

**Notification of RSPO Re-Certification Assessment of Industrias Aceiteras del Caribe de Honduras
(HONDUCARIBE-ECARA), Honduras
RSPO Membership: 1-0179-15-000-00**

To Whom It May Concern:

Industrias Aceiteras del Caribe de Honduras (HONDUCARIBE-ECARA) of Honduras has commissioned SCS Global Services to conduct an RSPO Re-Certification Assessment of its palm oil mill and supply base located near Calle principal Aldea El Mango, Baracoa, Puerto Cortés, Honduras, C.A., Puerto Cortes, Puerto Cortes, 21301, Honduras. The assessment will be conducted of 1 Palm Oil Mill and 0 Oil Palm Plantations, 8 Outgrowers, 0 Scheme Smallholders.

SCS Global Services plans to conduct the Re-Certification assessment of the Industrias Aceiteras del Caribe de Honduras (HONDUCARIBE-ECARA) mill from **May 12 – 16, 2025**. The assessment will be conducted against the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil requirements, including the Principles & Criteria (RSPO P&C 2018 including Supply Chain requirement for mills), using as reference the National Interpretation of the P&Cs for the **Honduras/2021**).

The assessment will cover legal, environment, economical, workers' health and safety, and social aspects as required by the RSPO Principles & Criteria. Below is general information related to the certification unit.

Industrias Aceiteras del Caribe de Honduras (HONDUCARIBE- ECARA)	
Description	Mill and Supply base
Mill Name	Industrias Aceiteras del Caribe de Honduras (HONDUCARIBE- ECARA)
PalmTrace ID	RSPO_PO1000008642
Mill Capacity (tonnage/hour)	30 mt/hr
Supply Chain Model	MB
Address	Calle principal Aldea El Mango, Baracoa, Puerto Cortés, Honduras, C.A., Puerto Cortes, Puerto Cortes, 21301, Honduras
GPS Reference (Palm Oil Mill)	Lat: 15.751336, Long: -87.841267
CPO Tonnage (Projection 2025-2026)	9,451.43
PK Tonnage (Projection 2025-2026)	1,923.62
FFB Tonnages (Projection 2025-2026)	42,747.33

Farms / Estate / Association	Location	GPS Coordinates	Planted Area		Certified Area (ha)	Annual FFB Projection (MT)
			Mature Palm (ha)	Immature Palm (ha)		
E.A.C.P. Bienvenido	Puerto Cortés, Cortés	15.763864, -87.835823	258.31	0	269.09	8,266.58
E.S.C.P. Calancito	Puerto Cortés, Cortés	15.741136, -87.826788	82.75	0	83.13	2,454.85
E.A.C.P. Esperanza Campesina	Puerto Cortés, Cortés	15.755277, -87.837953	482.10	0	549.63	12,534.85
E.A.C.P. La Dora	Puerto Cortés, Cortés	15.71312, -87.800432	201.02	0	253.49	3,877.27
E.A.C.P. Mangos No.1	Puerto Cortés, Cortés	15.782402, -87.826974	113.58	0	114.19	3,105.30
E.A.C.P. Ocote Baracoa	Puerto Cortés, Cortés	15.771579, -87.836947	252.85	0	257.94	6,317.82



E.A.C.P. Los Robles	Puerto Cortés, Cortés	15.763681,-87.777843	42.64	0	43.75	937.82
E.A.C.P. Santa Isabel	Puerto Cortés, Cortés	15.769822,-87.840151	184.16	0	189.99	5,252.84
TOTAL			1,617.40	0	1,761.20	42,747.33

New Planting Procedure		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Check if N/A)
NPP Reference Number		
Country of the NPP submission		
Name of Management Unit:		
Name(s) of Estate(s) covered under this management plan		
Location of NPP area		
Address of NPP area		
GPS Reference		
Total area as per permit		
Area for new planting		
Date of Completion		

RACP Procedure		<input type="checkbox"/> (Check if N/A)
Liability disclosure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes Hondur Caribe	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Annex 2 disclosure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes Hondur Caribe	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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SCS Global Services has appointed the following team for the assessment of Industrias Aceiteras del Caribe de Honduras (HONDUCARIBE-ECARA):

Name	Role	Qualification and Experience
Carlos Andrés Rincon	Lead auditor	<p>Qualifications: Environmental engineer, specialist in project evaluation and management.</p> <p>Training: RSPO P&C v2018 Lead Auditor Course, RSPO SCCS v2020 Lead Auditor Course, HSEQ Auditor, Diploma in promoting the formalization of employment, safety and health at work in the palm oil sector (ILO).</p> <p>Work experience: more than 10 years of experience in the Colombian oil palm sector, contributing to the consolidation of the productive and sustainable agribusiness. Mainly from two roles; as a professional in sustainability associated with the implementation of sustainability standards in cultivation and mills, as well as, member</p>



		of the Colombian palm oil research center, as a developer of strategies, methods, tools and sustainability projects for the national scale sector.
Rhuth Tenjo	Team auditor	<p>Education: Market Engineer with a specialization in Environmental Engineering</p> <p>Training completed: Update for Lead Auditor in P&C RSPO v.2018. David Ogg & Partners Ltda. November 2024. Update Lead Auditor Supply Chain System - SCC. David Ogg & Partners Ltda. February 2022. RSPO Small Independent Producers (2022), Diploma for the Promotion of the formalization of employment, safety and health at work - Palm Sector. ILO, Ministry of Labor and Fedepalma, March 2021. Lead Auditor ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System. SGS, March 2018. ISCC EU and PLUS Auditor. International Sustainability and Carbon Certification, March 2017. Internal Auditor ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System, ICONTEC International, July 2016.</p> <p>Work experience: More than 10 years of experience in audits in the P&C RSPO certification standard and SCC RSPO standard, in the social, labor and environmental management areas. Experience as a team auditor for P&C RSPO and lead auditor for SCC RSPO and lead auditor for the ISO 9001:2008 standard. Additionally, consultant in the implementation, maintenance and internal auditing of the P&C RSPO, SCC RSPO, ISCC PLUS/EU, ISO 9001 standards. He is currently working as a freelance auditor for SCS Global Services.</p>
Joel Argueta	Team auditor	<p>Education: Agronomy Engineering, Master- Social Management.</p> <p>Trainings attended: RSPO Lead Auditor Update P&C v.2018, RSPO V2020 Lead Auditor in Supply Chain, ISCC EU and PLUS Basic training, ISO 9001: 2008 Auditor/ Lead Auditor, QMS LEAD AUDITOR ISO 9001:2015 TRAINING COURSE, Internal auditing in a quality management system ISO 19011, Rainforest Alliance auditor, Utz Certified Auditor, RSPO ISH Standards Training, Fundamentals of Occupational Safety and Health in Agroindustry. Bonsucro Production Standard v5.1 Technical Training. SA8000 Basic Auditor course.</p> <p>Working experience: Rainforest Alliance audits to groups and farms, Rainforest Alliance chain of custody audits, RSPO P&C audits, verification of implementation of sustainability policies of palm oil purchasing companies. Bonsucro audits. 11 years' experience in Palm Oil Industry.</p>
Jose Alfredo Torres	Team auditor	<p>Education: Agricultural engineer, graduate in agricultural business administration, specialization in administration and environmental management, postgraduate degree in agro-industrial project evaluation.</p> <p>Trainings attended: Instructor and lead auditor for Rainforest Alliance 2020 program, RSPO lead auditor course -2019, trainer of trainers of smalholders academy in RSPO, consultant course in ISO 22000, conformity assessment course in ISO 17020, lead auditor course in ISO 9001:2015, ISO 19011, social auditor course CPI Auditor (compliance practitioners initiative) INTERTEK, coffee practices verifier course.</p> <p>Working experience: Auditor in certification schemes: Lead Auditor in Rainforest Alliance (2002-2024), 2 observation audits and one audit as a local expert in RSPO, support auditor in audit of BONSUCRO in Honduras, member of the team of instructors in RSPO lead auditor courses in Mexico, Colombia and Ecuador, member of the instructor team in courses for trainers of the RSPO small producer academy in Mexico and group managers in Honduras, facilitator of the Rainforest Alliance Auditor course.</p>

SCS Global Services invites stakeholders to provide written comments on any of the following issues related to the operations of Industrias Aceiteras del Caribe de Honduras (HONDUCARIBE-ECARA), particularly related to social and environmental impacts.



Topics that you may wish to comment on are as follows:

- Environmental Protection
- Biodiversity conservation
- Opportunity for employment
- Company approach to community development
- Your relationship with the company
- Participation in decision making
- Free, prior and informed consent
- Suggestion for improvement

Comments received within 30 days from the date of this notification will be considered during the certification assessment.

Please include the following details in case we need to contact you for additional information or clarification on any issued raised:

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Email: _____
 Phone number: _____

If you wish your comments to be treated confidentiality or remain anonymous, please indicate 'CONFIDENTIAL' in your correspondence to us. Please send comments to:

<p>Ms. Adriana Cala RSPO Program Manager SCS Global Services 2000 Powell Street, Suite 600 Emeryville, CA 94608 USA Tel: +1.786.281.2707 Email: acala@scsglobalservices.com</p>	And/or	<p>Esdras E. Juárez B. Sistemas de Gestión Industrias Aceiteras del Caribe de Honduras (HONDUCARIBE-ECARA) Calle Principal El Mango, Baracoa, Honduras Tel: +5049482-6079 Email: sgestion@honducaribe.com</p>
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Thank you for your comments and feedback.

Sincerely,

Adriana Cala
 RSPO Program Manager