5.2 Add link to a website

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Application of Principles & Criteria for all members sectors

6.1 Do you have organizational policies that are in line with the RSPO P&C, such as:

- If none of the above, please specify if/when you intend to develop one

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6.2 If no to any of the above, what steps will your organization take to realize ethical conduct in business-applicable regulations and industry practices?

Our organization is in process of developing the internal control system which will include policies, procedures and engagement in line with the RSPO.

6.3 What best practice guidelines or information has your organization provided to facilitate production and consumption of sustainable palm oil? What languages are these guidelines available in?

Our organization is in process of implementation of the RSPO P&C's and developing the internal control system not best practice guidelines have been provided or facilitate production and consumption of sustainable palm oil.

6.4 Has your company supported any community programmes, related to palm oil, on its own or through partnerships? How do you benchmark the impacts of these programmes?

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6.5 Has your organization partnered with any RSPO members in the implementation of or benchmarking against the Principles and Criteria?

No

Please explain why

UNPALA is an organization who seeks the development of sustainable production of its members therefore agrees and adheres to the P&C of the RSPO

Detail

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Website link

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Concession Map

7.1 This questions only applies for companies who would like to declare concession boundaries owned. (both RSPO Certified and uncertified)

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

No

Please explain why

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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?

Certification requires that the organization is legally and operationally structured, practicing different specific studies, needs qualified technical knowledge, competent group manager and the accompaniment of an entity with experience, all this requires considerably stronger funds. Efforts: 1. legal status of the association obtained on 2014. 2. Registration in RSPO and communication to the associates about the commitment RSPO Certification (2015) 3. Identification of Geographic scope, risks and needs of the producers. (2015) 4. staff and group manager Training in internal audit (2015, 2016) 5. elaboration of key working material for producers such as operating notebook, daily book report, posters related: best agriculture practices, farm maintenance, safe use of pesticides, labor rights and AVC's conservations. (2015) 5. Obtain fund and technical support from Grupo Jaremar (2014) 6. Obtain fund support from RSSF-RSPO (2015)

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)

UNPALA is committed with the development of their associates through the implementation of RSPO P&C. Training and develop awareness in our producers through training programs, practicing social and environmental studies and implementing better agricultural practices. All this to ensure RSPO certification of our associates and increase the productivity of their farms without compromising natural resources and biodiversity of coming generations.

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

Unpala has participated in: 1. Pilot-testing for AVC's simplified methodology which was recently approved by the RSPO. 2. Pilot-testing for RSS tool. 3. It has benefited from the RSSF of RSPO. 4. Unpala is the first Small holders Association in Honduras registered in RSPO. 5. Unpala annually informs the key stakeholders about the process of our certification process.
