

Particulars

Organisation Name	Wetlands International
Corporate Website Address	www.wetlands.org
Primary Activity or Product	Environmental NGO
Related Company(ies)	None
Country Operations	Argentina, Australia, Benin, Brunei Darussalam, China, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mali, Netherlands, Nigeria, Philippines, Russian Federation, Senegal
Membership Number	6-0007-07-000-00
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 ?

Promotion of wise use and conservation of wetlands for people and nature

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

- Active membership of the Peatlands and GHG Working Group
 - Active membership of the EWRG
 - Active membership of the EU RED working group
 - Development of a guidance booklet for implementation of the new P&C regarding peatlands
 - Contribution of two blogs for the RSPO website
 - Participation in the RSPO EU meeting, London
 - Development of the near-real-time web-based monitoring tool WetlandVision for monitoring change in tropical peatlands and mangroves
 - Advice to palm oil growers in Indonesia regarding peatland management
 - Advice to RSPO members on options for phasing out plantations on peat through replacement with paludiculture of Illipe Nut
 - Influencing EU policy discussions on biofuels and ILUC
 - Active membership of POIG
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1.4 Did members of your staff participate in RSPO working groups/taskforces in the reporting period?

Yes

If yes, please explain how:

- Active membership of the Peatlands and GHG Working Group
 - review of PalmGHG tool
 - Active membership of the EWRG
 - review of other documents, i.e. HCS studies, UCS study on palm oil EF,
 - discussion on further guidance for Criteria 7.8
 - Active membership of the EU RED working group
 - participation in meeting in london to review issues and helpm resolve unclarities of the RSPO RED scheme
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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?

No

If yes, please explain how:

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

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1.7 How is your work on palm oil funded?

Financed by the Netherlands and Norway governments as part of broader climate mitigation and adaptation projects focused on achieving emission reductions from wetlands/peatlands and enhancing sustainable development.

Time-Bound Plan

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

2007

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)?

- a. Start a dialogue with RSPO members on the need to phase out oil palm plantations on peat including development of alternatives such as Illipe Nut plantations on rewetted peatlands; as a means to reduce GHG emissions and stop peatland subsidence in order to prevent flooding.
- b. Promotion of paludiculture (various commercial crops that can grow on rewetted peatlands) as an alternative for industry and smallholders to stop peatland degradation and maintain productivity.
- c. maintain and develop new partnerships and projects to promote the wise use and conservation of peatlands

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

Indonesia, Malaysia, Netherlands

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)

- 2014 - 2015: Production of the final version of the booklet: practical guidance for implementaing RSPO Principles and Criteria in relation to peatlands (already produced as a draft for comments in 2013 and presented and distributed at the RT)
- 2014- 2015: continuation of active participation in the EWRG and EU RED working groups
- commenting on HCV issues
- Working with FAO on a paludiculture book, including on tropical peatlands
- Development with various partners of a project on paludiculture, for Indonesia

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:

- eacfp
- ec
- Labour rights
- Stakeholder engagement

- 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?

Further to the above policies, Wetlands International has policies on a. Complaints procedure; b. Human rights; c. Gender policy; d. Corporate Engagement; e. Partnership policy. These all contribute to proper and ethical conduct of the organisation.

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 produced a draft of the booklet: Practical guidance for implementing RSPO Principles and Criteria in relation to peatlands.
- Through our involvement in various RSPO working groups we have contributed to guidance on GHG monitoring and have helped to enhance the EU RED scheme.
- Through our awareness raising of peatland related issues, our critical review of policies and practices and our lobby for a halt to expansion of oil palm plantations on peat and our contribution to the development of the new P&C as adopted last year, we have contributed to a more credible RSPO.

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

No

- No Please explain why:

We will participate in this in relation to GHG emissions through the work of the EWRG

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 fact that CSPO may still contain palm oil produced on peatlands forms a significant impediment to promoting its uptake by responsible industry and consumers. Our efforts have focused on lobby for stopping expansion of palm oil on peat, support to the Indonesian government for extending the Moratorium on development on peatlands and primary forests, and the start of our new campaign to highlight the issue of peat soil subsidence as a result of drainage and the disastrous long-term consequences of this in terms of enhanced flooding risk.

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

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Cost Effective:

Yes

Robust:

Yes

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)

- Lobby in the EU for appropriate legislation on biofuels (including the RED and the Fuel Quality directive).
- Awareness raising on environmental issues linked to unsustainable palm oil
- writing of communications on the achievements and challenges of the RSPO, and the need to create a level playing field for sustainable palm oil (through incentive mechanisms - and disincentive mechanisms for unsustainable palm oil)

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

See our blogs on the RSPO website.

see the the RSPO publication: Schrier-Uijl, A.P, Silvius M., Parish, F., Lim, K.H., Rosediana, S., and G. Anshari. 2013. Environmental and social impacts of oil palm cultivation on tropical peat; a scientific review. Reports from the Technical Panels of the 2nd Greenhouse Gas Working Group of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO)
