

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organization

Golden Veroleum (Liberia) Inc. (GVL)

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

1-0102-11-000-00

1.4 Membership category

Ordinary

1.5 Membership sector

Oil Palm Growers

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

- Oil palm grower & miller

Operations and Certification Progress**2.1.1 Please state your number of estates/management units**

6.00

2.1.2 Total land controlled/managed* for oil palm cultivation, planted (already planted areas and areas used for roads, mills, housing and other associated infrastructure)

15,005.00

2.1.3 Total area unplanted (land area controlled/managed that is designated for future planting of oil palm)

14,067.00

2.1.4 Total land designated and managed as HCV areas

11,842.00

2.1.5 Other conservation areas set aside excluding HCV areas reported in 2.1.4

0.00

2.1.6 Total land under scheme/plasma smallholders certified

0.00

2.1.6.1 Land still uncertified under scheme/plasma smallholders

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2.1.7 Total land area controlled/managed for oil palm cultivation (This is an auto sum of 2.1.2 - 2.1.6.1)

40,914.00

2.2 Certification progress**2.2.1 Number of estates/Management Units certified**

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2.2.2 Total certified area*

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2.3 In which countries are your estates?**2.3.1 Indonesia - Please indicate which province(s)**

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2.3.2 Malaysia - please indicate which state(s)

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2.3.3 Other - please indicate which country(ies)

- Liberia

2.4 New plantings and developments (Exclude replanting):**2.4.1 New area planted in this reporting period**

2,736.00 ha

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

No

2.5 Supply of Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB)**2.5.1 Please choose from the list below if you have smallholders and/or outgrowers as part of your supply base?**

no

2.6 FFB processing operations**2.6.1 Number of Palm Oil Mills operated**

1

2.6.2 Number of Palm Oil Mills certified

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2.6.3 Number of Palm Kernel crushers and/or Palm Kernel mills operated

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2.6.4 Number of Palm Kernel crushers and/or Palm Kernel mills certified

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

- Mass Balance
- Segregated

Time-Bound Plan**4.1 Year of first RSPO estate certification (planned or achieved)**

2019

Comment:

GVL is currently operating a mini mill to process initial crops from maturing plantings starting 2016 which constitute a small area. Construction of GVL's first industrial mill is expected to be completed in the middle of 2017. Certification activities for the mill and associated estates are expected to start in 2018 and certification to be achieved in 2019.

4.2 Year expected to achieve 100% RSPO certification of estates

2021

Comment:

The construction of GVL's second industrial mill which will serve the remaining estates (Grand Kru county) is expected to complete in 2019. Certification activities for the mill and associated estates are expected to start in 2020 and certification to be achieved in 2021.

4.3 Year expected to achieve 100% RSPO certification of associated smallholders and outgrowers

2021

Comment:

There are no associated smallholders and outgrowers in Liberia today. This is pending the development of a Liberian smallholder/community oil palm model which is expected to be piloted in 2017. GVL intends to certify all associated smallholders together with its estates progressively.

4.4 Year expected to achieve 100% RSPO certification of scheme and associated smallholders and outgrowers2021

Concession Map**5.1 With regards to RSPO General Assembly resolution 6g that calls for members to submit maps of their concessions by ACOP 2014 deadline, please upload your estate location concession map(s) in KML or SHP format here:**

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5.2 Map data declaration

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

Not applicable

GHG Emissions**6.1 Are you currently assessing your operational GHG emissions?**

No

Please explain why: The methods and operational procedures are being piloted in 2017 and will be reported in ACOP in 2018.

Actions for Next Reporting Period**7.1 Outline actions that you will take in the coming year to advance your plans for certification**

Encourage and assist community oil palm growers/smallholders in sustainable farming methods with certification as one goal upon the establishment of the Liberian smallholder/community oil palm model. Pilot community oil palm as the model for Liberia is developed. Operationalise all relevant SOPs for the industrial mill upon its completion. Prepare for self-assessment audits in preparation for certification audit in 2018/19.

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

Continue to educate government and other important stakeholders (contractors, NGOs) on RSPO and sustainable commercial agriculture.

Reasons for Non-Disclosure of Information**8.1 If you have not disclosed any of the above information, please indicate the reasons why**

Other:

GVL plantations are just beginning to mature and there are no industrial mills in operation as yet so there are no production numbers reported.

Support Smallholders**9.1 Are you currently supporting any independent smallholder groups?**No

9.3 Do you have any future plans to support independent smallholders?Yes

9.4 When do you plan to start your support for independent smallholders2018

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?

Limited and diverse understanding and opinion amongst stakeholders of oil palm cultivation of role of growers, RSPO role and procedures, communities structure and opinions, concession agreements, FPIC process, and local conditions. RSPO procedures in case of Liberia are slow due to RSPO's lack of presence in Africa and communication challenges to Africa, and such as lack of approved African HCV assessors. Lack of common understanding and agreed interpretation of FPIC guidelines cause significant uncertainty. - GVL has developed extensive set of information materials and conducts education and information efforts amongst communities, Government, NGO's and other stakeholders. GVL takes active role in RSPO dialogue and encourages direct engagement with all stakeholders where there are issues.

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)

Active participation in developing areas in Liberia eg smallholders/community oil palm models/pilot. Initiating and leading discussions to explore the possibility of the Jurisdictional Approach in RSPO certification for Liberia.

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

- No files were uploaded
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