

Particulars

About Your Organisation

Organisation Name

Natural Habitats Group

Corporate Website Address

<http://www.natural-habitats.com>

Primary Activity or Product

- Oil Palm Growers
 - Processor and/or Trader
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Related Company(ies)

No

Membership

Membership Number	Membership Category	Membership Sector
1-0115-11-000-00	Ordinary	Oil Palm Growers

Oil Palm Growers**Operational Profile****1.1 Please state your main activities as a palm oil grower**

- Palm oil grower & miller
- Palm oil mill/palm kernel crusher operator

Operations and Certification Progress**Operations and Certification Progress (for oil palm growers)****2.1 Total landbank available**

2.1.1 Total landbank licensed / owned
211.32 ha

2.1.2 Total landbank for palm oil cultivation
211.32 ha

2.1.3 Total land managed for conservation that is set aside including HCV area
43.00 ha

2.2 About your estate operations

2.2.1 Mature area
211.32 ha

2.2.2 Immature area
0.00 ha

2.2.3 Total area of estate plantations - planted
211.00 ha

2.3 Certification:

2.3.1 Area certified
211.00 ha

2.3.2 Number of estates/Management Units
1 unit(s)

2.3.3 Number of estates/Management Units certified
1 unit(s)

2.4 Total annual production (tonnes)

2.4.1 Total annual Crude Palm Oil production
8,000.00 Tonnes

2.4.2 Total annual Palm Kernel production
4,114.00 Tonnes

2.4.3 Total annual Palm Kernel Oil production
800.00 Tonnes

2.4.4 Total annual FFB processing
40,000.00 Tonnes

2.5 In which countries are your estates?

2.5.1 Indonesia - Please indicate which province(s)

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2.5.2 Malaysia - please indicate which state(s)

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2.5.3 Other - please indicate which country(ies)

- Ecuador
- Ghana
- Sierra Leone

2.6 New plantings and developments:

2.6.1 Area planted in this reporting period

206.00 ha

2.6.2 Have New Planting Procedures notifications been submitted to the RSPO for plantings this year?

No

2.7 Smallholder Operations

2.7.1 Do you have smallholders as part of your supply base?

Yes

2.7.2 Please select which type(s) of smallholder operates within your company?

- Independent

Area of "Independent" smallholder plantations - planted:

ha

Area of "Independent" smallholder plantations - certified:

3,916.00 ha

2.8 Third party Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB) sourcing

2.8.1 Do you source for FFB from third parties i.e. FFB that is not sourced from your own plantation(s), scheme smallholders or contracted outgrowers?

No

2.9 Fresh Fruit Bunches processing operations

2.9.1 Number of Palm Oil Mills operated

3

2.9.2 Number of Palm Oil Mills certified

1

2.9.3 Number of Palm Kernel crushers operated

1

2.9.4 Number of Palm Kernel crushers certified

1

Supply Chain Used

3.1 Which supply chain options do you sell RSPO-certified palm oil products through?

- Identity Preserved

Time-Bound Plan**4.1 Date of first RSPO group certification (planned or achieved)**

2013

4.2 Time-bound plan - Year expected to achieve 100% RSPO certification of groups

2017

Comment:

Up to 2015 the group only had operations in Ecuador. The Operations and supply chain are fully certified RSPO IP. In 2015, and 2016, operations were acquired in Sierra Leone and Ghana. The group is working towards RSPO IP and expects to have the West African operations certified by 2017.

4.3 Which countries that your organization operates in do the above commitments cover?

- Ecuador
- Ghana
- Sierra Leone

4.4 Timebound plan - Year expected to achieve 100% RSPO certification of associated smallholders and outgrowers

2017

Comment:

2015 - Ecuador 2016 - Ghana 2017 - Sierra Leone

4.5 What are your interim milestones towards achieving RSPO certification commitment (year and progressive CSPO%) - please state annual targets/strategies

NHG is a small group dedicated to the production of organic, RSPO and Fair Trade palm oil. In order to guarantee the integrity of the organic oil, and to comply with the standards we only work with already certified farmers. This means that we first certify the smallholder and only after that we start receiving their FFB. All the farmers, who are currently supplying to us, have been already RSPO or organic certified. Every year we add new farmers to our supplying base. A transition period is required before they can supply to us (up to 3 years), and the full compliance with the standards. We have a team dedicated to guide, monitor and support the farmers in the implementation of the standards while they are conventional. In Ecuador, farmers have been RSPO certified in 3916,13 ha. A group of 21 farmers in 850 ha already had the audit, and will join the supply base in 2016. In 2015, we certified with organic standard about 1392 smallholder farmers in Sierra Leone and now we are working towards Fair Trade and RSPO. At the moment, we are working with about 1500 smallholder farmers in Ghana towards RSPO certification.

4.6 Time-Bound plan - Year expected to achieve 100% RSPO certification of independently sourced FFB

2016

Comment:

The group does not collect/process independently sourced FFB.

Concession Map

5.1 With regards to the GA resolution 6g that call for map submission by ACOP 2014 deadline. Please upload your estate location concession maps in KML or SHP format here: (RSPO General Assembly resolution 6g calling for map submissions by ACOP 2014 deadline)

Uploaded files:

- mapas2016.zip
- grupo-de-suministros-pequeos-productores-1.zip

5.2 Map data declaration

I hereby declare that map data submission represents 100% of an oil palm growers' concession sites (both RSPO certified and uncertified)

Please state if any concession sites have been recently acquired or if any concession sites have changed ownership since the previous ACOP submission

Through its subsidiary Natural Habitats Sierra Leone the group owns a concession of land in Makpele chiefdom Sierra Leone. The area consists mainly of flat undulating grassland and bush. Over 2014 and beginning of 2015 an extensive feasibility study has been conducted whereby ca 15,600 hectares have been identified as suitable for planting (i.e. no HCV areas, swamps, buffer zones, settlements land with less than 6 degree slope). Due to Ebola outbreak the operations were slowed down, and the ESIA study was finished in 2016. At full scale the project will create ?3,000 job opportunities for the plantation itself and roughly 500 jobs in support services for villagers in the surrounding area. Outgrower model incorporated into the plan accounts for roughly 40% of plantable area .

GHG Emissions

6.1 Are you currently assessing your operational GHG emissions?

Yes

6.1.1 What GHG assessment tool or method are you currently using?

RSPO Carbon Assessment Tool

6.2 What is your operational GHG emission value (tCO₂e/tCPO)? (refer to P&C C5.6)

0.00

6.3 What is the projected GHG emission associated with your new plantation development(s) (tCO₂e)? (refer to P&C C7.8)

0.00

Actions for Next Reporting Period

7.1 Outline actions that you will take in the coming year to advance your plans for certification

- To finish the training process and standards implementation for our small farm holders in Sierra Leone and Ghana. - We are working towards carbon neutral certification in all our operations. All the sources of GHG emissions are being identify and measured at the moment. Clear plan and efforts will be presented in 2016.

7.2 Outline actions that you will take to promote CSPO along the supply chain

We work in a fully integrated supply chain. Our operation only processes and trades IP RSPO certified oil. We will continue doing so, and upgrade our quality control system to guarantee even more the integrity of the oil through the whole supply chain.

Reasons for Non-Disclosure of Information

8.1 If you have not disclosed any of the above information, please indicate the reasons why

Unknown

Conflict and Complaints Mechanism

9.1 Has your Group put in place any mechanism to resolve any conflict?

Uploaded files:

- [2.1.1.3-procedure-for-handling-complains-grievances-suggestions-and-req.pdf](#)
- [2.1.1.3-procedure-for-handling-complains-grievances-suggestions-and-req.2.pdf](#)
- [2.1.1.3-procedure-for-handling-complains-grievances-suggestions-and-req.3.pdf](#)

Please indicate when the procedures would be set up and put in place.

Attached.

9.2 Has your Group any ongoing land conflict?

No

Palm Oil Processors and Traders

Operational Profile

1.1 Please state your main activity(ies) within the supply chain

- Refiner of CPO and CPKO
- Trader
- Ingredient manufacturer

1.2 Operation and Certification Progress

1.2.1 Do you have a system for calculating how much palm oil and palm oil products you use?
Yes

1.3 Total volume of all palm oil products processed and/or traded in the year in the year (Tonnes)

1.3.1 Total volume of oil palm and palm oil derivatives processed and/or traded in the year
7,000.00 Tonnes

1.3.2 Total volume of palm kernel oil and palm kernel oil derivatives processed and/or traded in the year
800.00 Tonnes

1.3.3 Total volume of other Palm Oil Derivatives and Fractions processed and/or traded in the year
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1.3.4 Total volume of all palm oil and palm oil derived products processed and/or traded in the year
7,800.00 Tonnes

1.4 Volume processed and/or traded in the year that is RSPO-certified (Tonnes):

No	Description	Crude Palm Oil (Tonnes)	Palm kernel oil (Tonnes)	All other palm-based derivatives and fractions processed and/or traded in the year that is RSPO-certified (Tonnes)
1.4.1	Mass Balance			
1.4.2	Segregated			
1.4.3	Identity Preserved	7000.00	800.00	
1.4.4	Total volume of Oil Palm processed and/or traded in the year that is RSPO-certified:	7000.00	800.00	

1.5 What is the percentage of certified sustainable palm oil in the total palm oil your company sells in:

- Europe** 70%
- India** --%
- China** --%
- South East Asia** --%
- North America** 30%

1.6 What is the percentage of certified sustainable palm kernel oil in the total palm kernel oil your company sells in:

Europe --%
 India --%
 China --%
 South East Asia --%
 North America --%

Time-Bound Plan**2.1 Date of first supply chain certification (planned or achieved)**

2014

2.2 Time-bound plan - Year expected to achieve 100% RSPO certification of all supply chains

2014

2.3 What are your interim milestones towards achieving this RSPO certification commitment (year and progressive CSPO%)? Please state annual targets/strategies.

All our supply chain has already been RSPO IP certified.

2.4 Timebound plan - Year expected to only "handle/supply" RSPO certified oil palm products

2014

2.5 How do you promote RSPO and RSPO certified sustainable palm oil to your customers proactively?

We are continuously working with all our customers to promote sustainable palm oil, and to educate consumers and retailers about all the sustainability efforts and actions required by the certification. We are very active on social media posting articles and studies to educate about consumers and to contribute in the generation of a positive palm oil image.

2.6 Which countries that your organization operates in do the above own-brand commitments cover?

- Ecuador
- Ghana
- Sierra Leone

GHG Emissions**3.1 Are you currently assessing the GHG emissions from your operations?**

Yes

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

No

Please explain why

We are currently working on the annual sustainability report, and this information will be part of it, for public use.

Actions for Next Reporting Period**4.1 Outline actions that you will take in the coming year to promote CSPO use along the supply chain**

We are developing a very ambitious content marketing strategy to create an education and communication platform through social media and inbound marketing. This efforts will facilitate the communication between our farmers, team and consumers; while at the same time, it will provide consumers with a close view of how organic and sustainable palm oil is produced in the countries where we operate

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Other

Application of Principles & Criteria for all members sectors

6.1 Related to your sourcing, do you have (a) policy/ies, that are in line with the RSPO P&C such as:

- Ethical conduct and human rights
[P-Policies-to-PNC-ethicalconducthr.pdf](#)
 - Labour rights
[P-Policies-to-PNC-laborrights.pdf](#)
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6.2 Where relevant, what prevents you from trading/processing only CSPO?

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Commitments to CSPO uptake

Congratulations, your commitments to CSPO uptake is already 100% certified

7.1. Do you have plans to immediately cover the gap using Book & Claim?

No

Please explain why:

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Concession Map

Do you agree to share your concession maps with the RSPO?

Yes

Map files:

- [mapas2016.zip](#)
 - [grupo-de-suministros-pequeos-productores-1.zip](#)
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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?

To educate and make small farm holders committed to the compliance of social and environmental standard is a very challenging activity. In order to tackle this obstacle we defined an agro-ecological production system, and instructed our agronomist team to put it into practice. The enforcement of the National law compliance monitoring system has also helped us to cover the social standards.

2 How would you qualify RSPO standards as compared to other parallel standards?

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Cost Effective:

No

Robust:

Yes

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)

Business to business education

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

Please refer to our blog for reports, editorials and more information on palm oil. <http://www.natural-habitats.com/en/blog/>
