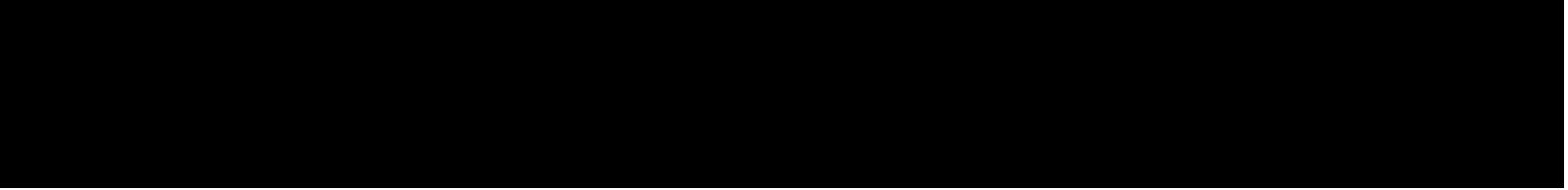


About your organisation			
<b>Name of the organisation:</b>	Oxfam International		
<b>Membership number:</b>			
<b>Organisation Profile</b>	<p>Oxfam's purpose: Oxfam works with others to overcome poverty and suffering. Oxfam's beliefs : "The lives of all human beings are of equal value. "In a world rich in resources, poverty is an injustice which must be overcome. "Poverty makes people more vulnerable to conflict and natural calamity; much of this suffering can be prevented, and must be relieved. "People's vulnerability to poverty and suffering is increased by unequal power relations based on, for example, gender, race, class, caste and disability; women, who make up a majority of the world's poor, are especially disadvantaged. "Working together we can build a just and safer world, in which people take control over their own lives and enjoy their basic rights. "To overcome poverty and suffering involves changing unjust policies and practices, nationally and internationally, as well as working closely with people in poverty. Oxfam International is a confederation of 13 organizations working together with over 3,000 partners in more than 100 countries to find lasting solutions to poverty, suffering and injustice. Advancing the social aspects of the palm oil sector has the potential to contribute to that mission. Oxfam's focus is on improving the livelihoods of people living in poverty, including smallholder farmers, labourers, and disenfranchised groups, such as indigenous people or women. Sustainable palm oil needs effective and credible verification and governance systems. Oxfam is committed to help establish these to ensure that people living in poverty benefit from RSPO.</p>		
<b>What is the primary activity or product of your organisation?</b>		<b>Other, please specify</b>	
Operations and certification progress			

<b>Activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil to date</b>	<p>In 2010-2011 Oxfam contributed to the financing of the RSPO through facilitating the search for funds of external donors. Oxfam has developed a programme to secure resources for upscaling sustainable palm oil to protect and benefit communities, smallholders and labour. This has resulted in time bound plans for the functioning and the contracting, together with the RSPO secretariat of a manager for the the Smallholder Task Force and the Dispute Settlement Facility. Part of the planned programme for the future is to also go beyond RSPO (the role of governments, emerging markets, other vegetable oil markets). Currently Oxfam Novib is exploring with the Dutch Sustainable Trade Initiative (IDH) possibilities of collaboration and support to Oxfam and the RSPO. In 2010-2011 Oxfam contributed to the work of the RSPO and its structure in several ways: * Active board membership; * Membership of Standards and Certification (S&amp;C working group), Greenhouse Gas working group; * Active membership of the Trade and Traceability (T&amp;T working group); * Active membership of the Communication and Claims (C&amp;C working group, interaction with brands and retailers in Unilever coalition); * Since April 2011 Oxfam provides one of the co leads for the Task Force on Smallholders; * Oxfam is chairing the Grievances Panel of the RSPO; * Continuous dialogue with companies for increased market uptake of Sustainable Palm Oil, including monitoring of timebound plans in the annual progress reports by members; * Publication of analysis of Colombia National Interpretation process: Responsibility and sustainability of the palm oil industry, are the principles and criteria of the RSPO feasible in Colombia?; * Facilitation role during Roundtable conference RT8 pre-meetings and plenary presentation about a supply-demand forecast scenario; * Support to Sawit Watch, other civil society partners and RSPO allies; In 2010-2011 Oxfam also carried out palm oil related activities that are not necessarily RSPO activities, but do contribute to sustainable palm oil. Examples of these activities are: * The publication of a joint Oxfam- Prince Rainforest Project report: Analysis of the Agronomic and Institutional Constraints to Smallholder Yield Improvement in Indonesia; * Active contribution to the consultation process on the development of the World Bank Group Frame Work and IFC strategy to guide future investment in palm oil; * Oxfam has started a campaign - GROW - on addressing the failing food system, advocating for favouring smallholder agriculture and for private sector actors to take their responsibility in sustainable production and against land grabbing. For more information see <a href="http://www.oxfam.org/grow">www.oxfam.org/grow</a></p>
<b>Other information</b>	
<b>Other information (sustainability reports, policies, other public information)</b>	Please attach any relevant PDFs with your response
<b>Websites</b>	<a href="http://www.oxfam.org/grow">www.oxfam.org/grow</a>
<b>Further information on your organisation's commitment to sustainable palm oil</b>	Oxfam is committed to a constructively critical position towards RSPO as a mainstream opportunity for lasting change in the palm oil sector, in order to protect resource-dependent communities, palm oil smallholders and plantation labour.
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