

Particulars**About Your Organisation****Organisation Name**LEAP SPIRAL

Corporate Website Address<http://www.leapspiral.org>

Primary Activity or Product

- Environmental NGO
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Related Company(ies)No

Membership

Membership Number	Membership Category	Membership Sector
6-0034-14-000-00	Ordinary	Environmental or Nature Conservation Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)

Environmental and Conservation NGOs**Operational Profile****1.1 What are the main activities of your organization ?**

LEAP Spiral initiates, develops and supports collaborative partnerships and projects in Malaysian Borneo that address restoration and protection of the land, its biodiversity and the indigenous people that live on it. Our main programme areas are biodiversity protection, forest and habitat restoration and protection, community-based conservation initiatives, species protection and renewable energy. We also facilitate and support the multi-sector Forever Sabah programme that seeks to transition the state of Sabah toward a diversified, equitable, circular economy. In all these areas, LEAP Spiral works to facilitate committed and open partnerships that enable habitats, species and cultures to thrive and to promote sustainable economic activities that place an equal value on income security, quality of life and the health of our shared ecosystems. We also work to create an atmosphere of openness and willingness to change across civil society, government and industry.

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

LEAP Spiral initiated the Sabah 100% RSPO policy process. We wrote the concept paper which was appended to the Cabinet paper that went to the Sabah State Government and we facilitated conversations to see it through to endorsement by the State Cabinet. In October 2015, the Sabah Cabinet made the endorsement for a 100% Certified Sustainable Palm Oil (CSPO) policy at jurisdictional scale (whole state of Sabah). We were part of the forming of the Sabah CSPO Steering Committee and we are Technical Advisors on the Steering Committee. Through the Forever Sabah programme which we are facilitating, there is on-going work in the Telupid region with smallholders and villagers.

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

No

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

Yes

Please explain how

This is being done through the Sabah CSPO policy where we serve as Technical Advisors on the CSPO Steering Committee. Prior to endorsement of the policy, we were already engaging with industry players/private sector with a focus on better understanding issues surrounding communities and smallholders in Telupid/Tongod/Ranau and seeing how we could engage effectively with the private sector.

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

50%

1.7 How is your work on palm oil funded?

Primarily through grants.

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

2016

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

2016

Comment:

This is done mainly via our participation in the Sabah CSPO policy and our membership in the Malaysian Palm Oil NGO Coalition (MPONGOC) which we are coordinating.

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

We have two deliverables this year: i) smallholder organizing and cataloguing, and ii) Sabah's FPIC process.

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)**

We started the smallholder process in Telupid/Tongod/Ranau region to assess RSPO readiness. We have gathered comprehensive data which is now being analysed to support the process moving forward and we are organising in clusters to roll out a series of workshops to share the analyses and begin the process of organising and preparing for certification. We remain engaged in the Malaysian Palm Oil NGO Coalition (MPONGOC) convening meetings, informing the group of updates in the Sabah RSPO process, and to highlight issues surrounding palm oil in Sabah, Malaysia, the region and globally. We used the MPONGOC platform to help organise civil society engagement and presence in the Sabah CSPO Steering Committee. We play an ongoing role raising funds for Sabah's 100% certification process, particularly focused on support for smallholders.

Reasons for Non-Disclosure of Information**4.1 If you have not disclosed any of the above information please indicate the reasons why****GHG Emissions****5.1 Are you currently assessing the GHG emissions from your operations?**

No

Please explain why

We have no expertise in this, our NGO operations is too small.

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

No We have no expertise in this, our NGO operations is too small.

5.2 Please upload related document

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5.2 Add a link to a website

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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:**

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

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6.2 If no to any of the above, what steps will your organization take to realize ethical conduct in business-applicable regulations and industry practices?

Our strategic plan published in 2011 and not updated since states our Project Focus Areas as being: 1. Forest/habitat preservation and restoration 2. Biodiversity and habitat protection through land acquisition 3. Landscape and ecosystem protection through the exploration of new mechanisms 4. Species conservation 5. Community-owned conservation, microenterprise and eco-tourism initiatives 6. Promotion of renewable energy Item 3 (Landscape and ecosystem protection through the exploration of new mechanisms) is relevant to LEAP Spiral initiating stakeholder engagement with industry; with civil society through the Malaysian Palm Oil NGO Coalition (MPONGOC) and now with multi stakeholders through the Sabah CSPO

policy. While we are not business players, we believe our engagement in these initiatives and our decision to become a member of RSPO is aiding in ensuring ethical conduct among industry players. To read our full strategic plan, please refer to:

https://issuu.com/leapspiral/docs/leap_stratplan_full_version

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

Apart from on-going stakeholder engagement in Sabah, we have provided information or input to NGOs from overseas on documents

that support the need for high standards in ensuring palm oil is produced sustainably. However, we have not the view of undermining the RSPO process. Our CEO Cynthia Ong spoke at the European RT in 2014 and stressed that palm oil is an economic

imperative for Malaysia and Indonesia. We play an ongoing role advocating for the implementation of RSPO standards e.g. as Cynthia Ong did in mid April 2016 at the True Cost of American Food conference in San Francisco with an audience of 500 or so movers and shakers in the food and agriculture industry. From time to time, we write media statements in support of the RSPO process and the CSPO policy (these statements either carry the MPONGOC or Forever Sabah voice).

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

We never saw this as a requirement but will consider it in future. We are also hampered by the fact that we lack capacity in terms of having a dedicated staff to carry out oil palm work.

Detail

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Website link

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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?

1. The time it takes to engage with smallholders and villagers to understand their challenges and needs in far flung locations. We have through Forever Sabah engaged coordinators to carry out this task apart from working with others who are able to contribute to this process. 2. Raising funds for more effective work on the ground. We are continuing to approach those who would be keen to support Sabah's CSPO policy.

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:

Yes

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)

Mainly via engagement with key stakeholders and raising the issue through the media and presentations/talks of the importance of RSPO as the best standard that is available today. We believe our decision to facilitate and push for the CSPO policy for Sabah is one that is significant in supporting RSPO's vision to transform markets.

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

<http://www.therakyatpost.com/news/2014/06/06/work-us-ngos-tell-stakeholders-palm-oil-sustainability/> http://www.soyatech.com/print_news.php <http://www.thestar.com.my/business/business-news/2013/08/02/ngos-form-coalition-for-bigger-say-in-palm-oil-debate/> <http://www.dailyexpress.com.my/news.cfm> <http://www.theborneopost.com/2013/03/01/govt-keen-to-work-on-environmental-protection-with-organisations/> <http://www.therakyatpost.com/business/2015/07/20/100-rspo-certified-palm-oil-by-2025/> <http://www.theborneopost.com/2015/11/05/sabah-to-get-cpo-certified-as-sustainable-palm-oil/> <http://www.dailyexpress.com.my/news.cfm>