

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organization

Wetlands International

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

6-0007-07-000-00

1.4 Membership category

Ordinary

1.5 Membership sector

Environmental or Nature Conservation Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)

Environmental and Conservation NGOs

Operational Profile

1.1 What are the main activities of your organization ?

Wetlands International is the only global not-for-profit organization dedicated to the conservation and restoration of wetlands. Our vision is a world where wetlands are treasured and nurtured for their beauty, the life they support and the resources they provide. Wetlands International is a leading expert on environmental matters related to land use and management of (tropical) peatlands, including for palm oil and for pulp wood production. This pertains particularly to biodiversity, GHG and soil subsidence issues, but also to social aspects. We work in a critical and constructive manner with the corporate sector to improve their sustainability performance. We challenge their economic strategies and production system standards which lack sufficient sustainability criteria, particularly those relevant to wetlands. In addition, we also work to influence policy change and commitments from various governments. Some examples of our substantive work in this area includes science based contributions to the UNFCCC, IPCC, Indonesian and Malaysian Governments, EU (on biofuels, RED, FQD, CAP) including a successful lobby to the European Commission for the inclusion of wetlands and peatlands sustainability criteria in the EU Renewable Energy Directive and the Fuel Quality Directive.

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. Active member of Emissions Reduction Working Group and Peatland Working Group, contributing to reviews of documents, consultant reports and participating in working group meetings. Participated in RSPO GHG Workshops on compliance and lessons learnt from C5.6 and C7.8. Participated in Peatland consultation workshop preceding RT15 of the review of RSPO Manual on Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Existing Oil Palm Cultivation on Peat, and for Management and Rehabilitation of Natural Vegetation Associated with Oil Palm Cultivation on Peat.
2. The RSPO started an Online Sustainability College, based on the Best Management Practices Guidelines for existing oil palm on peat and for rehabilitation and conservation of forest and peatland. We developed all peatland related modules that contain messages to enhance sustainability practices in peatlands. These are now to reach many more people including from palm oil growers and are presented in an easily accessible manner.
3. Collaboration with Indonesia's Peatland Restoration Agency on the identification of priority peatlands and the development of guidance and demonstration sites for rewetting of peatlands.
4. Working on the joint identification of alternative economic developments on rewetted peatlands (paludiculture) with RSPO member companies.
5. Ongoing monitoring of palm oil expansion on peatlands/peat swamp forests and the impacts thereof.
6. Working on the identification and mapping of oil palm plantation concessions on peat in parts of Indonesia.
7. Collaborate with Indonesian government and NGOs in discussions and meetings on sustainable peatland management.
8. Engaged with the European Parliament, during the drafting of the INI report on palm oil and deforestation of rainforests (2016/2222(INI)), by sending feedback and supporting the approval of the report in plenary. The palm oil issue is strongly linked to the REDII dossier, bio-economy strategy, CAP and all related climate energy files.

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

5%

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

Yes

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?

Financed by various donors:

- a) DGIS, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands
- b) CLUA (Climate and land-use Alliance)
- c) RSPO (specific assignments and travel costs coverage)

Time-Bound Plan

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

2008

Comment:

GHG working group 1; GHG working group 2, Peatlands Working group (ongoing), ERWG working group, EU RED Working Group, PEET sub-Working Group, New Planting sub-Working group, P&C task Force. We also made contributions to the HCV working group. In addition, Wetlands International is an active member of the POIG and the Peatland Innovation Working Group.

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.

2018

Comment:

Our work of support to RSPO, as described in previous ACOPs, will be continued in 2018 as an active member of the PLWG.

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) Finalization of the drainability assessment guideline for plantations on peatlands
- 2) Contribution to the revision of the RSPO P&C through the membership of the P&C task force
- 3) Engage with specific companies to develop alternative economic development on rewetted peatlands
- 4) Promote alternative economic development on rewetted through the Paludiculture Platform that facilitates the discussion with and between private sector, government, NGOs and research institutes
- 5) Engage with the European Parliament on the REDII dossier, bio-economy strategy, CAP and related climate energy files.

GHG Footprint**4.1 Are you currently reporting any GHG footprint?**

No

Please explain why

We are only reporting the CO2 emissions from all flights as we compensate for those.

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:**

- Energy and carbon footprints
- Land Use Rights
Related link:
www.wetlands.org/publications/conservation-and-human-rights-framework/
- Ethical Conduct
Related link:
www.wetlands.org/publications/ethical-policy/
- Labour rights
Related link:
www.wetlands.org/publications/code-of-conduct/
- Stakeholder engagement
Related link:
www.wetlands.org/publications/ingo-accountability-charter/
- None of the above

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?

We have worked with the Indonesian Peatland Restoration Agency for development of guidelines for peatland restoration.

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Link to Website

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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?

1) A key challenge for an NGO like Wetlands International is to ensure that we have sufficient financial resources and human capacity to maintain our level of contributions to the RSPO, in terms of quantity and quality. 2) In Indonesia, certain academicians /universities are continued being paid to promote oil palm in peatland area as sustainable business e.g. <https://agroklimatologipps.files.wordpress.com/2016/02/mitosfakta.pdf>

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)

We have launched a fund to promote sustainable use of rewetted peatlands by communities through stimulation of sustainable business models and development of innovative economic alternatives on rewetted peatlands by NGO-community partnerships

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: www.wetlands.org/news/small-grants-fund-community-peatland-restoration-indonesia-launched-today/
