

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

NEPCon F.M.B.A (known as Preferred by Nature)

1.2 Membership Number

8-0245-20-000-00

1.3 Membership Sector

Organisations

1.4 Membership Category

Affiliate

1.5 Country

Estonia

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?

Preferred by Nature (formerly known as NEPCon) is a non-profit organisation that supports better land management and business practices that benefit people, nature and the climate. We do this through a unique combination of sustainability certification services, projects supporting awareness raising, and capacity building. NEPCon F.M.B.A's main activities include the development and maintenance of environmental and conservation projects, projects related to legality in timber and agriculture sectors, capacity building and sustainability certification services, such as RSPO SCC, Forest Stewardship Council, Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification, Rainforest Alliance, Sustainable Rice Platform, Sustainable Biomass Partnership, Legal Source. The challenge is to reach this goal whilst protecting the natural environment on which we depend and which is increasingly under pressure. The potential for a sustainable world is there. Good solutions for responsible land management and climate friendly business already exist, and more are under way. We are working to unlock the potential through innovation projects and by promoting high-impact solutions that result in deep-seated change. For more than 25 years, we have worked to develop practical solutions to drive positive impacts in production landscapes and supply chains in 100+ countries. We focus on land use, primarily through forest, agriculture, and climate impact commodities, and related sectors such as tourism and conservation.

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

As an accredited Certification Body for RSPO SCC, we provide information about RSPO SCC certification on our website:<https://www.preferredbynature.org/certification/rspo>. Meanwhile currently we are also expanding our services for RSPO P&C, and still in the process to get the accreditation from ASI.

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

5.0%

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?

Our RSPO SCC certification services are funded directly by the clients. In non-certification palm oil related projects, the financing comes from the respective project funds government or private grants, other NGO's funding, or including internal funding.

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)

NEPCon F.M.B.A will continue carrying out RSPO SCC services and promoting RSPO through our website. RSPO supply chain models play different but equally important roles towards achieving the RSPO vision of transforming the market to make sustainable palm oil the norm.

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

We joined the Polish Sustainable Palm Oil coalition: <https://preferredbynature.org/newsroom/polish-coalition-pledges-achieve-100-uptake-sustainable-palm-oil-country-2023> We have developed risk assessments for the main palm oil countries, which can be found in our Sourcing Hub: <https://preferredbynature.org/sourcinghub/palm-oil/palm-oil-indonesia-kalimantan> Sustainable reporting for palm oil companies: <https://preferredbynature.org/projects/sustainability-reporting-palm-oil-companies>
