

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

ASOCIACION NACIONAL DE INDUSTRIALES DE ACEITES Y MANTECAS COMESTIBLES, A.C. (ANIAME)

1.2 Membership Number

8-0199-17-000-00

1.3 Membership Sector

Associations

1.4 Membership Category

Affiliate

1.5 Country

Mexico

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?

ANIAME is a national manufacturer association specializing in producing edible oils and fats. It is a business organization comprising companies that process oilseeds and oil palm, manufacture edible oils and fats, and oilmeals for animal feed. The association has been in existence for over 65 years and aims to represent and defend the interests of the edible oils & fats sector in Mexico. Its primary objective is to promote the development of local production of oilseeds and the national production of edible oils and oilmeals. As well as leading the work of standardization and international trade negotiations (free trade agreements) for the Mexican edible oil sector, among other things. Particularly in the last 15 years, ANIAME has maintained a firm commitment to sustainability and prioritizes it in all of its activities. The palm oil production chain has received special attention from ANIAME. We lead the work for the national interpretation of the RSPO principles and criteria and contribute, together with the Mexican government, to the development of a Mexican standard based on RSPO.

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 current administration of the federal government, the cultivation of oil palm was not supported as in previous governments and it does have a bad reputation among environmental authorities. ANIAME, together with COMEXPALMA, the Mexican council for the development of oil palm in Mexico, have established a strategy to protect the Mexican palm oil chain, promoting RSPO certification and through the Mexican Standard, with a special emphasis on small producers, who represent 95% of the area planted with oil palm in our country. ANIAME is working with the new director of RSPO Latin America, Camilo Santos, in evaluating the equivalence of the Mexican Standard with the RSPO principles and criteria, so that palm growers, extractors and palm oil refiners have the certainty that the Mexican Standard offers the same level of sustainability certification as RSPO. And, in follow-up to this work, ANIAME has established contact with some of the companies in the food industry, large consumers of palm oil, so that they recognize this Mexican certification. Additionally, ANIAME is participating in the working group coordinated by the environmental authorities of our country, in the development of an official Mexican standard for the management of oil palm in protected natural areas, in the biosphere reserves of Mexico. . After holding 10 working meetings in 2023, the activities of this working group stopped and no meetings have been held so far in 2024. And, prior to the formation of this working group, ANIAME had signed an agreement to begin the elimination of oil palm plants within the biosphere reserve known as La Encrucijada, in the state of Chiapas. During the current administration of the federal government, the cultivation of oil palm has not been supported as it was in previous governments, mainly due to its poor reputation among environmental authorities. ANIAME, in partnership with COMEXPALMA, the Mexican council for the development of oil palm in Mexico, has devised a strategy to protect the Mexican palm oil chain. This involves promoting RSPO certification and the Mexican Standard, with a special focus on small producers, who make up 95% of the area planted with oil palm in Mexico. To ensure that palm growers, extractors and palm oil refiners have the same level of sustainability certification as RSPO, ANIAME is working with the new director of RSPO Latin America, Camilo Santos, to evaluate the equivalence of the Mexican Standard with the RSPO principles and criteria. Moreover, ANIAME has reached out to some of the food industry companies, who are the major consumers of palm oil, to recognize this Mexican certification.

ANIAME is also participating in a working group that is coordinated by the environmental authorities of Mexico. The working group is tasked with developing an official Mexican standard for the management of oil palm in protected natural areas, such as the biosphere reserves of Mexico. However, the activities of this working group stopped after holding 10 meetings in 2023, and no meetings have been held so far in 2024. Before the formation of this working group, ANIAME had signed an agreement to start the elimination of oil palm plants within the biosphere reserve known as La Encrucijada, in the state of Chiapas.

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

50.0%

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?

The activities of ANIAME are funded by the fees paid by its members. The association's Board of Directors approves the Budget annually.

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)

In 2024, ANIAME will continue participating in the elaboration of the Official Mexican Standard for the management of oil palm in the protected natural areas of Mexico. ANIAME will try to communicate to the new government the importance of oil palm cultivation for the development of the southeastern region of our country, in order to try to establish a government agricultural policy that promotes the development of new oil palm plantations in Mexico to better supply the increasing number of extraction plants in Mexico. ANIAME will work on projects led by some of its members that have the participation and support of RSPO: projects that have a special focus on small producers, such as training courses, within the scope of the RSPO Academy, as well as projects that involve the support of refining companies for the RSPO certification of small producers.

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

-

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

-

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 can share with you the official web site of the National Interpretation process in Mexico:
www.inrspomexico.org