

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organization

LEAP SPIRAL

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

6-0034-14-000-00

1.4 Membership category

Ordinary

1.5 Membership sector

Environmental or Nature Conservation Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)

Environmental and Conservation NGOs

Operational Profile

1.1 What are the main activities of your organization ?

LEAP Spiral initiates, develops and supports collaborative partnerships and projects in Malaysian Borneo that address restoration and protection of the land, its biodiversity and the indigenous people that live on it. Our main programme areas are biodiversity protection, forest and habitat restoration and protection, community-based conservation initiatives, species protection and renewable energy. We also facilitate and support the multi-sector Forever Sabah programme that seeks to transition the state of Sabah toward a diversified, equitable, circular economy. In all these areas, LEAP Spiral works to facilitate committed and open partnerships that enable habitats, species and cultures to thrive and to promote sustainable economic activities that place an equal value on income security, quality of life and the health of our shared ecosystems. We also work to create an atmosphere of openness and willingness to change across civil society, government and industry.

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

No.

1.3 Activities undertaken to publicise programmes to support RSPO, RSPO certification, uptake of RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products and/or good standing RSPO members during the year.

LEAP Spiral initiated the Sabah 100% RSPO policy process through the Forever Sabah programme which we are facilitating. Forever Sabah is a Technical Adviser along with RSPO in the Jurisdictional Certification Steering Committee (JCSC) and in August 2016, Forever Sabah convened a two-day workshop that involved over 50 representatives from government, industry, civil society and academia to design the Five Year Work Plan (2016-2020). In waiting for the Work Plan to be endorsed by the Sabah State Cabinet, work has started for several activities listed for year one through three working groups on Compensation - High Conservation Value; Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC); and Smallholders. Activities include preparing an integrated HCV-HCS map for Sabah; preparing the Sabah specific FPIC Guide and Operational Mechanism; and trialing the Sustainable Smallholder Communities programme in the Tongod, Telupid, Beluran and Kinabatangan districts. We have continued to support the JCSC in convening quarterly meetings and more recently in reporting these meetings; and in facilitating meetings and workshops related to specific work under the three working groups.

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

30%

1.5 Did members of your staff participate in RSPO working groups/taskforces in the reporting period?

No

1.6 Do you have any collaborations with the industry players/private sector to support them in the market transformation towards RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products?

Yes

1.7 How is your work on palm oil funded?

Primarily through grants.

Time-Bound Plan

2.1 Date started or expected to start participating in RSPO working groups/taskforces

2.2 Date expected to undertake and publicise programmes to support RSPO, RSPO certification, uptake of RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products and/or good standing RSPO members.

Actions for Next Reporting Period

3.1 Outline actions that you will take in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil along the supply chain

Our focus in the coming year is to facilitate and support year one of activities for the Five Year Work Plan formulated for the Jurisdictional Certification Steering Committee (JCSC) to ensure Sabah is able to deliver on its pledge to fully certify its palm oil by 2025 based on RSPO standards. We are working closely with the JCSC co-chaired by the Sabah Forestry Department and Natural Resources Office in ensuring activities outlined for June 2017 to May 2018 are implemented. These include producing an integrated HCV-HCS map for Sabah; preparing and field testing the Sabah specific FPIC Guide and Operational Mechanism; trialing the Sustainable Smallholder Communities programme in Tongod, Telupid, Beluran and Kinabatangan; getting big industry mills to adopt their direct smallholder base and provide Best Management Practice (BMP) training; and to build capacity in oil palm BMP for the Sabah Agriculture Department.

Our Executive Chair Cynthia Ong will speak at the European RT in June 2017.

GHG Emissions**4.1 Are you currently assessing the GHG emissions from your operations?**

No

Please explain why

We have no expertise in this, our NGO operations is too small.

Application of Principles & Criteria for all members sectors**5.1 Do you have organizational policies that are in line with the RSPO P&C, such as:**

- Energy and carbon footprints
- Land Use Rights
- Ethical Conduct
- Labour rights
- Stakeholder engagement
- None of the above

5.2 What best practice guidelines or information has your organization provided in the past year to facilitate production and consumption of RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products? What languages are these guidelines available in?

Our focus is on stakeholder engagement both within Sabah, in Malaysia and with the relevant parties globally. Through Forever Sabah, we provide information via Technical Coordinators who are experts in their respective fields. This allows for the creation of robust information that feeds into meetings and workshops as discussion points. Specifically, via the Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) Working Group under the Jurisdictional Certification Steering Committee (JCSC), a FPIC Guide and Operational Mechanism is now in place and will be field-tested this year before it is submitted to the JCSC for endorsement.

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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?

1. Bringing all stakeholders up to speed with Sabah's pledge to fully certify its palm oil by 2025 to RSPO standards. There is a need for a circular to Sabah Government agencies for them to recognize the 100% full certification of palm oil pledge as being official and to be factored in when designing plans, such as land use planning. 2. It is time and energy consuming to engage with smallholders and villagers in remote areas to better understand their challenges and needs. While we have made significant inroads, the work continues and our trial in 20 villages in the Tongod, Telupid, Beluran and Kinabatangan districts is expected to provide the information we need to assist smallholders in achieving certification, and with that addressing low-yields, low income and food security. 3. Raising funds for more effective work on the ground. We continue to approach those who would be keen to support Sabah's pledge for full certification of its palm oil.

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)

When we have the opportunity to do so, we provide feedback to western NGOs and other interested parties on realities in Sabah, and how palm oil is a trade imperative that the local economy is reliant on. For market transformation to happen, there needs to be a deeper understanding of land use policies, government development plans and other realities that have and continue to shape oil palm development in Sabah.

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

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