

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

CDP Worldwide

1.2 Membership Number

8-0240-20-000-00

1.3 Membership Sector

Organisations

1.4 Membership Category

Affiliate

1.5 Country

United Kingdom

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?

CDP is a not-for-profit charity that runs the global disclosure system for investors, companies, cities, states and regions to manage their environmental impacts. Acting on behalf of over 680 investors that represent over US\$130 trillion in assets, and 200+ large purchasing companies, CDP Forests provides a framework of action for companies to measure and manage forest-related risks and opportunities, transparently report on progress, and commit to proactive action for the restoration of forests and ecosystems.

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

Through our disclosure platform, we incentivize companies to increase their certified sustainable palm oil volume by providing scoring. Recognizing the importance of financial institutions in driving the sustainable palm oil uptake, CDP collects data on palm oil certifications and incentivizes FIs to integrate this aspect into their lending policy.

In 2024, CDP supported WRI Indonesia in publishing research on the moratorium "Navigating the Path of Indonesia's Forest Moratorium: Lessons from Riau Province." The findings of this study show that the forest moratorium in Riau has not been effective. Of the 4.2 million hectares of remaining forest area, only 1.2 million hectares are still forest-covered, and deforestation continues. Pressure on the forests remains high, mainly due to the expansion of oil palm plantations. The report highlights key areas for action to address sustainability of palm oil in the region, for example the constantly changing forest moratorium map and weak regulations have created loopholes that allow certain areas to be excluded from the moratorium, resulting in the issuance of new permits. Additionally, strengthening the One Map Policy as a unified database agreed upon by various agencies is crucial to improving the effectiveness of the forest moratorium. (Report is attached).

CDP also published a report "Managing Risks in the Palm Oil Supply Chain: A Guide for Investors" that provided essential context to understand the palm oil commodity and its forest-related financial risks, showing why capital market actors and investors should:

- . Engage directly with palm oil companies; and
- . Engage with a wide range of companies relying on palm oil in their supply chains across diverse industries, including livestock, food & beverage, medical supplies, household consumables and transportation.

Additionally CDP participated in a working group convened by 3-Keel on disclosure requirements for palm oil traders to support in reducing reporting burden and improve quality of disclosure to drive action.

CDP played a pivotal role for USAID BC coalition during the RSPO Roundtable 2024 in Bangkok, Thailand, by co-hosting three strategic events aimed at advancing LA/JA and decarbonization in the palm oil industry. These events brought together buyers, investors, and industry leaders to explore actionable strategies for reducing emissions and promoting sustainable practices. Highlights include a collaborative session with WRI on decarbonizing supply chains and promoting LA/JA, a dinner meeting focusing on Landscape Jurisdictional Initiatives in Indonesia specifically introduce Sintang Collective Landscape Action Plan and Sintang Ambitions, and a breakout panel session at RT2024 addressing market-specific strategies for driving demand in both developing and mature markets.

The inaugural workshop with WRI at the RSPO Roundtable successfully engaged participants. A total of 26 attendees participated in person, providing presentation on Fostering Cross-Stakeholder Collaboration while addressing decarbonization challenges across the entire palm oil industry supply chain through the landscape and jurisdictional approach. The session was followed by discussions on the Palm Carbon Tracker for a contextual GHG inventory within the palm oil supply chain. On the second session we discussed and brainstormed through world cafe approach on decarbonizing entire palm oil industry supply chain, its challenges and opportunities, with data transparency and disclosure in palm oil. Further, CDP also delivers a program to promote the importance on forests ecosystems and eliminating conversion among CDP signatories called 'Forest Champion'. The engagements focus on sustainable commodity production including palm oil sustainability.

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?

Yes

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?

Grant funding and administrative fee paid by companies (disclosing to CDP) to maintain the platform.

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)

CDP will continue to collaborate with FIs in the critical production area to provide training on sustainable forest risk commodities production, including palm oil, for the companies in their lending portfolio, along with working with corporates and their suppliers to support elimination of deforestation, including the use of certification as a method to achieve this.

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
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- ☐ 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

https://cdn.cdp.net/cdp-production/cms/reports/documents/000/007/664/original/Managing_Risks_in_the_Palm_Oil_Supply_Chain-A_Guide_for_Investors.pdf