

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation

1.2 Membership Number

6-0021-12-000-00

1.3 Membership Sector

Environmental or Nature Conservation Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)

1.4 Membership Category

Ordinary

1.5 Country

Indonesia

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?

We use multi-stakeholder partnerships to rescue, rehabilitate, and release Bornean orangutans in the forests of East and Central Kalimantan, all while conserving the free-ranging reintroduced and wild orangutan populations and their forest habitats. For orangutans who cannot be reintroduced to the wild, we also provide lifelong sanctuary care. In areas we manage where forest that was previously degraded, we engage in land rehabilitation activities, such as replanting, canal blocking, and fire management. Within our working areas, we also engage with project villages to implement community development activities, based on their needs and resources, varying from sustainable alternative livelihood training to ecosystem education.

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?

Through our Best Management Practices for Orangutan Conservation program, we worked to expand awareness of the role oil palm producers can play in conservation by continuing our public communication in the form of stories published on our website featuring projects, such as our work on the Juq Kehje Swen Pre-Release Island and Salat Island cluster, both of which are the result of collaborative projects with oil palm producers.

Regarding our partnerships in facilitating Best Management Practices (BMP) in orangutan habitat management, we worked with two RSPO-member oil palm companies (PT. Susantri Permai and PT. United Agro Indonesia) in Central Kalimantan and three non-RSPO companies in East Kalimantan (PT Nusaraya Agro Sawit, PT. Global Primatama Mandiri, and PT. Nusa Indah Kalimantan Plantations).

On the production side of the industry, we followed up on a 2022 orangutan population and habitat survey for non-RSPO member, PT. Anugerah Lahan Kaltim (ALK Unit 1 & 2) with the production of the final report and recommendations for future conservation planning. We also reviewed the annual audit by an external consultant for one oil palm company, Sumber Cahaya POM of PT. Mizra Pratama Putra under PT. Sawit Sumbermas Sarana Tbk, attempting to undergo RSPO certification. We again provided our recommendations as a third-party conservation NGO. We also developed a remediation and compensation proposal for RSPO-member, PT. Triputra Agro Persada Group, and reviewed the submitted remediation and compensation proposal for RSPO-member, PT. United Agro Indonesia of Genting Plantations Group.

Lastly, we participated in numerous RSPO-related initiatives including the 2nd public consultation on the revised RSPO P&C and ISH Standards, the socialisation of riverbank management for oil palm plantations in Indonesia, and discussions with the Forum for Sustainable Palm Oil (FONAP) on protections for HCV areas within specific RSPO-certified concessions.

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 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?

Our activities related to palm oil, primarily within Best Management Practices in plantations, are funded mostly by the palm oil companies with whom we collaborate.

2. TimeBound Plan

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

2017

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?

2016

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

We will continue our work to develop cooperation in our existing partnerships with oil palm companies on the implementation of BMPs for orangutan habitat management within oil palm plantations in Central and East Kalimantan, Indonesia.

Furthermore, we will continue training oil palm staff on conflict mitigation between humans and orangutans, conducting orangutan and biodiversity surveys in oil palm company concessions, establishing internal patrol teams for oil palm concession monitoring, providing reports and recommendations on the management of orangutan habitat within oil palm plantation areas, and encouraging the improvement of related policy and legislation at the local and national levels. We will continue to monitor and evaluate the implementation of these recommendations in orangutan habitat management within oil palm areas.

We plan to expand our involvement in the sector within Indonesia by inviting new oil palm companies to partner with us in our efforts to conserve orangutans and spread awareness of sustainable palm oil. For next year, our goal is to expand the list of partner companies for our BMPs for orangutan habitat management program from 5 to 10.

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?

Yes

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?

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

From our experience working in orangutan conservation, we have faced the problem repeatedly that many of the plantation companies do not want to disclose data and information on whether or not there is an orangutan population in their concessions and if they have a management plan. We believe it is important not only to educate workers that orangutans are not pests, but to use this as an opportunity for the private sector to be part of the solution through tangible actions such as the development and implementation of BMPs for orangutan populations and HCVF within oil palm plantations and the funding of orangutan rescue and rehabilitation.

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

We take an approach that aims to engage a wide range of oil palm companies, whether or not they are RSPO members, to be part of the solution and take concrete actions in the conservation of orangutans and their habitats. In these efforts, we encourage oil palm plantations to be responsible for biodiversity within their plantation areas, including being held responsible for damage or loss of biodiversity due to the opening of new plantation areas. If we are to improve the image of sustainable palm oil in the market, we believe it is necessary for oil palm plantations to acknowledge and take responsibility for the negative impacts of their actions and then play an active role in finding a solution. Starting in 2012, several oil palm companies committed to this movement and have supported us with funding for the rehabilitation and reintroduction of orangutans who were displaced from or around their working areas.

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

Our annual reports, including our Best Management Practices for orangutan conservation on oil palm plantations activities:
<http://www.orangutan.or.id/reports>

Our palm oil statement and FAQs: <http://www.orangutan.or.id/palmoil>