

## Particulars

<b>Organisation Name</b>	NES NATURALEZA S.A.S
<b>Corporate Website Address</b>	<a href="http://www.nesnaturaleza.com">www.nesnaturaleza.com</a>
<b>Related Company(ies)</b>	None
<b>Country Operations</b>	Colombia, Costa Rica, Honduras, Mexico
<b>Membership Number</b>	8-0136-12-000-00
<b>Membership Type</b>	Affiliate Members
<b>Membership Category</b>	Organisations

## Affiliate Members / Supply Chain Associate

### Operational Profile

#### 1. What are the main activities of your organisation?

NES NATURALEZA supports Latin American oil palm growers in their path to sustainability. Our actions are focused on reducing poverty in rural areas through capacity building, transfer of knowledge, information outreach and training campaigns for smallholders, medium and big palm growers and palm oil producers. In this sense, we also support them on their work of RSPO P&Cs adoption and compliance as well as in the supply chain standards.

NES NATURALEZA promotes knowledge management as a vital tool for personal development amongst smallholders. The goal is to build an entrepreneurship philosophy among them.

NES NATURALEZA promotes sustainable toolkits for companies and producers in order to improve their competitiveness on sustainable markets.

NES NATURALEZA encourages the active involvement of rural population and the added value on good agricultural practices through the balance of the three axis of sustainable development: economic, social and environmental.

NES NATURALEZA considers that the energy revolution is a milestone of agricultural development. Through specific research we promote the development of new renewable energy sources and their use. In fact, NES Naturaleza wants to create awareness on the benefits the world can achieve through the biomass use as a primary input for energy generation.

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

As a consultancy focused on sustainability and as a member of RSPO, we promote the adoption of RSPO standard not only by creating tools for helping its adoption but by translating RSPO key documents into Spanish jointly with RSPO. The fact of having main documents in Spanish language makes more easily the understanding and compliance of RSPO P&Cs in Latam.

In some countries of Central America such as Honduras, Mexico and Costa Rica, NES Naturaleza joint RSPO initiatives with different palm oil growers in order create awareness and support the adoption of RSPO P&Cs within their plantations and mills. We have also trained their work teams and smallholders for producing in a sustainable way.

NES NATURALEZA also carries out activities related to traceability in palm oil agroindustry to guarantee sustainability along the supply chain.

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

Yes

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##### If yes, please give details:

NES NATURALEZA is a consultancy that supports palm oil mills and palm oil plantations on their path to sustainability preparing them for RSPO certification. Nowadays, the organization efforts are focused on supporting good agricultural, social and environmental practices, traceability and chain of custody in order to guarantee a 100% certified product, all the way from the plantation to the final buyer.

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#### 4. What percentage of your organization's overall activities focus on palm oil?

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#### 5. How is your work on palm oil funded?

Private Resources

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## Actions for Next Reporting Period

### **6. Outline actions that will be taken in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil.**

NES NATURALEZA will continue working with companies in Latin America to help them on the adoption of RSPO P&Cs and to achieve supply chain standards. Also, conducting in mills and oil palm plantations trainings for staff and small producers. We will keep doing knowledge management and working with smallholders, focused on capacity building as a way to maintain the RSPO Standards.

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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?

Language is still an important barrier for the appropriation of RSPO P&Cs in Latam region. Even more, taking into account that there is a number of documents that are not yet translated as well as documents that enter for public consultation from the RSPO itself, but with a great limitation for regional involvement since they are not in Spanish. These, without mentioning the updates of the RSPO working teams or modifications to the processes that don't arrive in a proper time to Latam. These constrains are very costly in terms of the lenght and understanding of the actions needed for compliance with RSPO and of course the investments needed too.

In that sense, there is a need for seeking alternatives in order to have access to the RSPO information in proper time and language as it states in the P&Cs Standards.

On the other hand, the geographic distance between the RSPO and Latin America, as well as the cultural differences have also became important barriers. There are big differences in the production levels in countries like Malaysia and Indonesia compared to Latin America. There is a palm oil producer's diversity even among countries of the same region and it seems that in some cases these have not been taken into account by the RSPO. That could create some misunderstandings when adopting the RSPO even more knowing that there are very few experts in the region on HVC, FPIC, Geodata, an so on.

NES NATURALEZA thinks that it is necessary to have a closer relation between RSPO & Latam for a better understanding of the dynamics of the palm oil agroindustry in the region.

To resolve part of this we try to keep in continual contact with the RSPO in order to understand better and gather enough information for supporting our clients on RSPO impletetation.

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

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#### Cost Effective:

Yes

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#### Robust:

Yes

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#### Simpler to Comply to:

similar

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### 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)

NES NATURALEZA promotes the knowledge transfer to small growers and all along the palm oil supply chain using innovative strategies for creating awareness, for training and for understanding RSPO standards as a philosophy.

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

NES NATURALEZA has worked in the development of several researches through national and international partners, mainly focused on the future and potential of palm oil agroindustry in Colombia.

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