

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organization

UNION DE PALMEROS DEL LITORAL ATLANTICO (UNPALA)

1.2 What is/are the primary activity(ies) or product(s) of your organization?

- 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

8-0157-15-000-00

1.4 Membership category

Affiliate

1.5 Membership sector

Organisations

Social and Developmental NGOs

Operational Profile

1.1 What are the main activities of your organization?

1. Guide existing or new producers in technical, administrative and financial matters.
 2. Empowering small independent producers through training and best agricultural practices.
 3. Create or support initiatives for the benefit of the palm sector with local, state or governmental authorities.
 4. Support existing producers in order to be candidates for the RSPO Certification
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1.2 Does your organization use and/or sell any palm oil?

No

1.3 Activities undertaken to publicise programmes to support RSPO, RSPO certification, uptake of RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products and/or good standing RSPO members during the year.

1. Development of 2016 smallholders training program
 2. Training and support in usage of 2016 Registry Book for smallholders
 3. Georeferencing smallholders crops.
 4. Social Impact Assessment developed
 5. HCV by Simplified Methodology assessment developed.
 6. Foliar and soil analysis developed by a 30% of Unpala's Members
 7. training for group manager staff
 8. Implementation of keywork materials
 9. beginning of the Environmental license process.
 10. Biodiversity assessment for producers over 50 has.
 11. beginning of HCV for producers over 50 has.
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1.4 What percentage of your organizations overall activities focus on palm oil?

100%

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 RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products?

Yes

1.7 How is your work on palm oil funded?

Unpala's work in palm oil is funded by:

1. the contribution of members per tone of palm oil fruit sold.
 2. Grupo Jaremar economic, human, logistics and advising contribution
 3. Rspo-RSSF
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Time-Bound Plan

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

2019

2.2 Date expected to undertake and publicise programmes to support RSPO, RSPO certification, uptake of RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products and/or good standing RSPO members.

2016

Actions for Next Reporting Period

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

1. develope 2017 smallholders training program.
 2. finalize HCV assessment por smallholders over 50 has.
 3. start GHG data collecting process
 4. continue Soil and Foliar sampling and Analysis for Unpala´s members
 5. develope training program for group manager Staff
 6. strengthening of Internal Control System
 7. develope Internal Audits Program
 8. develope Procedures and Policies 2017 Communication Program
 9. Continue Enviromental Licensing Process
 10. realize LUC data collection for smallholders under 50 hectares
 11. realize LUC data collection for smallholders over 50 hectares
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GHG Emissions

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

No

Please explain why

Data Collection, is about to start on 2017.

Application of Principles & Criteria for all members sectors

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

- Water, land, energy and carbon footprints
 - Land Use Rights
 - Ethical Conduct
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 - Labour rights
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 - Stakeholder engagement
 - None of the above
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5.2 What best practice guidelines or information has your organization provided in the past year to facilitate production and consumption of RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products? What languages are these guidelines available in?

in 2016, Unpala developed several keyworking documents for smallholders usage such as:

1. 8 informative brochures
2. 5 best practice guidelines posters
3. Registry book 2016

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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?

in order to achieve RSPO Group Certification, UNPALA has or is currently facing the following challenges: Economic Challenges: 1. expensive studies, assessments, and Environmental licencing process. 2. lack of economic resources to strenghtening the staff structure and expenses required for the implementation process. 3. Lack of economic resources of smallholders under 50 hectares to invest in the improvements required by the Group Certification RSPO guide 4. In HONDURAS SMALLHOLDERS CONTEXT, independent producers over 50 hectares to 500 hectares DO NOT HAVE ECONOMIC CAPACITY to establish a system based on the RSPO P&C. 5. Government lack of economic resources for monitoring and follow-up actions taken in order of RSPO Certification. 6. Rspo certification wether P&C or Group Certification requires a strong economic resources to be obtained. 7. The dispersed geographic location of the producers makes the implementation process more expensive. Social Challenges: 1. Smallholders low educational level. 2. low interest and engagement in RSPO certification of smallholders 3.lack of knowledge from local, state and government stakeholders about RSPO certification. 4. A strongly variable producers supply base due to strong competition between the companies in the palm oil sector. Enviromental Challenges: 1. government enviromental policies and regulations dificult to fulfill for smallholders and organizations supporting them. 2.The geographical dispersion of independent producers in Honduras includes producers whose plantations are located in protected areas that were declared as such after the existence of palm cultivation in that area. Efforts: 1. Encourage the whole base of UNPALA´s members to attend to training program and to enlist in the certification process. 2. Unpala´s has approached to various units of the state to request support in the RSPO certification process. 3. Unpala has shared its experiencies with other independent producers, smallholders organizations and other entities interested in supporting this type of initiatives in Honduras.

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

1. Developpe smallholders and group manager Trainings 2. Encourage smallholders in Usage of key working material for producers such as operating notebook, daily book report, posters related to best agriculture practices, farm maintenance, safe use of pesticides, labor rights and AVC´s conservations. 3. Perform a good administration of the contributions from Unpala Members, Grupo Jaremar and RSSF-RSPO

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

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