Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organization

Forest Peoples Programme

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

1.3 Membership number

7-0017-13-000-00

1.4 Membership category

Ordinary

1.5 Membership sector

Social or Development Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)

Social and Developmental NGOs

Operational Profile

1.1 What are the main activities of your organization?

Supporting the rights of forest peoples

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.

We develop standards, help develop guides on implementation, advise on participation, sponsor community involvement in RTs, monitor company compliance and seek to get companies in non-compliance sanctioned to incentivise reforms. We also work to reform laws and policies to make it easier for companies to comply with RSPO P&C

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

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

Yes

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?

Donations and grants. We do not accept private sector monies.

Time-Bound Plan

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

2005

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.

2007

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

Engage with the Palm Oil Innovators Group
We develop the social components of HCS, ensure these become part of HCV system and eventually part of RSPO P&C. We are keen to help the RSPO IMO Outreach programme and see the FPIC Guide implemented. We are engaging with companies against which the Complaints Panel has upheld complaints to revise their operations and relations with communities and smallholders to bring themselves into compliance.
Continued engagement with communities, supportive CSOs and RSPO members over a series of land disputes, most of which have been submitted to RSPO Complaints Panel, including the cases of: Genting in Sabah; IOI-Pelita in Sarawak; Wilmar International (PT PHP 1) in West Sumatra, Indonesia; Golden Agri-Resources (PT KPC and 17 other GAR subsidiaries) in Indonesia; Goodhope (PT Nabire) in Papua Province, Indonesia; Sime Darby Liberia; Golden Veroleum Limited in Liberia; Olam and Wilmar joint venture, Maryland Oil Palm Plantation in Liberia; Poligrow in Colombia
Engaged with the High Carbon Stock Approach Executive Committee and contributed to the merger between the HCSA and HCS+ systems
•Contributed revised text for the High Carbon Stock Approach Toolkit 2.0
•Developed a working draft of the Social Requirements for HCS Conservation in Oil Palm Development to be field trialled in 2018

GHG Footprint

4.1 Are you currently reporting any GHG footprint?

No

Please explain why

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:

- ☑ Water, land, 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?

• Followed up on Resolution 6h(2015) with the RSPO Board of Governors and Secretariat
• Finalised 17 training films on FPIC for the RSPO e-college
• Developed requirements for CBs assessing FPIC at the time of New Plantings Procedure (NPP)
• Provided training to CBs on assessing FPIC at NPP
• In coordination with the Secretariat and RSPO Human Rights Working Group (HRWG), developed draft text for adoption by the Board for the implementation of requirements under Resolution 6e on Protections for Whistleblowers, Human Rights Defenders, Complainants and Community spokespersons.
• Commented on the draft Guide for FPIC for the Sabah Jurisdictional Approach pilot
• Continued active engagement in the Dispute Settlement Facility Advisory Group, HRWG and BHCVWG
• Provided detailed advice to Asian and Latin American NGOs on how to engage with RSPO's InterMediary Organisations Outreach programme
• Published a critical assessment of RSPO and FSC certification systems in the IUCN publication, Policy Matters (21):149-165.
Unfortunately we have found that major RSPO companies including those represented on the Board violate FPIC and are involved in land grabs. We have raised this matter at the last 3 General Assemblies and are still awaiting a meaningful response from the RSPO CEO and BoG. We are working to improve the INA NI.

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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?

2 In addition to the actions already reported in this ACOP how has your organization supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets in other ways? (e.g. Funding; Engagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)

3 File -Please attach or add links to any other information from your organisation on your policies and actions on palm oil (EG: sustainability reports, policies, other public information)

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Link: forestpeoples.org