

<b>About your organisation</b>			
<b>Name of the organisation:</b>	Conservation International		
<b>Membership number:</b>			
<b>What is the primary activity or product of your organisation?</b>	Conservation International (CI) works to ensure a healthy and productive planet for us all. We do this through science, policy and field work, we're applying smart solutions to protect the resources that we all depend on. People depend on nature for many things. A stable climate. Clean air. Fresh water. Abundant food. Cultural resources. And the incalculable additional benefits the world's biodiversity provides. Conservation International (CI) works to ensure a healthy and productive planet for us all.	<b>Other, please specify</b>	
<b>Operations and certification progress</b>			
<b>Activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil to date</b>	<p>1. Globally, CI is co-leading the RSPO Greenhouse Gas Working Group, in order to develop a sound approach to addressing GHG emissions within the standard.</p> <p>2. CI will continue to provide technical assistance to a leading Brazilian producer to implement a biodiversity monitoring program in the forested areas within the oil palm landscape, as well as other best management practices.</p> <p>3. CI is participating in and playing a leadership role in the RSPO Liberian National Initiative, particularly with regard to assisting develop an HCV toolkit, training HCV assessors and integrating HCV assessments into national spatial planning experiences.</p> <p>4. CI is serving as informal advisor to the Sime Darby, SHARP project on their efforts to increase smallholder production in a sustainable manner.</p> <p>5. CI is in discussion with PNG's largest PO producer (NBPOL) to consider assisting them in addressing issues of biodiversity conservation and management of GHG via land-use management, including the potential to use REDD+ land swaps as part of a strategy to become a carbon neutral PO company.</p> <p>6. CI is in discussion with the Greenpalm Certificate program and Solidaridad to consider developing a smallholder certification scheme in collaboration with the managers of the Greenpalm Certification standard.</p> <p>7. CI is planning to participate in the African Road show to improve understanding of the PO industry and the RSPO model for PO production in at least 3 countries in 2011 and 2012.</p>	<p><b>1. Market Support</b> - CI's Center for Environmental Leadership in Business is working with leading corporations to develop and implement environmental strategies related to companies' direct operations and supply chains. This work includes detailed and individual recommendations for how large companies can contribute positively to solving environmental challenges or conflicts within supply chains. Within this role, CI has directly and actively promoted the RSPO and recommended to leading market actors that they support advancement of the RSPO through purchased of certified oil. This work has contributed to the commitments by several companies to only source sustainable of certified palm oil, and has contributed to the increased market demand for CSPO.</p> <p><b>2. Palm Oil Conference</b> - CI gave a presentation during a plenary meeting at the Bursa Malaysia hosted Palm Oil Conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on the importance of RSPO and the sustainable development of palm oil.</p> <p><b>3. Business &amp; Sustainability Council</b> - CI hosted a Business &amp; Sustainability Council meeting in Malaysia to discuss food security and sustainable agriculture supply chains. The Business &amp; Sustainability Council, is a council comprised of peer to peer colleagues driving sustainability within their businesses.</p>	<p><b>1. Globally</b> – CI finalized the Sustainable Biofuel Crops project, financed by the US Department of Energy. Included within this project was a spatial analysis of potential suitability for oil palm production, and an analysis of potential overlaps with areas important for carbon sequestration and storage, water provision, biodiversity protection, and the production of staple food crops, among others. The analysis also identified potential areas of opportunity – lands suitable for oil palm production that were not identified as high priority for staple food crops, carbon, water, or biodiversity. A similar analysis was conducted at a smaller scale for the Andes region.</p> <p>2. CI also provided substantial technical input to the <b>World Bank Group Strategy and Framework on Palm Oil Engagement</b>, which was formally approved for implementation in 2011.</p> <p><b>3. RSPO General Support</b> - CI contributed significant staff time and resources to the RSPO over the past 12 months through the active participation of Dr. Tim Killeen on the EB and Dr. Jatna Supriatna as alternate EB representative. In particular, Dr. Killeen lead the first Greenhouse Gas Working Group and has co-led the second GHG WG with fellow EB member Jeremy Goon.</p> <p>4. Dr. Killeen was also an active participant in the <b>RSPO Latin America conference</b>.</p> <p>5. CI provided <b>Technical support to the BHCV</b>– by seconded a full-time staff member, Mr Conrad Savy, acted as interim Biodiversity Coordinator during a crucial transition period within the Secretariat. In his capacity as BHCV coordinator, Conrad supported technical aspects around proposed HCV compensation, liaised with biodiversity offset and compensation experts and co-organized the first workshop on HCV Compensation at the 2010 RT. Recommendations from this workshop were shared with the RSPO board to inform their decisions on this issue.</p>
<b>Other information</b>			
<b>Other information (sustainability reports, policies, other public information)</b>	See attached the report from our Sustainable Biofuels Project with the US Department of Energy		
<b>Websites</b>			
<b>Further information on your organisation's commitment to sustainable palm oil</b>	Sustainable agriculture, in particular sustainable palm oil production is critical to feeding growing global populations and also solving global challenges such as poverty alleviation, food insecurity, climate change, and water and biodiversity conservation. RSPO can make a vitally important contribution to these objectives and we are committed to its success. Our contributions are noted in this report, and we will continue our efforts.		

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