

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

PalmElit SAS

1.2 Membership Number

8-0147-13-000-00

1.3 Membership Sector

Associations

1.4 Membership Category

Affiliate

1.5 Country

France

2.0 Does your company or organisation produce, process, consume or sell any palm oil or any products containing derivatives of palm oil?

No

2.2 Please select all the sectors that best describe the business activities of your company or organisation, including your primary RSPO membership sector. You may select multiple sectors and will be required to complete the ACOP form for the relevant sectors

- I am a bank or financial institution that finances or supports companies or organisations that produce or manufacture palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products
- I am a conservation and environmental NGO supporting the sustainable development of the palm oil industry
- I am a social and human development NGO supporting the sustainable development of the palm oil industry
- I am an Affiliate member of the RSPO, indirectly involved in the palm oil industry

Affiliates

1. Operational Profile

1.1 What are the main activities of your organisation?

Our organization's main activities include research, breeding, production, and marketing of oil palm seeds. Additionally, in 2023, we expanded our services to include agricultural Best Management Practices implementation and auditing.

1.2 What activities has your organisation undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or RSPO members in the reporting period?

During the reporting period, PalmElit engaged in a comprehensive strategic assessment aimed at enhancing sustainability within the organization. This initiative was supported by a consultant with extensive expertise in RSPO. As a result, a Sustainability Charter was developed, accompanied by practical tools such as a questionnaire and decision tree to aid in its implementation.

1.3 What percentage of your organisation's overall activities focus on palm oil?

100.0%

1.4 Did members of your organisation participate in RSPO working groups and/or taskforces in the reporting period?

No

1.5 Does your organisation have any past or on-going collaborations with public or private sector palm oil industry players to support them in their efforts to increase the production or consumption of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)?

No

1.6 How is your organisation's work on palm oil funded?

PalmElit's work on palm oil is 100% funded by sales of seeds, services and Royalties.

2. Actions for Next Reporting Period

2.1 Please outline activities that your organisation will take in the coming year to promote the production or consumption of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)

1) We aim to facilitate the transition towards the production of certified sustainable palm oil by taking these proactive measures:

- Conducting assessments of the projects of our clients to evaluate their alignment with RSPO requirements. This will involve reviewing their current practices and identifying areas for improvement to meet sustainability standards.
- Developing personalized roadmaps with each client outlining steps to implement RSPO-compliant practices. These roadmaps will serve as practical guides, detailing actions to be taken and timelines for implementation.
- Providing ongoing support and guidance to clients throughout the implementation process. We will offer training, and assistance to help them navigate the complexities of adopting sustainable palm oil practices.

2) In the coming year, we intend to collaborate closely with our various partners who are influential stakeholders in the industry, fostering their commitment to adopting and implementing our sustainability charter. By doing so, we aim to extend our reach and raise awareness among growers, encouraging them to pursue RSPO certification.

3) Additionally, we intend to organize our traditional events across various countries in Africa, inviting all stakeholders involved in the palm oil industry. These events will serve as platforms to raise awareness among attendees about the importance of sustainable palm oil production and consumption.

Challenges and Support

1.1 What significant obstacles or challenges has your company encountered in the promotion of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)? What efforts has your company taken to address these obstacles or challenges?

- Awareness of RSPO in the market
- Difficulties in the certification process
- Certification of smallholders
- Competition with non-RSPO members
- High costs in achieving or adhering to certification
- Human rights issues
- Insufficient demand for RSPO-certified palm oil
- Low usage of palm oil
- Reputation of palm oil in the market
- Reputation of RSPO in the market
- Supply issues
- Traceability issues
- No challenges faced
- Others

Others

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1.2 In addition to the actions already reported in this ACOP report, what other ways has your company supported the vision of the RSPO to transform markets to make sustainable palm oil the norm?

- Communication and/or engagement to transform the negative perception of palm oil
- Engagement with business partners or consumers on the use of CSPO
- Engagement with government agencies
- Engagement with peers and clients
- Promotion of CSPO through off product claims
- Promotion of CSPO outside of RSPO venues such as trade workshops or industry associations
- Promotion of physical CSPO
- Providing funding or support for CSPO development efforts
- Research & Development support
- Stakeholder engagement
- No actions taken
- Others

Others

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1.3 If your company has any other publicly-available reports or information regarding its palm oil-related policies and activities, please provide the links here

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