

Particulars

About Your Organisation

Organisation Name

Indianapolis Zoological Society

Corporate Website Address

www.indianapoliszoo.com

Primary Activity or Product

- Environmental NGO
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Related Company(ies)

No

Membership

Membership Number	Membership Category	Membership Sector
6-0026-13-000-00	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 ?**

Mission Statement: The Indianapolis Zoo empowers people and communities, both locally and globally, to advance animal conservation. We operate an AZA accredited zoological and horticultural institution. We engage in educational efforts to serve the 1.2 million visitors we receive annually. We advance animal conservation in all aspects of how our organization is managed and run.

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

Yes

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

We have begun an internal audit within our institution to identify all areas where we use palm oil. We have identified some products that contain palm oil that is not labelled in terms of sustainability. We have discontinued our use of those products and substituted alternatives that contain no palm oil or CSPO. We will continue our internal analysis and anticipate completion in 2016. Based on the results of the audit, we will take appropriate action to move to CSPO. We also plan to create and make available an institutional position statement on our use of palm oil.

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?

No

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

10%

1.7 How is your work on palm oil funded?

Our operating budget is based on revenue from the overall operations of the Zoo.

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

2014

Comment:

We have publicized programs associated with RSPO since we joined the organization. The majority of our information is presented in the Simon Skjodt International Orangutan Center. It is a significant percentage of the public education materials that were produced and installed in the Center.

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

Our major milestone is completing the internal audit of institutional palm oil use in 2016.

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

- United States
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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 will continue to promote CSPO in our educational materials that reach 1.2 million visitors annually. We will implement actions to promote CSPO based on the results of our institutional audit on the use of palm oil.

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?

Yes

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

No --

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?

We are not a palm oil grower or producer.

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?

We provide written information on the environmental impact of non-sustainable palm oil to our visitors via graphic panels written in English. We also train our education staff to present information to visitors about the impact of non-sustainable vs. CSPO.

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

Our function is primarily related to education.

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?

Major obstacles are: -no information on products about sourcing -labels on products that are unclear about sourcing -misleading labels that suggest CSPO, but upon further research, it is clear that this is not the case -product labels that simply say "RSPO", which is not a guarantee of sustainable sourcing

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)

Our primary contribution is educating over a million visitors annually on the benefits of CSPO.

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

We have no other information to offer.
