

## Particulars

### About Your Organisation

#### 1.1 Name of your organisation

SOTRADER (Societe Gabonaise De Transformation Agricol)

#### 1.2 What is/are the primary activity(ies) or product(s) of your organisation?

- ☒ Palm Oil Grower
- ☐ Processor and/or Trader
- ☐ Consumer Goods Manufacturer
- ☐ Retailer
- ☐ Bank and/or Investor
- ☐ Social and/or Development NGO
- ☐ Environmental and/or Conservation NGO
- ☐ Affiliate

#### 1.3 Membership number

1-0187-15-000-00

#### 1.4 Membership category

Oil Palm Growers

#### 1.5 Membership sector

Ordinary

## Grower

### 1. Operational Profile

#### 1.1 Please state your main activities as a palm oil grower:

- ☒ Oil palm grower without palm oil mill  
☐ Oil palm grower with palm oil mill  
☐ Oil palm grower with palm oil mill and palm kernel crushing plant  
☐ Smallholder Group Manager

### 2. Operations and Certification Progrss

*Information in Section 2 - Operations and Certification Progress - is a mandatory declaration in your ACOP. This includes hectareage data, to enable the RSPO to accurately calculate certification on a member, sector and total level. ACOP reports without reported hectareage data will be considered as incomplete and will not be accepted.*

#### 2.1 Land area controlled and managed associated to palm oil

##### 2.1.1 Please state the total number of palm oil estates, certified and uncertified, controlled or managed by the member

1

##### 2.1.7 Land area controlled and managed associated to palm oil

Description	Hectares
2.1.2 Total land controlled or managed for oil palm cultivation - planted and infrastructure (hectares)	8623.0
2.1.3 Total land controlled or managed for oil palm cultivation - unplanted (hectares)	22498.0
2.1.4 Total land designated and managed as HCV areas (hectares)	27279.0
2.1.5 Other conservation land set aside, excluding HCV areas reported in 2.1.4 (hectares)	0.0
2.1.6 Total land under scheme smallholders (hectares)	0.0
Total	58400.0

#### 2.2 Certification progress:

##### 2.2.1 Number of management units certified under RSPO P&C Certification

0

##### 2.2.2 Total certified land under the RSPO P&C Certification, excluding scheme smallholders (hectares)

0.0

##### 2.2.2.1 Certification progress - land under RSPO P&C Certification, excluding scheme smallholders

0.00%

**2.3 In which countries are your estates located?**

**2.3.1 Indonesia - Please indicate which province(s)**

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**2.3.2 Malaysia - Please indicate which state(s)**

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**2.3.3 Other - Please indicate which country/countries**

Gabon

**2.4 New plantings and development (excluding replanting)**

**2.4.1 How much new land was planted by your company during this reporting period (hectares)?**

0.0

**2.5 Supply of Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB)**

**2.5.1 Total FFB volume produced by estates managed or controlled by your company (tonnes)**

2598.0

**2.5.1.1 Total certified FFB volume produced by certified estates managed or controlled by your company (tonnes)**

0.0

**2.5.2 In addition to FFB produced by your company's estates, does your supply base include any of the following?**



Scheme Smallholders



Independent Smallholders



Outgrowers



Other Third-Party Suppliers

**2.5.3 Scheme smallholder operations that supply your operations:**

**2.5.3.1 Total FFB volume supplied (tonnes)**

0.0

**2.5.3.2 Total certified FFB volume supplied (tonnes)**

0.0



**3. Palm Oil and Certified Palm Oil Production****3.1 Total Crude Palm Oil produced (tonnes)**

<b>Countries/Regions</b>	<b>Tonnes</b>
Malaysia	0.0
Indonesia	0.0
Latin America	0.0
Africa	585.0
Rest of the World	0.0
Total	585.0

**3.3 CSPO sold as RSPO certified**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Tonnes</b>
Identity Preserved (IP)	0.0
Segregated (SG)	0.0
Mass Balance (MB)	0.0
RSPO Credits	0.0
Total	0.0

**3.6 Total CSPO**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Tonnes</b>
3.3 CSPO sold as RSPO-certified	0.0
3.4 CSPO sold under other certification schemes	0.0
3.5 CSPO sold as conventional	0.0
Total	0.0

**3.7 According to the volume information you have provided in this questionnaire, CSPO represents the following percentage of your total CPO production**

0.00%

**3.2 Total Crude Palm Kernel produced (tonnes)**

<b>Countries/Regions</b>	<b>Tonnes</b>
Malaysia	0.0
Indonesia	0.0
Latin America	0.0
Africa	105.0
Rest of the World	0.0
Total	105.0

**3.9 CSPK sold as RSPO certified**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Tonnes</b>
Identity Preserved (IP)	0.0
Segregated (SG)	0.0
Mass Balance (MB)	0.0
Total	0.0

**3.12 Total CSPK sold as RSPO-certified (tonnes)**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Tonnes</b>
3.9 CSPK sold as RSPO-certified	0.0
3.10 CSPK sold under other certification schemes	0.0
3.11 CSPK sold as conventional	0.0
Total	0.0

**3.13 According to the volume information you have provided in this questionnaire, CSPK represents the following percentage of your total CPK production**

0.00%

#### **4. TimeBound Plan**

**4.1 Which year did your company achieve (or plans to achieve) its first RSPO P&C certification?**

2021

**4.2 Which year did your company achieve (or plans to achieve) 100% RSPO certification for all its estates and mills?**

2021

**4.2.1 If the previous target year for G.4.2 has not been met, please explain why**

In 2018 ACOP, Sotrader aims to achieve RSPO certification by 2020. However, vast majority of this NPP area approved in October 2016 is still considered immature area.

**4.3 Which year did your company achieve (or plans to achieve) 100% RSPO certification of scheme smallholders?**

2021

**4.3.1 If the previous target year for G.4.3 has not been met, please explain why**

Same as G4.2.1

**4.4 Which year did your company achieve (or plans to achieve) 100% RSPO certification for all FFB, regardless of source?**

2021

**4.4.1 If the previous target year for G.4.4 has not been met, please explain why**

Same as G4.2.1. No external FFB source, all FFB will be produced from own estate and scheme smallholders.

## 5. Concession Map

**5.1 The RSPO General Assembly Resolution 6G (2013) calls for all members with Grower operations to submit maps of their concessions through ACOP. Has your company submitted concession maps to the RSPO in previous ACOP cycles?**

Yes

**5.2 Has your company acquired any new concession sites or have any concession sites changed ownership since the previous ACOP map submission?**

No

## 6. GHG Footprint

**6.1 What is the average GHG footprint for all certified management units by hectare (tCO<sub>2</sub>e/ha)?**

-9.39

**6.2 What is the average GHG footprint for all certified management units per tonne of crude palm oil (tCO<sub>2</sub>e/tCPO)?**

-14.8

**6.3 What are the key emission sources identified by your company in certified management units?**

- ☒ Land use change
- ☐ Existing cultivation peatland
- ☐ Palm oil mill effluent (POME)
- ☒ Fertiliser application
- ☐ Others

Others

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**6.4 Does your company have a baseline for GHG reporting?**

Yes

**6.4.1 What is the target baseline?**

0.0

**6.5 Does your company have an annual GHG emissions reduction/minimising target?**

Yes

**6.5.1 What is your company's annual GHG emissions reduction/minimising target?**

0.0

**6.5.2 What measures are currently being taken to reduce GHG emissions?**

Sotrader only has one concession/ estate i.e. Ndende, this area does not have mill and FFB produced will be processed in RSPO certified Mouila Bilala POM. Emission and sequestration from Ndende is included as part of Mouila Bilala POM GHG calculator. Based on the calculator, Ndende has negative emission value or sequestering CO<sub>2</sub> from atmosphere. Olam has a target to reduce GHG emissions by 50% both in own operations and Olam managed farmer programmes by 2030. We are focusing on below measures to further improve our carbon footprint. 1. Operational efficiency 2. Avoid High Carbon Stocks for land development 3. Climate-Smart Agricultural practices



## **7. Support for Oil Palm Smallholders**

### **7.1 How is your company supporting Independent Smallholder groups?**

- ☐ Sourcing of physical FFB
- ☐ Financial support
- ☐ Operations support
- ☐ Training support
- ☐ Community development
- ☒ Not supporting Independent Smallholder groups
- ☐ Others

Others

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### **7.2 Why is your company not currently supporting independent smallholders?**

Palm oil is a new industry in Gabon as part of the government's plan to kick-start the agricultural economy to broad-base the Gabon economy, reduce food imports, create employment opportunities and tackle poverty. Independent smallholders is almost non existing in Gabon context.

#### **7.2.1 Does your company have any future plans to support oil palm Independent Smallholders?**

No

## **8. Actions For Next Reporting Period**

### **8.1 Outline activities that your company will undertake in the coming year to advance its certification efforts.**

Partner with local NGO to support cooperative and scheme smallholders.

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### **8.2 Outline activities that your company will undertake in the coming year to promote the uptake CSPO along the supply chain.**

As a grower, we will continue to engage with customers on the use of CSPO, engage with various stakeholders to promote sustainable palm oil supply chain including participation through the National Interpretation Forum and evaluate our impacts through Atsource - a digital dashboard that provides farm traceability and instant access to key environmental and social data and traceability for our customers.

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## 9. Challenges

**9.1 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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**9.2 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?**

- ☒ Engagement with business partners or consumers on the use of CSPO
- ☒ Engagement with government agencies
- ☐ 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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**9.3 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.olamgroup.com/products-services/olam-global-agri/edible-oils.html>