



RSPO is an international non-profit organisation formed in 2004 with the objective to promote the growth and use of sustainable oil palm products through credible global standards and engagement of stakeholders.

Factsheet on

Intermediary Organisation (IMO) Of Community Outreach & Engagement Program for Nigeria (Edo State)



About FDS Nigeria



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Background

The RSPO Principles and Criteria (P&C) is the basis for certification and serves as the global guidelines for sustainable palm oil production. It constitutes a set of environmental, social and economic principles as well as best management practices; compliance with these requirements enables palm oil producers to claim that their palm oil is sustainably produced. Among the aims of the P&C is ensuring that the fundamental rights of landowners, local communities, plantation workers, small farmers as well as their families are respected and fully considered.

In its pursuit of transforming the oil palm industry in Nigeria to make it more sustainable, RSPO faces many challenges, complaints and disputes with varying circumstances which require different approaches.

Objectives

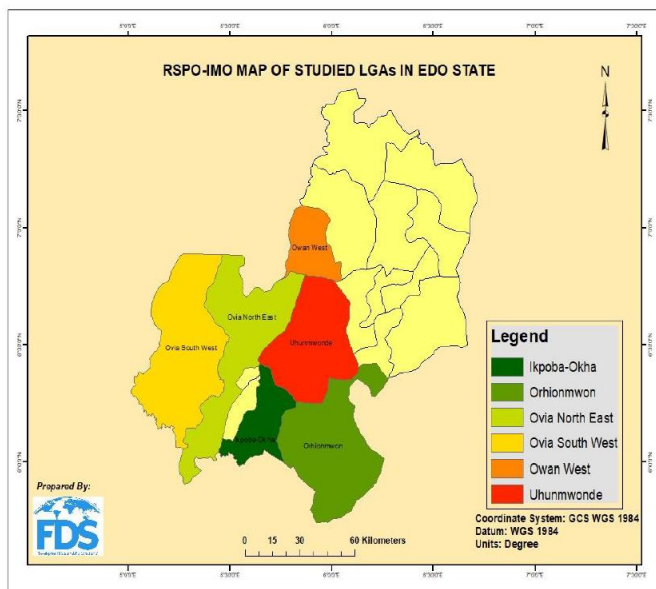


The programme aims to secure informed and vigorous engagement of communities in RSPO at all levels, by establishing a strengthened outreach of RSPO through intermediary organisations in Edo State, Nigeria, reinforcing RSPO's credibility with civil society adherence to its sustainability standards.

Project Approaches

1. Identify individuals, organisations and/or governmental bodies that are influential and well-respected by the communities, to be approached for voluntary involvement in the RSPO network of intermediaries.
2. Ensure local stakeholders, i.e. local communities have adequate channels of communication with the RSPO as well as access to information through these RSPO intermediaries.
3. Carry out more communications, training and awareness-raising workshops in local languages directed at civil society in promoting sustainable palm oil and improving smallholder livelihoods.
4. Communicate more good news and success stories and enforce the standard.
5. Develop training modules, tool kits and guides that they can use to engage with communities.

Project Area



Deliverables

The COEP demonstrated the importance of empowering smallholder farmers, local communities, and other relevant stakeholders in achieving sustainable palm oil production. Its aim to promote adherence to RSPO standards and equip communities with conflict resolution tools could pave the way for a more responsible and collaborative palm oil industry.

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