

Particulars

About Your Organisation

Organisation Name

NATURAL RESOURCES STEWARDSHIP CIRCLE (NRSC)

Corporate Website Address

www.nrsc.fr

Primary Activity or Product

- Affiliate Member
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Related Company(ies)

No

Membership

Membership Number	Membership Category	Membership Sector
8-0140-13-000-00	Affiliate	Individuals

Affiliates Members

Operational Profile

1.1. What are the main activities of your organisation?

The NRSC is a gathering of leaders in the beauty industry (fragrances and cosmetics) who have collectively committed to developing and implementing responsible corporate practices across all domains – economic, social, and environmental – along raw material supply chains, from source to finished product.

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

During 2015, the NRSC implemented the following activities: - Organization of a workshop (April 29) with NGOs, members' suppliers and RSPO. - Partnership with The Forest Trust (TFT) for a traceability exercise with members' supply chain. - Webinars to share no-deforestation approach with members' suppliers.

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

Yes

If yes, please give details:

The Natural Resources Stewardship Circle (NRSC) is a network of leaders from the cosmetics, fragrance and flavors industry who "wish to act together in concrete fashion, and based on shared commitments and principles, to preserve, over the long term, the biodiversity of the supply chains of natural products used by the industry and beyond, and to develop cooperative, sustainable, fair-trade projects with the local communities, local farmers who are the first actors of a supply chain". The association has a dedicated working group on palm since 2012, organizing 4 workshops with our members and their suppliers, as well as NGOs (2012, two in 2013, 2015). In 2015, we started a traceability exercise with the supply chain.

If not, please explain why:

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

Yes

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

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1.6. How is your work on palm oil funded?

NRSC sustainable palm oil program is funded by membership fees.

Actions for Next Reporting Period

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

Position paper: NRSC to publish a position paper on sustainable palm oil. Follow up on traceability exercise: workshop to share traceability exercise outcomes with key actors in the supply chain and NRSC members.

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?

Challenge: complexity of the supply chains particularly for our industry sector where our members are mainly using palm oil and palm kernel oil derivatives. Our effort was focused on mapping the supply chain, speaking with one voice via a collective effort.

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:

No

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)

The NRSC systematically invited RSPO representatives during supplier's workshops. NRSC workshops allow members and key actors within the supply chain to better understand and manage deforestation risk.

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

Please find more information about the NRSC on the link below: www.nrsc.fr
