

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organization

ZOOLOGICAL PARKS BOARD OF NSW

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

6-0039-15-000-00

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 ?**

Taronga Conservation Society Australia (Taronga) is a not-for-profit organisation, acting to conserve wildlife. Operating Taronga Zoo in Sydney, New South Wales (NSW) and Taronga Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo, NSW, Taronga cares for wildlife and creates transformational experiences that inspire guests to become champions for wildlife.

Taronga participates in regional and global conservation breeding programs to establish insurance populations for species threatened in the wild, and carries out world-class research whilst focussing on increasing education and awareness about the threats facing wildlife.

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

Yes, in products for sale in our catering outlets.

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.

In August 2016, Taronga led the establishment of the Australasian Responsible Palm Oil Network, representing seventeen leading Zoo-based conservation and wildlife organisations across Australia and New Zealand. It is our vision that 100% of all products in Australia and New Zealand are deforestation free. Using palm oil as a flagship crop we aim to halt and reverse deforestation globally, and encourage the restoration of forest cover at least to the levels seen in 2010, and protect the world's last intact rainforests.

The Responsible Palm Oil Network's mission is to drive the transition to Certified Sustainable Palm Oil by encouraging companies to use only CSPO in all the products they make and sell.

Taronga also promoted uptake of RSPO Certified Sustainable Palm Oil through information on the zoo website.

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

2%

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?

No

1.7 How is your work on palm oil funded?

Taronga's public education program on palm oil is funded within the internal conservation program.

Time-Bound Plan**2.1 Date started or expected to start participating in RSPO working groups/taskforces**

2017

Comment:

Taronga remains open to future opportunities to serve as a member of a working group for which our skills are well suited.

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.

2017

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

As a part of the role of a modern Zoo in providing public education, Taronga will be implementing a new program to educate consumers about Certified Sustainable Palm Oil (CSPO). This will be facilitated through the new Sumatran Tiger experience, via interpretation and a digital supermarket.

By educating, empowering and helping consumers to make better choices, and those involved in the supply chain, Taronga will be supporting the transition towards a truly responsible palm oil industry.

Taronga will work with Australian companies to encourage them to commit to transition to RSPO Certified Sustainable Palm Oil (100% Segregated). The performance of manufacturers and retailers who use palm oil will be rated using public information against a variety of indicators including performance against Taronga's policy statement and other rating systems used by Zoos and other NGOs, including the Palm Oil Scorecard by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), who have been measuring sustainability and leading market transformation on palm oil in Australia.

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

Yes

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

Yes

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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

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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?

- Responsible Palm Oil Network Joint Position Statement - English
- Taronga Zoo website, Raise your Palm - English

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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?

- No legal requirement to label palm oil within Australia and New Zealand, so consumers find it difficult to shop for products that are made with CSPO. This makes it difficult to promote CSPO as it is hard to give our zoo visitors clear actions to follow in regards to consumer choices. In order to overcome this, Taronga has focussed on market transformation rather than consumer choice to promote CSPO. - A strong pro-boycott attitude still remains in Australia, with active campaigns by some groups to stop using palm oil, rather than promoting CSPO. Taronga has undertaken message testing with several partners to inform educational material for Zoo guests.

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)

Taronga also supports the transition to CSPO through formal education programs delivered to schools across NSW.

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

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