

## Particulars

### About Your Organisation

#### 1.1 Name of your organization

Costco Wholesale Corporation

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#### 1.2 What is/are the primary activity(ies) or product(s) of your organization?

- Oil Palm Growers
  - Palm Oil Processors and/or Traders
  - Consumer Goods Manufacturers
  - Retailers
  - Banks and Investors
  - Social or Development Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)
  - Environmental or Nature Conservation Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)
  - Affiliate Members
  - Supply Chain Associate
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#### 1.3 Membership number

3-0084-16-000-00

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#### 1.4 Membership category

Ordinary

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#### 1.5 Membership sector

Retailers

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**Retailers**

**Operational Profile**

1.1 Please state your main activities within the palm oil supply chain. Tick all that apply:

- Wholesaler
- Retail
- Food service providers
- Own-brand
- Third party brands
- Biofuels
- Other

**Operations and Certification Progress**

2.1 In which markets where you operate do you sell goods containing palm oil and oil palm products?

Applies Globally

2.2 Do you have a system for calculating how much palm oil and palm oil products there is in the goods you sell?

Under development

2.3 Does this system cover your own-brand use of palm oil and oil palm products or all brands you sell?

Own brand only

2.4 In which markets where you operate do you calculate how much palm oil and oil palm product there is in the goods you sell?

2.5 Total volume of all palm oil and oil palm products in the goods sold in the year:

2.5.1 Total volume of Refined /Crude Palm Oil in the goods sold in the year

Tonnes

2.5.2 Total volume of Crude and Refined Palm Kernel Oil in the goods sold in the year

Tonnes

2.5.3 Total volume of Palm Kernel Expeller sold in the year

Tonnes

2.5.4 Total volume of other Palm-based Derivatives and Fractions used in the year

Tonnes

2.5.5 Total volume of all palm oil and oil palm products in the goods sold in the year

Tonnes

**2.6 Volume of palm oil and oil palm products used in the year, in your own brand of products, that are RSPO-certified**

No	Description	Crude and Refined Palm Oil (Tonnes)	Crude and Refined Palm Kernel Oil (Tonnes)	Palm Kernel Expeller (Tonnes)	Other palm-based derivatives and fractions (Tonnes)
2.6.1	Book & Claim	1772.31	167.88		
2.6.2	Mass Balance	5970.02	142.64		2873.40
2.6.3	Segregated	0.74			
2.6.4	Identity Preserved				
2.6.5	Total volume	7743.07	310.52		2873.40

**2.7 Volume of RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products purchased from other RSPO certified companies (tonnes)**

No	Description	Crude and Refined Palm Oil (Tonnes)	Crude and Refined Palm Kernel Oil (Tonnes)	Palm Kernel Expeller (Tonnes)	Other palm-based derivatives and fractions (Tonnes)
2.7.1	Book & Claim	-	-	-	-
2.7.2	Mass Balance	-	-	-	-
2.7.3	Segregated	-	-	-	-
2.7.4	Identity Preserved	-	-	-	-
2.7.5	Total volume	-	-	-	-

**2.8 What is the percentage of RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products in the total volume handled by your company in the following regions:**

- Africa --%
- Australasia --%
- Europe (incl. Russia) --%
- North America --%
- South America --%
- Middle East --%
- China --%
- India --%
- Indonesia 25%
- Malaysia 70%
- Rest of Asia 5%

**Time-Bound Plan**

**3.1 Year expected to start (or year started) using RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products, in your own brand of products**

2015

**3.2 Year expected to be (or already) using 100% RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products from any supply chain option in your own brand products**

2021

**3.3 Year expected to be using 100% RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products from physical supply chains (Identity Preserved, Segregated and/or Mass Balance) in your own brand products**

2021

**3.4 In which markets where you operate, do these commitments cover?**

Applies Globally

**3.5 Does your company have a Time-Bound Plan to require the use of RSPO certified palm oil and oil palm products in the products you sell on behalf of other companies brands?**

No

**Trademark Related****4.1 Do you use or plan to use the RSPO Trademark on your own brand products?**

No

**Actions for Next Reporting Period****5.1 Outline actions that you will take in the coming year to promote the use of RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products along the supply chain**

We have requested our Kirkland Signature suppliers that use palm oil, palm kernel oil and palm oil derivatives ("palm oil") in their products to sign our supplier commitment stating that they are committed to help us reach our goal of using all RSPO certified Palm Oil by 2021 or sooner. We will continue to work with our Kirkland Signature suppliers to help them transition to RSPO certified Palm Oil.

**Reasons for Non-Disclosure of Information****6.1 If you have not disclosed any of the above information, please indicate the reasons why**

Other: For section 2.4, 2.5 and 2.7 we are reporting globally for our own brand Kirkland Signature. We have not collected data for other brands that we sell.

**Application of Principles & Criteria for all members sectors****7.1 Do you have organizational policies that are in line with the RSPO P&C, such as:**

- Water, land, energy and carbon footprints  
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- Ethical conduct and human rights  
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Related link: <https://www.costco.com/sustainability-human-rights.html>
- Labour rights  
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- Stakeholder engagement
- None of the above

**7.2 What best practice guidelines or information has your organisation provided in the past year, to facilitate the uptake of RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products? What languages are these guidelines available in?**

We have implemented our Palm Oil Policy 2015 which is currently available in English.

**GHG Emissions**

**8.1 Are you currently assessing your operational GHG emissions?**

Yes

**Uploaded files:**

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**Link to Website**<https://www.costco.com/sustainability-buildings.html>

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**8.2 Do you publicly report the GHG emissions of your operations?**

Yes

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**Support Smallholders****9.1 Are you currently supporting any independent smallholder groups?**

Yes

**9.2 If yes, how are you supporting them?**

Costco is partnering with IDH Sustainable Trade Initiative, Winrock International and Cargill on a 14-month project to develop a draft Protocol for Oil Palm Independent Smallholders for Sustainable and Responsible Management of Peat Areas. In 2016, Winrock led a series of meetings and workshops with smallholders, government representatives, researchers, NGOs and other stakeholders to develop a draft Protocol that sets forth a step-by-step program to manage peatlands in a sustainable manner, increase market access and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The draft Protocol was field-tested with collectors, palm mills and farmers in Siak regency, Riau Province, Indonesia. With their input the draft Protocol was further revised and then presented at a national seminar for additional feedback and dissemination of information. The Protocol's next step is to be shared with other organizations to promote implementation and alignment. The goal is to make it available to all stakeholders to serve as a sustainable guideline for smallholders to preserve peat areas.

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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?**

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**2 How has your organization supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets? (e.g. Funding; Engagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)**

Costco is requiring our suppliers to use CSPO for our own brand Kirkland Signature.

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

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**Link:** <https://www.costco.com/sustainability-environment.html>

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