

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

Asociación Cámara Nacional de Productores de Palma

1.2 Membership Number

8-0288-23-000-00

1.3 Membership Sector

Organisations

1.4 Membership Category

Affiliate

1.5 Country

Costa Rica

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?

The Asociación Cámara Nacional de Productores de Palma, CANAPALMA, is a non-profit association whose mission is to represent the Costa Rican palm sector. One of our objectives is to accompany the producer in the implementation of the best productive practices, so that they are competitive and sustainable, thus achieving the integral development of the palm oil sector. Some of the actions periodically developed by CANAPALMA are: - Representing palm growers before Government and Institutions, national and international organizations. - Training and distribution of information on best production practices. - Distribution of information on prices and palm oil market trends. - Distribution of monthly bulletins with relevant information for palm oil producers. - Promotion and review of legal regulations that seek to improve the national palm oil activity. - Support in special events that affect the sector.

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

During this period we have signed a partnership agreement with the RSPO Smallholder Trainer Academy, and as a result of this collaboration, we have participated in the second Master Training course, during October 2023, which was held at the Center for Research and Innovation for the Sustainability of Oil Palm (CIISPALMA-FEMEXPALMA) in Villahermosa, Mexico.

In addition, we have established close ties with RSPO officials in Latin America, to join efforts towards the achievement of the promotion of sustainable palm oil.

This has been just the beginning, as we intend to make 2024 even more prosperous for RSPO sustainable palm oil in our region.

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)?

Yes

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

As Canapalma is a trade association that brings together large and small producers in the area, it receives a symbolic contribution from each of its members, which pays for the administration of the association and technical support programs for producers.

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)

With the support of RSPO Latin America officials, we are defining action plans to jointly carry out technical assistance programs, training, and support in the formation of groups of independent smallholders to lead them to RSPO certification in the short and mid term.

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

We have sought the help of RSPO Latin America to request technical and professional support, and in addition, we have met with officials of the palm oil mills in the region to join forces so that together we can achieve the promotion of sustainable palm oil and thus move towards certification of smallholders.

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

<http://www.canapalma.cr/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Boletin-CANAPALMA-Precio-Fruta-Octubre-2023-1.pdf>