

## Particulars

### About Your Organisation

**Organisation Name**

Sabah Environmental Protection Association

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**Corporate Website Address**

<http://www.sepa.my>

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**Primary Activity or Product**

- Social NGO
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**Related Company(ies)**

No

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### Membership

Membership Number	Membership Category	Membership Sector
7-0016-13-000-00	Ordinary	Social or Development Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)

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**Social and Developmental NGOs****Operational Profile****1.1 What are the main activities of your organization?**

We work with communities that are affected by unsustainable development; we work with these communities to build their capacity and awareness on the rights that have been affected. We aim for development justice.

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

Yes

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

Attended the CTF-BHCV working groups; panel review for LUC; working with communities and increasing their awareness on sustainable palm oil.

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

Yes

**Please explain how**

We attended the briefing held by Solidaridad Workshop that was held in Sabah this year.

We attended meetings on the CTF-BHCV working group and panel discussions.

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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

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

11-50%

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**1.7 How is your work on palm oil funded?**

We are a volunteer organisation, we have very low overheads and occasionally get specific donations to deal with specific projects.

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**Time-Bound Plan****2.1 Date started or expect to start participating in RSPO working groups/taskforces**

2014

**Comment:**

Already started; looking into expanding if capacity increases to Complaints panel

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

2015

**Comment:**

Working with community smallholders to get them interested in smallholder certification schemes but have no capacity to start on its development.

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

Building internal capacity;  
learning about social audits that are conducted;  
participating in more workshops if given the chance.

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

- Malaysia
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**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**

1. Increase capacity within our own organisation first;
  2. To begin discussions with OPP/Mills that are in conflict with the communities that we work with.
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**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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**GHG Emissions****5.1 Are you currently assessing the GHG emissions from your operations?**

No

**Please explain why**

No capacity

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**5.2 Do you publicly report the GHG emissions of your operations?**

No

**Please explain why**

We are an NGO

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**Application of Principles & Criteria for all members sectors****6.1 Do you have organizational policies that are in line with the RSPO P&C, such as:**

- Land Use Rights
  - Ethical Conduct
  - Labour rights
  - Stakeholder engagement
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**6.2 What steps will your organization take to realize ethical conduct in business-applicable regulations and industry practices?**

Build capacity and awareness on these practices with the communities that we deal with; it is part of our Bio-Community Self Determination Process.

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**6.3 What best practice guidelines or information has your organization provided to facilitate production and consumption of sustainable palm oil? What languages are these guidelines available in?**

In Bahasa Malaysia

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

No

**Please explain why**

Have not had the capacity to get into this area.

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## **Concession Map**

**7.1 This questions only applies for companies who would like to declare concession boundaries owned. (both RSPO Certified and uncertified)**

**Do you agree to share your concession maps with the RSPO?**

No

**Please explain why**

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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 breakdown of environmental and social safeguards within the laws in Sabah, Malaysia.

Working with other NGOs/communities on this issue.

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

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**Cost Effective:**

No

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**Robust:**

Yes

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**Simpler to Comply to:**

No

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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)**

In bringing the RSPO message to the ground as ground up there is no knowledge on this.

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

None

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