

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

Borneo Conservation Trust Japan

1.2 Membership Number

6-0054-19-000-00

1.3 Membership Sector

Environmental or Nature Conservation Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)

1.4 Membership Category

Ordinary

1.5 Country

Japan

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

NGOs

1. Operational Profile

1.1 What are the main activities of your organisation?

Established in 2008, Borneo Conservation Trust Japan (BCTJ) is a non-profit organization committed to the conservation and preservation of wildlife species and rainforests nestled in the Lower Kinabatangan basin, Sabah, Malaysia.

Our overarching mission is to cultivate environmental sustainability within these territories and to safeguard the natural heritage for future generations through the implementation of biodiversity conservation efforts and nature protection activities. Notably, our flagship project, the "Green Corridor Project", underscores our dedication to this cause.

Working in close collaboration with esteemed partners such as Borneo Conservation Trust Sabah and the Sabah Wildlife Department, BCTJ diligently endeavours to preserve the rainforests of the Kinabatangan River basin. This includes the strategic acquisition of land parcels aimed at connecting fragmented sanctuaries and conservation areas.

1.2 What activities has your organisation undertaken to publicise programmes to support the RSPO, RSPO certification, the uptake of RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products, or to support good standing RSPO members during the reporting period?

BCTJ firmly believes that the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) plays an indispensable role in realizing a sustainable environment and society.

To foster the growth of the sustainable palm oil market within Japan's consumer sphere, we have undertaken a series of proactive measures. In

April 2019, BCTJ assumed the directorship within the Japan Sustainable Palm Oil Network (JaSPON) and has since been actively and collaboratively engaged in promoting sustainable palm oil practices and facilitating RSPO membership among Japanese enterprises. JaSPON has organized multiple online events in partnership with RSPO to further these objectives.

Additionally, since 2011, BCTJ has been publishing the "Palm Oil White Paper," the sole publication of its kind in Japan dedicated to palm oil. This esteemed resource serves as a cornerstone for companies seeking comprehensive information on palm oil dynamics and for students pursuing environmental education.

Recognizing that several of BCTJ's steadfast supporters comprise private entities utilizing palm oil in their operations, we have organized awareness events and educational programs.

These initiatives aim to enlighten participants about the prevailing environmental challenges, including deforestation and the expansion of oil palm plantations in Borneo, thereby empowering them with insights into sustainable palm oil practices.

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

25.0%

1.4 Did members of your organisation participate in RSPO working groups and/or taskforces during the reporting period?

Yes

1.5 Does your organisation have any 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?

As per BCTJ's 2022 Financial Report, the organization successfully secured approximately €300 thousand in funding over the past year.

Notably, five per cent of these funds have been allocated specifically towards awareness programs focused on promoting sustainable palm oil practices.

2. TimeBound Plan

2.1 Which year did your organisation start or expects to start participating in RSPO working groups and/or taskforces?

2016

2.2 Which year did your organisation start or expects to start undertaking and publicising programmes to support the RSPO, RSPO certification, uptake of RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products and/or good standing RSPO member?

2018

3. Actions for Next Reporting Period

3.1 Please outline activities that your organisation will take in the coming year to promote the production or consumption of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)

- ☐ Training on sustainability topics, monitoring of implementation of sustainability topics
- ☐ Participation in RSPO Working Group or Task Forces;
- ☐ Support Independent Smallholders (ISH)
- ☐ Become a partner of the RSPO Smallholder Trainer Academy
- ☐ Provide technical support for Independent Smallholder Certification projects
- ☐ Involvement/direct investments in Jurisdictional/Landscape approach
- ☐ Promote and support Direct/collective investments in conservation and restoration initiatives
- ☐ Provide technical support support members with Remediation and Compensation (RaCP) process, direct/collective investments in conservation and restoration initiatives
- ☐ Allocating FTE to promote the production or consumption of certified sustainable oil palm products or
- ☐ Specific policies and action plans by the member to promote CSPO production or consumption in the upstream or downstream supply chain, including target dates or broader policies that include such efforts
- ☐ No activities planned
- ☒ Others

Other

BCTJ plans to conduct environmental education and awareness programs for consumers, concentrating on palm oil and RSPO.

Additionally, we will publish the Palm Oil White Paper every year since 2011

Shared Responsibility

The Board of Governors of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil approved new Shared Responsibility rules on 31 October 2019, requiring all members to share sustainability requirements and obligations. Reporting of Shared Responsibility (SR) requirements will be done through ACOP and MyRSPO. As the process of verification of the reports is in development, the Shared Responsibility section in ACOP may change in future ACOP cycles. Evidence to show compliance to the SR requirements shall be uploaded via your membership profile in MyRSPO. Please login to your MyRSPO account and upload the relevant policies, plans and relevant reports there. If you do not have a policy or your policy does not cover all items, you will be required to provide a Declaration of Support for the relevant policy items in your MyRSPO profile. Additional information on the required policies and plans applicable to all sectors as well as the annual uptake targets for supply chain actors can be found on <https://rspo.org/members/shared-responsibility> or email the Shared Responsibility team at sharedresponsibility@rspo.org.

SR 1. Transparency

1.1 Does your organisation have organisational management documents publicly-available?

Yes

SR 2. Ethical Conduct

1.2 Does your organisation have a publicly-available policy covering Ethical Conduct, including for recruitment and contractors?

No

SR 3 and SR 4. Legal Compliance

1.3 Does your organisation comply with all applicable legal requirements?

Yes

1.4 Does your organisation require its third party contractors to comply with legal requirements?

Yes

SR 8. Information and outreach activities

1.8 Does your organisation implement transparent communication and outreach activities to promote sustainable palm oil?

Yes

SR 9. Human Rights

1.9 Does your organisation have a publicly-available Policy on respect for human rights, including for suppliers and sub-contractors?

No

SR 10. Complaints & Grievances**1.10 Does your organisation have a Grievance Mechanism that is accessible to all affected parties?**

Yes

1.10.1 Is your Grievance mechanism in line with the principles of the RSPO's Complaints System?

No

SR 13 and SR 14. Smallholders inclusion**1.13 Does your organisation support oil palm smallholders (groups)?**

No

SR 15 - SR 20. Labour & Labour Rights**1.15 Does your organisation have a publicly-available policy covering Labour & Labour Rights?**

No

SR 21. Occupational Health & Safety**1.21 Does your organisation have a publicly-available Policy covering Occupational Health & Safety?**No

SR 22. Waste Management**1.22b Does your organisation have a statement of intent to reduce, recycle, reuse and disposal based on the hazardous characteristics?**No

SR 25. Climate Change and Greenhouse Gases (GHG)**1.25 Does your organisation have a publicly-available policy covering Climate Change & Greenhouse Gas (GHG) including identification and assessment of GHG emissions and implementation of a plan to reduce or minimise them?**No

SR 27. Sustainable Palm Oil Policy

1.27b Does your organisation have available a statement of support to RSPO's vision?

Yes

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

<https://www.bctj.jp/palmwp-archive/>