Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organization
Ahlsell AB

1.2 What is/are the primary activity(ies) or product(s) of your organization?
- [ ] Grower
- [ ] Processor and/or Trader
- [ ] Consumer Goods Manufacturer
- [ ] Retailer and/or Wholesaler
- [ ] Bank and/or Investor
- [ ] Social and/or Development NGO
- [ ] Environmental and/or Conservation NGO
- [✓] Supply Chain Associate
- [✓] Affiliate

1.3 Membership number
9-2857-18-000-00

1.4 Membership category
Supply Chain Associate

1.5 Membership sector
Associate
Affiliate

1. Operational Profile

1.1 What are the main activities of your organisation?
Ahlsell is the leading importer of construction material in the Nordic region

1.2 Does your organisation use and/or sell any palm oil?
Yes

1.3 Activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or members in the reporting period.
An inventory of our products that could potentially include palm oil has been undertaken and the responsible purchasing managers have been informed of RSPO and our commitment to stop using unsustainable palm oil. Purchasing managers have in turn started dialogue with the suppliers of the products to make sure that the palm oil comes from a certified source. If the supplier cannot meet the criteria of RSPO-certification, the purchasing managers start to look for alternative products.

1.4 What percentage of your organisation's overall activities focus on palm oil?
0.04%

1.5 Did members of your staff participate in RSPO working and/or taskforce groups in the reporting period?
No

1.6 Do you have any collaborations with the industry players/private sector to support them in the market transformation towards CSPO?
Yes

1.7 How is your work on palm oil funded?
It is part of the concerned purchasing managers job to include RSPO-guidelines when buying Products that contain palm oil (with the sustainability team as advisory unit).

2. Actions for Next Reporting Period

2.1 Outline activities that you will take in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil along the supply chain.
Our sustainability unit has planned a workshop with the purchasing managers that are trading in goods where palm oil is a possible ingredient. The goal is to establish a baseline and policy for coming products and agree on an action plan for how managers should handle palm oil products (and the dialogue with the suppliers of them) in the future.

3. Challenges
3.1 What significant economic, social or environmental obstacles have you encountered in the production, procurement, use and/or promotion of CSPO and what efforts did you make to mitigate or resolve them?

- 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
- Others

Other:

3.2 In addition to the actions already reported in this ACOP, how has your organisation supported the vision of RSPO to transform the market for sustainable palm oil in other ways? (e.g. Funding; Engagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)

- Engagement with business partners or consumers on the use of CSPO
- Engagement with government agencies
- Promotion of CSPO outside of RSPO venues eg trade workshops industry associations
- Promotion of physical CSPO
- Providing funding or support for CSPO development efforts
- Research & Development support
- Stakeholder engagement
- Others

Other:

3.3 Please attach or add links to any other information from your organisation on your palm oil policies and activities (e.g.: sustainability reports, policies, other public information)

As we are new members of RSPO there aren't any public information presented on on the web. We have focused on mapping our usage, include our purchasing managers and initiate dialogues with customers and suppliers.

Outlines of our instructions on how to handle palm oil (in Swedish though) in Products can be provided upon request (we could not upload them here). So can the poster (in English) that our sales-teams use to present our sustainability work to our customers.