

Particulars

Organisation Name	Indianapolis Zoological Society
Corporate Website Address	www.indianapoliszoo.com
Primary Activity or Product	Environmental NGO, Affiliate Member
Related Company(ies)	None
Country Operations	United States
Membership Number	6-0026-13-000-00
Membership Type	Ordinary Members
Membership Category	Environmental and Conservation NGOs

Environmental and Conservation NGOs

Operational Profile

1.1 What are the main activities of your organization ?

The Indianapolis Zoo inspires people and communities both locally and globally to advance animal conservation.

We operate an accredited zoological park in the United States, fund conservation projects around the world, conduct original research on a variety of topics, and provide educational opportunities for over 1 million people annually.

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

Yes

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

We promote the use of sustainable palm oil in our educational activities, including interactions with the media. As part of that, we heavily advertise the fact that our zoo is a member of the RSPO. We have participated in the Association of Zoos and Aquarium's (AZA) Palm Oil Task Force, resulting in a position statement for all AZA institutions that promotes the use of sustainable palm oil for their individual institutions as well as encouraging guests to do the same. Each year, there are approximately 200 million people that visit AZA institutions in the US. We are now analyzing our institutional uses of palm oil and will move to only sustainable palm oil. This includes all of our vendors, such as food service, gift shops, give away items (such as candy), animal foods, soaps, etc.

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

No

If yes, please explain how:

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

Yes

If yes, please explain how:

Please see answer above.

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

50

1.7 How is your work on palm oil funded?

We are a private institution that does not receive any government money. All of our funds are earned through our day to day operations, fund raisers, special events, donations, and some grants.

Time-Bound Plan

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

2015

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

2013

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

An analysis to study our organization's use of palm oil is underway, and we will implement changes as determined by the results. We anticipate a full conversion to CSPO.

Our educational activities to promote the RSPO and CSPO have been underway since 2013.

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

United States

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)

Please see question 2 above.

Reasons for Non-Disclosure of Information

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

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- Other reason:

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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:

■ None

- Energy and carbon footprints

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- Ethical conduct

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- Labour rights

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- Land Use Rights

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- Stakeholder engagement

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

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5.2 What steps will your organization take to realize ethical conduct in business-applicable regulations and industry practices?

We are bound by the AZA position statement on palm oil.

5.3 What best practice guidelines or information has your organization provided to facilitate production and consumption of CSPO? What languages are these guidelines available in?

We have adopted the AZA position statement on palm oil.

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

Yes

- No Please explain why:

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Affiliate Members / Supply Chain Associate

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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?

The most difficult issue for us is the ability to identify palm oil products that are certified as sustainable. We have not yet been able to resolve this issue, and look to the industry to adopt accurate labelling practices to identify CSPO.

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

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Cost Effective:

Yes

Robust:

No

Simpler to Comply to:

similar

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)

Our assistance in developing the AZA position statement on palm oil has been very significant. This will apply to hundreds of zoos and aquariums, as well as their vendors. These organizations have over 200 million visitors annually.

The educational efforts of our zoo reach over 1 million people annually. We advance the use of CSPO in those materials, during personal interactions with visitors, and through our public relations in the media.

We are beginning the process to transition away from the use of non certified palm oil within our own institution.

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

We have no reports to submit.
