

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

BioAp Biología Aplicada S.A.S

1.2 Membership Number

8-0188-16-000-00

1.3 Membership Sector

Organisations

1.4 Membership Category

Affiliate

1.5 Country

Colombia

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?

BioAp is an environmental consulting company that provides technical services for sustainable land management in agricultural and forestry landscapes. Our main activities include environmental and social impact assessments, biodiversity and ecosystem monitoring, high conservation value (HCV) and high carbon stock (HCS) assessments, climate risk evaluations, and the implementation of restoration and conservation programs. We support companies and producers in meeting sustainability standards such as RSPO, ISCC, and national environmental regulations through applied science, geospatial technologies, and field-based assessments.

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, BioAp supported several palm oil producers and companies in advancing their sustainability commitments through compliance with RSPO Principles & Criteria. We conducted High Conservation Value (HCV) and High Carbon Stock (HCS) assessments, biodiversity and ecosystem monitoring, and social baseline studies for RSPO certification processes. Additionally, we provided technical guidance on the development and implementation of environmental and social management plans aligned with RSPO standards. BioAp also promoted awareness and capacity building on sustainable palm oil by delivering workshops and technical training to producers and local stakeholders.

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?

Our work on palm oil is funded through service contracts with palm oil producers, processors, and supply chain companies seeking compliance with sustainability standards such as RSPO. These services include environmental and social assessments, HCV-HCS studies, biodiversity monitoring, and technical support for the implementation of sustainable practices. In some cases, funding also comes through partnerships with NGOs, development agencies, or sustainability platforms that support capacity building and landscape-level initiatives in palm-growing regions

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 the coming year, BioAp will continue supporting palm oil producers and companies in Latin America in their efforts to achieve and maintain RSPO certification. Planned activities include conducting new HCV and HCS assessments, updating environmental and social management plans, and monitoring biodiversity in conservation areas. We will also provide training and technical assistance to smallholders and independent producers to strengthen their compliance with RSPO standards. Furthermore, BioAp will promote awareness of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO) through stakeholder engagement, field demonstrations, and collaboration with sustainability platforms and certification bodies.

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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