

ACOP SECTORAL REPORT

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Organisation Name	Admiral Testing Services (M) Sdn Bhd
Corporate Website Address	www.ats-malaysia.com.my
Related Company(ies)	None
Country Operations	Malaysia
Membership Number	800700700000
Membership Type	Affiliate Members
Membership Category	Organisations

### **Operational Profile**

1. What are the main activities of your organisation?

PROVISION OF MARINE AND CARGO SURVEY AND INSPECTION SERVICES

2. Activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or members in the reporting period

NOT APPLICABLE

**3.** Do you have any collaborations with the industry players/private sector to support them in the market transformation towards CSPO?

No

If yes, please give details:

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4. What percentage of your organization's overall activities focus on palm oil?

100

5. How is your work on palm oil funded?

NOT APPLICABLE

### **Actions for Next Reporting Period**

6. Outline actions that will be taken in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil.

NOT APPLICABLE

1 What significant economic, social or environmental obstacles have you encountered in the production, procurement, use and/or promotion of CSPO and what efforts did you make to mitigate or resolve them?

NOT APPLICABLE

2 How would you qualify RSPO standards as compared to other parallel standards?

Cost Effective:	
Yes	
Robust:	
Yes	
Simpler to Comply to:	
similar	
	supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets? (e.g. Funding; Iders; Business to business education/outreach)
NOT APPLICABLE	

NOT APPLICABLE

Organisation Name	Applied Agricultural Resource	es Sdn Bhd		
Corporate Website Address	www.aarsb.com.my			
Related Company(ies)	Company	Primary Activity	RSPO Member	
	Advanced Agriecological Research Sdn. Bhd.	Affiliate Member	No	
	PT Applied Agricultural Resources Indonesia	Affiliate Member	No	
Country Operations	Indonesia, Malaysia			
Membership Number	8 0014 05 000 00			
Membership Type	Affiliate Members			
Membership Category	Organisations			

### **Operational Profile**

#### 1. What are the main activities of your organisation?

Research and Development (R&D)

2. Activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or members in the reporting period

**R&D** activities

3. Do you have any collaborations with the industry players/private sector to support them in the market transformation towards CSPO?

No

If yes, please give details:

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4. What percentage of your organization's overall activities focus on palm oil?

100

5. How is your work on palm oil funded?

Self funded

### **Actions for Next Reporting Period**

6. Outline actions that will be taken in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil.

Not applicable

1 What significant economic, social or environmental obstacles have you encountered in the production, procurement, use and/or promotion of CSPO and what efforts did you make to mitigate or resolve them?

Lack of scientific data or evidence in some of the requirements.

2 How would you qualify RSPO standards as compared to other parallel standards?

Cost Effective:	
No	
Robust:	
No	
Simpler to Comply to:	
similar	
	oported the vision of RSPO to transform markets? (e.g. Funding; ers; Business to business education/outreach)
Not applicable	

Not applicable

Organisation Name	Australian Food and Grocery Council (AFGC)
Corporate Website Address	www.afgc.org.au
Related Company(ies)	None
Country Operations	Australia
Membership Number	8-0134-12-000-00
Membership Type	Affiliate Members
Membership Category	Organisations

### **Operational Profile**

#### 1. What are the main activities of your organisation?

The Australian Food and Grocery Council (AFGC) is the leading national peak organisation representing Australia's packaged food, drink and grocery products manufacturers.

The food and grocery product industry is Australia's largest manufacturing sector and our members make a substantial contribution to the economic and social welfare of all Australians. Their products can be found in every Australian household.

The AFGC's role is to help shape a business environment that encourages the food and grocery products industry to grow and remain profitable. Our mandate is to ensure there is a cohesive and credible voice for the industry, advance policies and manage issues to help member companies to grow their businesses in a socially responsible manner. We provide food and grocery products manufacturers with a platform from which they can voice their views on a range of issues.

The AFGC works in the following areas:

POLICY - We analyse and influence federal and state policies to ensure our members' views are represented at the highest level.

MEMBER SERVICES - We offer a wide range of professional services specifically tailored to meet our members' needs.

PROGRAMS - We provide targeted programs to deliver solutions for members and stakeholders.

REPRESENTATION AND ADVOCACY - We present a united voice and advocate on behalf of the food and grocery manufacturing industry.

COMMUNICATION - We keep our members up to date and promote the industry.

# 2. Activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or members in the reporting period

The AFGC and its members support the RSPO as the most appropriate means of achieving sustainable palm oil production. AFGC sees the RSPO as the only viable and

credible means currently available to drive long term sustainable palm oil production. AFGC members who use palm oil are encouraged to work with supply chain partners to support the RSPO and seek to utilise palm oil sourced from sustainable plantations.

The AFGC promoted the RSPO and the use of sustainable palm oil through the AFGC Sustainability Commitment program, member events, newsletters and other member communication. The AFGC also released a report "Palm Oil in Australia: Facts, Issues and Challenges" in partnership with WWF Australia.

The AFGC promoted a "Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil Supply Chain Certification" in Sydney for its members in June 2013. The seminar organised by

SGS Australia was aimed to increase the awareness and knowledge of the RSPO process; to explain the requirements and elements involved in RSPO Supply Chain Certification and to give pragmatic examples for the implementation of the requirements.

The AFGC promoted a workshop on "The Principles of Sustainable Palm Oil Certification" in Melbourne in July 2013. This workshop organised by BM

Trada Certification Ltd provided a run-down of the principles of sustainable palm oil certification and RSPO supply chain certification systems. We will be hosting opportunities for organisations within the palm oil supply chain to raise their understanding of the RSPO initiative and the process of Certification

# 3. Do you have any collaborations with the industry players/private sector to support them in the market transformation towards CSPO?

No

If yes, please give details:

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#### 4. What percentage of your organization's overall activities focus on palm oil?

10

#### 5. How is your work on palm oil funded?

The AFGC and its work on palm oil is funded by its members who predominantly include the food and grocery manufacturers in Australia.

### **Actions for Next Reporting Period**

#### 6. Outline actions that will be taken in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil.

The AFGC will continue to promote RSPO and the use of sustainable palm oil. The activities include:

- Promote the use of sustainable palm oil through the AFGC Sustainablity Commitment by encouraging members to have a ethical sourcing policy.

- Promote RSPO and its activities through AFGC newsletters, member events and other communications.
- Engage with relevant agencies to improve the access to CSPO.
- Engaging with TFT to discuss responsible sourcing of palm oil with AFGC members and stakeholders.

1 What significant economic, social or environmental obstacles have you encountered in the production, procurement, use and/or promotion of CSPO and what efforts did you make to mitigate or resolve them?

Access to certified supply chain auditors has been a challenge for most of the food and grocery manufacturers who use palm oil. The AFGC liaises with firms such as BM Trada and SGS Australia and facilitates events/workshops to provide an opportunity to the AFGC members to directly interact with certified auditors and thereby increase the use of CSPO within the supply chain.

Also, cost of CSPO in a small geographically isolated country is an issue.

#### 2 How would you qualify RSPO standards as compared to other parallel standards?

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#### Cost Effective:

Yes

#### Robust:

Yes

#### Simpler to Comply to:

similar

# 3 How has your organization supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets? (e.g. Funding; Engagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)

AFGC co-funded the "Palm Oil in Australia:Facts, Issues and Challenges" report prepared with WWF Australia. AFGC is fostering the opportunity for palm oil users to collaborate on ways to transform the market here in Australia, through joint workshops and meetings.

#### 4 Other information on palm oil (sustainability reports, policies, other public information):

AFGC Responsible Sourcing Policy -

http://www.afgc.org.au/sustainability/sustainability-commitment-update-case-studies/social.html Click here to visit the URL

AFGC Sustainability Reports - http://www.afgc.org.au/sustainability.html Click here to visit the URL

Organisation Name	BM TRADA Certification Ltd
Corporate Website Address	www.bmtrada.com
Related Company(ies)	None
Country Operations	Argentina, Australia
Membership Number	8-0100-09-000-00
Membership Type	Affiliate Members
Membership Category	Organisations

### **Operational Profile**

#### 1. What are the main activities of your organisation?

**Certification Body** 

# 2. Activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or members in the reporting period

- 1. Certification audits
- 2. Seminars
- 3. Training courses
- 4. Conferences
- 5. Sponsorship of RSPO events
- 6. Participation in Standing Committees (Trade & Traceability / Communications & Claims, Supply Chain Standards Revision Committee).

# 3. Do you have any collaborations with the industry players/private sector to support them in the market transformation towards CSPO?

Yes

#### If yes, please give details:

- 1. Industry seminars and events organsised by BM TRADA or the food retailers.
- 2. Publication of TRADA book "How to get started in palm oil certification".
- 3. Technical updates to clients.

#### 4. What percentage of your organization's overall activities focus on palm oil?

10

#### 5. How is your work on palm oil funded?

Commercial activity

### **Actions for Next Reporting Period**

#### 6. Outline actions that will be taken in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil.

- 1. Certification audits
- 2. Seminars
- 3. Training courses
- 4. Conferences
- 5. Sponsorship of RSPO events
- 6. Participation in Standing Committess (Trade & Traceability / Communications & Claims)
- 7. Publications (Update of the "How to get Started" book).

1 What significant economic, social or environmental obstacles have you encountered in the production, procurement, use and/or promotion of CSPO and what efforts did you make to mitigate or resolve them?

1. Cost of RSPO membership and RSPO certification together makes it very difficult for small enterprises to afford SC certification.

2 How would you qualify RSPO standards as compared to other parallel standards?

Cost Effective:	
Yes	
Robust:	
Yes	
Simpler to Comply to:	
equal	
3 How has your organization supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets? (e.g. Funding; Engagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)	
<ol> <li>Industry seminars</li> <li>training courses</li> <li>TRADA Publications</li> </ol>	
4. Conferences (UK, Italy, Germany, Spain, USA, Australia, New Zealand, Ireland).	

4 Other information on palm oil (sustainability reports, policies, other public information):

see 3 above

Organisation Name	CV. KOOMPASIA CONSULTANT
Corporate Website Address	
Related Company(ies)	None
Country Operations	
Membership Number	8-0141-13-000-00
Membership Type	Affiliate Members
Membership Category	Organisations

### **Operational Profile**

#### 1. What are the main activities of your organisation?

1 Provide research, training and consultation about quality, environment and occupational health and safety

- 2 Provide research, training and consultation on sustainability system especially palm oil product
- 3 geographic information system services

# 2. Activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or members in the reporting period

1 Provide research, training and consultation on sustainability system especially palm oil product 2. Active partisipation national and international meeting

3. Do you have any collaborations with the industry players/private sector to support them in the market transformation towards CSPO?

No

If yes, please give details:

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4. What percentage of your organization's overall activities focus on palm oil?

100

#### 5. How is your work on palm oil funded?

Private sector and self funded

### **Actions for Next Reporting Period**

#### 6. Outline actions that will be taken in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil.

Provide research, training and consultation on sustainability system especially palm oil product

1 What significant economic, social or environmental obstacles have you encountered in the production, procurement, use and/or promotion of CSPO and what efforts did you make to mitigate or resolve them?

1 Human Resource in the industry on sustainable palm oil 2 The owner has not realized the importance of the implementation of sustainability

2 How would you qualify RSPO standards as compared to other parallel standards?

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Cost Effective:	
Yes	
Robust:	
Yes	
Simpler to Comply to:	
equal	
3 How has your organization supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets? (e.g. Funding; Engagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)	
pro-actively disseminate strategic issue of sustainability issues / RSPO	
4 Other information on palm oil (sustainability reports, policies, other public information):	
NO	

Organisation Name	Daemeter Consulting
Corporate Website Address	www.daemeter.org
Related Company(ies)	None
Country Operations	Indonesia, United States
Membership Number	8-0113-11-000-00
Membership Type	Affiliate Members
Membership Category	Organisations

### **Operational Profile**

#### 1. What are the main activities of your organisation?

- 1. Sustainability strategy
- Green economic development policy
- · Policy and regulatory analysis
- Sustainable business advisory
- Sustainable sourcing and supply chains
- Certification and legal compliance
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Sustainability reporting

2. Responsible investment

- Sustainable investment standards
- Land and licensing risks
- Social and environmental risk management
- Inventory and valuation
- Business feasibility assessment
- Green economy initiatives

- 3. Social and stakeholder engagementStakeholder analysis and engagement strategy
- Public consultation
- · Workshop facilitation and training
- Conflict avoidance and resolution
- Strategic communications
- Participatory mapping

4. Natural resources management

- High Conservation Value (HCV) assessment
- Landscape, ecosystem and biodiversity assessment
- Ecosystem Restoration and REDD+ project development
- Sustainable palm oil
- Sustainable forestry
- Community forestry and smallholder agriculture
- GIS and remote sensing, forest cover and ecosystems mapping

# 2. Activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or members in the reporting period

- HCV assessment to manage, monitor and maintain HCVs in new and existing oil palm developments?
- Investment risk analysis to screen acquisitions for RSPO member companies, their lenders and investors?
  Proactive efforts to bridge between stakeholder groups and build consensus around actions to improve
- development outcomes from oil palm?

• Policy research and analysis to facilitate alignment of Indonesia's policy framework with Green Growth objectives for palm oil

Landscape HCV mapping across Central and East Kalimantan

HCV training and capacity building?

• Publication of public domain reports, briefs and articles on diverse policy and business aspects of sustainable palm oil?

- Active participation in national and international meetings.
- · Examples of recent project activities include:

Liberia: Working with Green Consulting (based in Monrovia) conducting full HCV assessment for oil developments by RSPO member, Golden Veroleum Liberia Ltd. Work includes integrating HCV with HCS mapping and FPIC to complete a reconciled, coherent conservation plan: (http://daemeter.org/en/project/detail/57/hcv-full-assessment-of-a-planned-palm-oil-development-in-liberia#.VBmy6bxdVy8

#### Click here to visit the URL).

Myanmar: Participation in joint multi-stakeholder efforts lead by Fauna Flora International (FFI) to raise awareness and build a constituency around sustainable palm oil and related agri-business in Myanmar.

Global: Partnership with Proforest & Rainforest Alliance to offer complete sustainable palm oil supply chain support, including supply chain mapping, deforestation risk mapping, new planting assessments, training and capacity building, and more

(http://daemeter.org/new/uploads/20140827132612.Daemeter\_consortium\_announcement.pdf Click here to visit the URL).

Publication of "Best Management Practices in the Indonesian Palm Oil Industry" by Daemeter, with support from the Climate and Land Use Alliance (CLUA). Conductedcase study research highlighting best practices among Indonesian palm oil producers. Publication available here: http://daemeter.org/en/publication/detail/20/best-management-practices-in-the-indonesian-palm-oil-industry-case-studies#.U3W3xK2S

#### Click here to visit the URL

Publication of "Comparison of Four Major Sustainability Standards Applied in Indonesia" by Daemeter, with support from the Climate and Land Use Alliance (CLUA). Benchmarking study of hw RSPO, ISPO, ISPO, ISCC and SAN standard address leading social and environmental impacts of palm oil. Publication available here: http://daemeter.org/en/publication/detail/36/a-comparison-of-leading-palm-oil-certification-standards-applied-in-indonesia-towards-deficitor click here to visit the URL

# 3. Do you have any collaborations with the industry players/private sector to support them in the market transformation towards CSPO?

Yes

#### If yes, please give details:

We work with a wide range of Indonesian and multi-national palm oil producers and other supply chain actors to support their management systems and activities on the ground and develop policies, procedures and systems to mainstream sustainability throughout their operations. We also work with private lenders and investors to support development and implementation of responsible lending and investment policies in palm oil. Such work encompasses social, biodiversity and ecosystem service aspects of sustainability. One example of downstream supply chain work is our facilitation of the international procurement team of a major global consumer goods company to enhance its policy for sustainable sourcing of paperboard and packaging, as well as palm oil.

#### 4. What percentage of your organization's overall activities focus on palm oil?

100

#### 5. How is your work on palm oil funded?

Private sector, public and private donors, and NGOs. Some initiatives are self-funded.

### **Actions for Next Reporting Period**

#### 6. Outline actions that will be taken in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil.

• Continued partnering with progressive, committed members of the palm oil industry to promote sustainability throughout the palm oil supply chain?

• Expand activities in downstream segments of the palm oil supply chain to build synergies between upstream and downstream actors in targeted geographies?

• Continue implementation phase of a long term, multi-stakeholder, jurisdictional collaboration with Universitas Palangka Raya (UNPAR) and the Climate Policy Initiative (CPI) to promote low impact/high growth sustainable palm oil in Central Kalimantan?

• Scale up landscape level mapping of HCV areas across Kalimantan and other islands of Indonesia to support more robust site-level HCV assessment

• Support development of public domain tools and on-line platforms for ensuring higher standards of quality, rigor and transparency in HCV assessment in Indonesia

• Support development and responsible implementation of RSPOs emerging compensation system for

addressing past non-compliance with HCV provisions of the RSPO standard

Promote alignment of HCV and HCS tools for mapping sensitive areas that should be avoided for palm oil development

• HCV and related training events for private sector, civil society and government

1 What significant economic, social or environmental obstacles have you encountered in the production, procurement, use and/or promotion of CSPO and what efforts did you make to mitigate or resolve them?

Resource commitments and time frames required to bridge stakeholder groups and build consensus to cooperate given increasingly polarized debate and global discussion over negative vs positive impacts of palm oil, certification vs beyond certification approaches, trade issues and need to accelerate policy reform.

2 How would you qualify RSPO standards as compared to other parallel standards?

Cost Effective:			
Yes			
Robust:			
Yes			

equal

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3 How has your organization supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets? (e.g. Funding; Engagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)

Pro-active multi-level multi-forum engagement with key public, private and civil society actors to raise awareness, deepen understanding of key issues, improve policies, implement sustainability strategies and promote transparency.

4 Other information on palm oil (sustainability reports, policies, other public information):

Organisation Name	DuPont de Nemours (France) SAS
Corporate Website Address	
Related Company(ies)	None
Country Operations	Malaysia
Membership Number	8-0096-09-000-00
Membership Type	Affiliate Members
Membership Category	Organisations

### **Operational Profile**

#### 1. What are the main activities of your organisation?

Educating best practices in crop protection products to farmers and distribution channels

2. Activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or members in the reporting period

Training on product stewardship, safe use and empty used crop protection product containers recycling

**3.** Do you have any collaborations with the industry players/private sector to support them in the market transformation towards CSPO?

Yes

#### If yes, please give details:

With major oil palm plantation group

4. What percentage of your organization's overall activities focus on palm oil?

50

#### 5. How is your work on palm oil funded?

Own funding

### **Actions for Next Reporting Period**

#### 6. Outline actions that will be taken in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil.

Continue to promote sustainable agriculture - training on product stewardship, safe use and empty used crop protection product containers recycling

1 What significant economic, social or environmental obstacles have you encountered in the production, procurement, use and/or promotion of CSPO and what efforts did you make to mitigate or resolve them?

Not applicable

2 How would you qualify RSPO standards as compared to other parallel standards?

Cost Effective:	
No	
Robust:	
Yes	
Simpler to Comply to:	
similar	
• •	n supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets? (e.g. Funding; nolders; Business to business education/outreach)
Business to business educ	cation

None

Organisation Name	ENLAZA LTDA
Corporate Website Address	www.enlazacolombia.org
Related Company(ies)	None
Country Operations	Colombia
Membership Number	8-0143-13-000-00
Membership Type	Affiliate Members
Membership Category	Organisations

### **Operational Profile**

#### 1. What are the main activities of your organisation?

Since 2006 Enlaza works in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies, programs and projects focused on the promotion of sustainable development. I. Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability

#### Sustainable Management

- We provide support to companies in the adoption of principles of Sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility as part of their management system (strategy, culture and processes). We facilitate the alignment of the operation with the law, regulations, standards and certifications related to economic, social and environmental sustainability.

#### Social Responsibility

- We provide support to companies in the promotion and practice of principles and values of responsibility, effective communication, transparency and trust in their relationship with their communities of influence and other stakeholders.

 We design, implement, monitor and evaluate social and productive projects with communities and other external stakeholders aiming to maximize potential positive impacts.

#### Training

- We design and carry out workshops with differentiated publics on Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability.

Some of the standards and guidelines we rely upon are: GRI, ISO 26000, SGE 21, IRIS, SA8000, RSPO, RSB, Rainforest Alliance, Fair Trade and Global Compact. We have worked with over 14 firms in the strengthening of their strategic management and report on Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability. Through our field work we have helped firms from various sectors to achieve a better understanding of the needs and expectations of their communities of influence and other stakeholders, and to set effective dialogue processes and building long lasting relationships with each one of them.

#### II. Assessment and systematization of experiences

#### Systematization of experiences

- Through qualitative methodologies, we identify results and lessons learned of programs and projects aimed to promote sustainable development. We also produce recommendations for best practices in knowledge management. We have worked in 15 Latin American countries as consultants for the systematization of experiences.

#### Evaluation and assessment

- We carry out qualitative evaluations and assessments of programs and projects aimed to promote sustainable development. We partner with organizations and work teams with experience on quantitative evaluation to design and carry out comprehensive assessments of policies, programs and projects. We have assessed national- and international-wide programs, launched by both the Colombian national government and multilateral organizations.

III. South-South Cooperation

#### Systematization of experiences

- We conduct research, training and consultancy in processes for the strengthening of South-South Cooperation management which focus on capacity building and exchange of significant experiences. We have advised 5 Latin American governments in the construction of their South-South Cooperation strategies and the creation of better spaces for dialogue in this matter.

#### IV. Civic Education

#### **Civic Education Projects**

- We design, implement monitor and evaluate education programs and projects focused on citizenship and democracy.

#### Training

- We design and carry out workshops with different audiences on civic education, democracy and participation.

We have worked with corporate foundations and the public sector in the design and implementation of civic education projects, which seek to strengthen democracy and peaceful coexistence in Colombia.

# 2. Activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or members in the reporting period

We have advised several companies in the oil palm sector for their implementation of RSPO's P&C:

During 2012 and 2013 we advised one company in the implementation of RSPO's P&C concerninf their management system.

Between June 2013 and July 2014 we carried out 6 social impact assessments for companies in the oil palm sector in Colombia.

Between June 2013 and July 2014 we carried out 9 social impact assessments for companies in the oil palm sector in Central America.

Between June 2013 and July 2014 we carried out 3 sustainability reports for companies in the oil palm sector in Colombia.

We designed a set of indicators for sustainability in the chain production of the oil palm and fats sector in COlombia, which took into account the RSPO, among other standards.

We have also attended many meetings and trainings, summoned by FEDEPALMA, in relationship with the RSPO

Enlaza also attended the 4th Latin American Conference on RSPO wich took place in Honduras in 2013.

We carried out the assessment of 6 companies and their suppliers according to the RSPO standards (IDB funded contract through FEDEPALMA)

We have built assessment and monitoring tools which are useful for the implementation of the RSPO and for the carrying out of social impact assessments.

# 3. Do you have any collaborations with the industry players/private sector to support them in the market transformation towards CSPO?

No

#### If yes, please give details:

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#### 4. What percentage of your organization's overall activities focus on palm oil?

50

#### 5. How is your work on palm oil funded?

Private companies (palm oil growers and Mills) are our clients and hire us for our assessments.

Other public and private organizations interested in the sector's sustainability also hire us for our assessments or researches.

### **Actions for Next Reporting Period**

#### 6. Outline actions that will be taken in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil.

Right now, we are starting a project to build a RSPO practical handout wich can prove useful to companies in order to implement RSPO standards (IDB funded contract through FEDEPALMA).

Our plan is to keep on assessing companies in the implementation of the RSPO's P&C and carrying out impact assessments.

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1 What significant economic, social or environmental obstacles have you encountered in the production, procurement, use and/or promotion of CSPO and what efforts did you make to mitigate or resolve them?

Cost Effective:	
Yes	
Robust:	
Yes	
Simpler to Comply to:	
equal	
3 How has your organization supported the vi Engagement with key stakeholders; Business	ision of RSPO to transform markets? (e.g. Funding; to business education/outreach)

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Organisation Name	Federation of Oils, Seeds and Fats Associations Limited
Corporate Website Address	www.fosfa.org
Related Company(ies)	None
Country Operations	United Kingdom
Membership Number	8-0076-08-000-00
Membership Type	Affiliate Members
Membership Category	Organisations

### **Operational Profile**

#### 1. What are the main activities of your organisation?

Contract issuing body and arbitration services provider

2. Activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or members in the reporting period

Periodic updating on RSPO activities and developments to our 1,000+ membership in the Oils and Fats global market

Shared conference details as above

3. Do you have any collaborations with the industry players/private sector to support them in the market transformation towards CSPO?

No

If yes, please give details:

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4. What percentage of your organization's overall activities focus on palm oil?

10

5. How is your work on palm oil funded?

Subscription based organisation

### **Actions for Next Reporting Period**

6. Outline actions that will be taken in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil.

As above

1 What significant economic, social or environmental obstacles have you encountered in the production, procurement, use and/or promotion of CSPO and what efforts did you make to mitigate or resolve them?

N/A

2 How would you qualify RSPO standards as compared to other parallel standards?	
Cost Effective:	
Yes	
Robust:	
No	
Simpler to Comply	to:
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	anization supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets? (e.g. Funding; ey stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)
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Nil

# Intertek Certification GmbH (Formerly known as: Intertek Food Services GmbH)

Organisation Name	Intertek Certification GmbH (Formerly known as: Intertek Food Services GmbH)
Corporate Website Address	www.intertek.com
Related Company(ies)	None
Country Operations	
Membership Number	8-0130-11-000-00
Membership Type	Affiliate Members
Membership Category	Organisations

## **Operational Profile**

1. What are the main activities of your organisation?

Certification of companies against RSPO SCC Standard.

2. Activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or members in the reporting period

Participation at different events e.g. "Forum nachhaltiges Palmöl".

3. Do you have any collaborations with the industry players/private sector to support them in the market transformation towards CSPO?

No

If yes, please give details:

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4. What percentage of your organization's overall activities focus on palm oil?

50

5. How is your work on palm oil funded?

Certification service Provider - Service fees.

## **Actions for Next Reporting Period**

6. Outline actions that will be taken in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil.

Support RSPO SCC Standard at different Industry Events.

1 What significant economic, social or environmental obstacles have you encountered in the production, procurement, use and/or promotion of CSPO and what efforts did you make to mitigate or resolve them?

N/A

2 How would you qualify RSPO standards as compared to other para	llel standards?
Cost Effective:	
No	
Robust:	
No	
Simpler to Comply to:	
similar	
3 How has your organization supported the vision of RSPO to transfo	orm markets? (e.g. Funding;
Engagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education	/outreach)
participation at important Events e.g. Roundtables	

N/A

# Intertek Certification International Sdn. Bhd. (Formerly known as: Moody International Certification (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.)

Organisation Name	Intertek Certification International Sdn. Bhd. (Formerly known as: Moody International Certification (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.)
Corporate Website Address	www.intertek.com
Related Company(ies)	None
Country Operations	Cambodia, Germany, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore
Membership Number	8 0121 11 000 00
Membership Type	Affiliate Members
Membership Category	Organisations

ACOP 2013/2014 - Intertek Certification International Sdn. Bhd. (Formerly known as: Moody International Certification (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.)

## Affiliate Members / Supply Chain Associate

## **Operational Profile**

### 1. What are the main activities of your organisation?

As an accredited Certification Body. Conducting certification audits based on RSPO, PEFC, ISO standards and requirements.

# 2. Activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or members in the reporting period

Conducting of RSPO certifications for RSPO members i.e Growers, Millers and those in the supply chain for CSPO.

# 3. Do you have any collaborations with the industry players/private sector to support them in the market transformation towards CSPO?

Yes

### If yes, please give details:

Collaborations with MPOA, MPOB and MPOC.

### 4. What percentage of your organization's overall activities focus on palm oil?

50

### 5. How is your work on palm oil funded?

Audit fees charged to Clients for the conduct of certification programs.

## **Actions for Next Reporting Period**

### 6. Outline actions that will be taken in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil.

Participation in RSPO RTs, RSPO Task Force on related National Interpretations, Local Indicators of SPC and RSPO endorsed training, workshops and seminars.

ACOP 2013/2014 - Intertek Certification International Sdn. Bhd. (Formerly known as: Moody International Certification (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.)

## Challenges

1 What significant economic, social or environmental obstacles have you encountered in the production, procurement, use and/or promotion of CSPO and what efforts did you make to mitigate or resolve them?

Market misconception that CSPO has no added value whilst cost of certification is incurred. Thus the changing of market perception that CSPO does have positive significant long term contribution to the overall well being of the industry, CSPO producing countries and is part of responsible procurement in the consuming countries.

2 How would you qualify RSPO standards as compared to other parallel standards?

-Cost Effective:
Yes
Robust:
Yes

Simpler to Comply to:

equal

3 How has your organization supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets? (e.g. Funding; Engagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)

Being more actively engaged in the promotion of certifications to the RSPO standards and encouraging consumer markets to support the use of CSPO.

#### 4 Other information on palm oil (sustainability reports, policies, other public information):

Presently public information on RSPO certification programs and all certified units are made available via web link in our Intertek Group international website.

Organisation Name	NES NATURALEZA S.A.S
Corporate Website Address	www.nesnaturaleza.com
Related Company(ies)	None
Country Operations	Colombia, Costa Rica, Honduras, Mexico
Membership Number	8-0136-12-000-00
Membership Type	Affiliate Members
Membership Category	Organisations

## **Operational Profile**

#### 1. What are the main activities of your organisation?

NES NATURALEZA supports Latin American oil palm growers in their path to sustainability. Our actions are focused on reducing poverty in rural areas through capacity building, transfer of knowledge, information outreach and training campaigns for smallholders, medium and big palm growers and palm oil producers. In this sense, we also support them on their work of RSPO P&Cs adoption and compliance as well as in the supply chain standards.

NES NATURALEZA promotes knowledge management as a vital tool for personal development amongst smallholders. The goal is to build an entrepreneurship philosophy among them.

NES NATURALEZA promotes sustainable toolkits for companies and producers in order to improve their competitiveness on sustainable markets.

NES NATURALEZA encourages the active involvement of rural population and the added value on good agricultural practices through the balance of the three axis of sustainable development: economic, social and environmental.

NES NATURALEZA considers that the energy revolution is a milestone of agricultural development. Through specific research we promote the development of new renewable energy sources and their use. In fact, NES Naturaleza wants to create awareness on the benefits the world can achieve through the biomass use as a primary input for energy generation.

# 2. Activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or members in the reporting period

As a consultancy focused on sustainability and as a member of RSPO, we promote the adoption of RSPO standard not only by creating tools for helping its adoption but by translating RSPO key documents into Spanish jointly with RSPO. The fact of having main documents in Spanish language makes more easily the understanding and compliance of RSPO P&Cs in Latam.

In some countries of Central America such as Honduras, Mexico and Costa Rica, NES Naturaleza joint RSPO initiatives with different palm oil growers in order create awareness and support the adoption of RSPO P&Cs within their plantations and mills. We have also trained their work teams and smallholders for producing in a sustainable way.

NES NATURALEZA also carries out activities related to traceability in palm oil agroindustry to guarantee sustainability along the supply chain.

# 3. Do you have any collaborations with the industry players/private sector to support them in the market transformation towards CSPO?

### Yes

### If yes, please give details:

NES NATURALEZA is a consultancy that supports palm oil mills and palm oil plantations on their path to sustainability preparing them for RSPO certification. Nowadays, the organization efforts are focused on supporting good agricultural, social and environmental practices, traceability and chain of custody in order to guarantee a 100% certified product, all the way from the plantation to the final buyer.

### 4. What percentage of your organization's overall activities focus on palm oil?

100

### 5. How is your work on palm oil funded?

Private Resources

## **Actions for Next Reporting Period**

### 6. Outline actions that will be taken in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil.

NES NATURALEZA will continue working with companies in Latin America to help them on the adoption of RSPO P&Cs and to achieve supply chain standards. Also, conducting in mills and oil palm plantations trainings for staff and small producers. We will keep doing knowledge management and working with smallholders, focused on capacity building as a way to maintain the RSPO Standards.

1 What significant economic, social or environmental obstacles have you encountered in the production, procurement, use and/or promotion of CSPO and what efforts did you make to mitigate or resolve them?

Language is still an important barrier for the appropriation of RSPO P&Cs in Latam region. Even more, taking into account that there is a number of documents that are not yet translated as well as documents that enter for public consultation from the RSPO itself, but with a great limitation for regional involvement since they are not in Spanish. These, without mentioning the updates of the RSPO working teams or modifications to the processes that don't arrive in a proper time to Latam. These constrains are very costly in terms of the lenght and understanding of the actions needed for compliance with RSPO and of course the investments needed too.

In that sense, there is a need for seeking alternatives in order to have access to the RSPO information in proper time and language as it states in the P&Cs Standards.

On the other hand, the geographic distance between the RSPO and Latin America, as well as the cultural differences have also became important barriers. There are big differences in the production levels in countries like Malaysia and Indonesia compared to Latin America. There is a palm oil producer's diversity even among countries of the same region and it seems that in some cases these have not been taken into account by the RSPO. That could create some misunderstandings when adopting the RSPO even more knowing that there are very few experts in the region on HVC, FPIC, Geodata, an so on.

NES NATURALEZA thinks that it is necessary to have a closer relation between RSPO & Latam for a better understanding of the dynamics of the palm oil agroindustry in the region.

To resolve part of this we try to keep in continual contact with the RSPO in order to understand better and gather enough information for supporting our clients on RSPO impletetation.

### 2 How would you qualify RSPO standards as compared to other parallel standards?

Cost Effective:			
Yes			
Robust:			
Yes			
Simpler to Comply to:			
similar			

3 How has your organization supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets? (e.g. Funding; Engagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)

NES NATURALEZA promotes the knowledge transfer to small growers and all along the palm oil supply chain using innovative strategies for creating awareness, for training and for understanding RSPO standards as a philosophy.

#### 4 Other information on palm oil (sustainability reports, policies, other public information):

NES NATURALEZA has worked in the development of several researches through national and international partners, mainly focused on the future and potential of palm oil agroindustry in Colombia.

Organisation Name	PALMELIT SAS		
Corporate Website Address	www.palmelit.com		
Related Company(ies)	Company	Primary Activity	RSPO Member
	Siam Elite Palm Co. Ltd.	Affiliate Member	No
Country Operations	Benin, Cameroon, Colombia, Nigeria, Thailand	Ecuador, France Me	tropolitan, Indonesia,
Membership Number	8-0147-13-000-00		
Membership Type	Affiliate Members		
Membership Category	Organisations		

## **Operational Profile**

### 1. What are the main activities of your organisation?

PalmElit SAS is an oil palm seed company, subsidiary of CIRAD. Our activities are linked to seed breeding, seed production and distribution, under CIRAD and partner trademarks.

# 2. Activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or members in the reporting period

-Promotion through inclusion of RSPO in all our many presentations to our customers and prospects, in conferences or in private meetings.

- Including a clause on respect of RSPO P&C in all our long term contracts for seed supply to oil palm planters - We invite all our prospects (future planters) to reflect on RSPO through a questionnaire systematically forwarded at the early steps of our relationship with them, with the following note: "Choosing a sustainable approach will have a determining impact for your project and for all stakeholders (customers, employees, public opinion..). Moreover you will be more efficient and will limit risks and will facilitate your project development in the long run." In this opportunity we request them to declare their intention with regards to RSPO certification.

- Funding of smallholder study project in Ecuador.

- Preparing a project in Thailand regarding the creation of CSPO smallholder groups and their sustainability, then the creation of new ones.

# 3. Do you have any collaborations with the industry players/private sector to support them in the market transformation towards CSPO?

Yes

#### If yes, please give details:

In our discusions with and in the form provided to all our prospects (future planters), we offer them to guide them with RSPO and to give them contacts on HCV and P&C compliance consultants.

### 4. What percentage of your organization's overall activities focus on palm oil?

100

### 5. How is your work on palm oil funded?

100% through our own sale of oil palm seeds.

## **Actions for Next Reporting Period**

### 6. Outline actions that will be taken in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil.

- Include a clause on RSPO compliance in our General Conditions of Sale new version
- Build a project with CIRAD and Wild Asia on Smallholder group scheme
- Propose a Project to be developped in Africa to the Alliance Française for Sustainable Palm Oil
- Contribute to training of smallholders in Latin America
- Raising awareness that high yielding planting material is a key factor to sustainable oil palm (resistance to
- diseases and reducing land use pressure)

1 What significant economic, social or environmental obstacles have you encountered in the production, procurement, use and/or promotion of CSPO and what efforts did you make to mitigate or resolve them?

As a seed seller/distributor, PalmElit is an intermediary and we have difficulties getting complete and verified information on projects and on our prospects' activities as future planters. Nevertheless in application of our code of conduct we request at least a declaration of intention regarding the RSPO certification process and offer support to connect to experts in the topic.

2 How would you qualify RSPO standards as compared to other parallel standards?

Cost Effective:	
No	
Robust:	
Yes	
Simpler to Comply to:	
similar	

### Engagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)

Explaining and raising awareness about RSPO in all our presentations to customers and prospects (planters). Engaging our partners to become members of RSPO and to become certified as soon as possible. Refusing to deal in certain areas, where there are recognized troubles, or with some customers whom we think may have wrongful behaviour.

4 Other information on palm oil (sustainability reports, policies, other public information):

none

Organisation Name	ProForest
Corporate Website Address	www.proforest.net
Related Company(ies)	None
Country Operations	Brazil, Cameroon, Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Liberia, Malaysia, Mexico, Sierra Leone, United Kingdom
Membership Number	8-0061-07-000-00
Membership Type	Affiliate Members
Membership Category	Organisations

## **Operational Profile**

#### 1. What are the main activities of your organisation?

Proforest helps people manage the world's natural resources sustainably. We are an independent, international organisation that works alongside producers, industry, governments, NGOs and communities to help them understand and address their sustainability challenges, bridge their differences and arrive at effective, integrated solutions. Our expertise delivers sustainable natural resource management – from policy, investment and procurement to production on the ground.

# 2. Activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or members in the reporting period

Proforest provides responsible palm oil sourcing services, giving practical support to companies - processors, buyers and traders - to develop and implement their responsible sourcing policies. In addition, Proforest works directly with growers and smallholders, helping them to meet the RSPO P&C, and providing services such as HCV assessments. We have been working with many of the world's leading companies who are RSPO members.

We have worked hard to raise funding - partly through RSPO member companies - for RSPO awareness raising and capacity building programmes, including in Africa and Latin America. This includes training for companies on key RSPO issues such as High Conservation Values (HCV) and Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC).

Proforest has also been providing support services directly to the RSPO, including for standards development procedures, facilitation of processes such as National Interpretations, and training events such as the RSPO Lead Auditor Course.

Proforest is also the secretariat for the SHARP initiative, a new multi-stakeholder partnership which is working with the private sector to support sustainable smallholder development. As part of this, models are currently being developed to ensure support for smallholder inclusion in sustainable palm oil supply chains: www.sharp-partnership.org <u>Click here to visit the URL</u>

# 3. Do you have any collaborations with the industry players/private sector to support them in the market transformation towards CSPO?

Yes

### If yes, please give details:

As detailed above, part of our work involves collaboration with the palm oil industry private sector, providing them with support services towards achieving production and sourcing of CSPO.

### 4. What percentage of your organization's overall activities focus on palm oil?

50

### 5. How is your work on palm oil funded?

Either directly through private companies or grants, depending on the nature of the work.

## **Actions for Next Reporting Period**

### 6. Outline actions that will be taken in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil.

Continuation, development and expansion of activities as listed in Section 2.

1 What significant economic, social or environmental obstacles have you encountered in the production, procurement, use and/or promotion of CSPO and what efforts did you make to mitigate or resolve them?

As stated, the work of Proforest specializes in developing and implementing practical solutions to obstacles surrounding CSPO, at all stages of the supply chain.

2 How would you qualify RSPO standards as compared to other parallel standards?

Cost Effective:
Yes
Robust:
Yes
Simpler to Comply to:
similar
3 How has your organization supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets? (e.g. Funding; Engagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)
As listed in Section 2, Proforest's work specializes in developing and implementing practical solutions to obstacles surrounding CSPO, at all stages of the supply chain. This includes engagement with and support for companies at all stages of the supply chain (including producers and FMCG), programme work to support inclusion of smallholders in supply chains, and various training and outreach events.

4 Other information on palm oil (sustainability reports, policies, other public information):

Visit the Proforest website at: www.proforest.net Click here to visit the URL

Organisation Name	PT Remark Asia
Corporate Website Address	http://www.re-markasia.co/
Related Company(ies)	None
Country Operations	Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Thailand, Vietnam
Membership Number	8-0145-13-000-00
Membership Type	Affiliate Members
Membership Category	Organisations

## **Operational Profile**

### 1. What are the main activities of your organisation?

Re.Mark Asia is a company that provides consultancy services in sustainable natural resource management. Sustainability aspects in natural resource management, especially in Indonesia and Asia, is currently the main challenge in global development.

Re.Mark Asia focuses on business activities in relation to technical assistance, certification, verification and inspection. Services cover sectors such as forestry, agriculture, mining and other new developing sectors. Technical Assistance include identification of high conservation values (HCV), social impact assessment (SIA), social environmental impact assessment (SEIA), social and environmental dual dilligent, certification support initiative (CSI) which serves certification systems such as FSC, PEFC, RSPO, ISPO, ISCC, Carbon Accountancy/GHG Calculation and organic. Technical support for companies to achieve such standards, as well conducting sustainability audits and reportings are also covered.

Technical assistance involve audit services for quality management system certifications (ISO 9001), environmental management systems (ISO 13 14001), occupational health and safety management systems (OHSAS), food safety management systems (ISO 22000/HACCP) and other existing ISO management systems. Additionally, services also cover certification processes related to sustainable natural resource management systems such as the sustainable forest management, chain of custody (CoC) and timber legality verification system (SVLK) using standards from FSC, PEFC, LEI and the Ministry of Forestry's mandatory PHPL as well as sustainable palm oil using RSPO, ISPO and ISCC standards.

For certification services, Re.Mark Asia collaborates with an accredited certification body. For ISCC and RSPO certification, Re.Mark Asia partners with agroVet, Austria. For forestry related and ISPO certification, Re.Mark Asia partners with TUV Rheinland Indonesia. For organic certification, Re.Mark Asia partners with Ceres, Germany. Re.Mark Asia also provide services which involve inspections and evaluations on factories or certain facilities within factories, as well as products, to ensure they have fulfilled certain standards. Other services include third party verification which involve professional and credible independent bodies to verify the work of clients who are required to do so by their customers, NGOs, government and others by utilising certain standards or criteria.

As an important part of achieving sustainability in companies, Re.Mark Asia also conduct in-house or public workshops/training.

In ISCC EU Certification Re.Mark Asia build an agreement with ISCC Certification Body agroVet. Remark Asia becomes an operating partners in Asia, particularly Indonesia. Remark Asia manages the certification processes under the supervision of agroVet. All system, procedures, assessment processes are agroVet operation. agroVet is certification body and issued ISCC certificate.

# 2. Activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or members in the reporting period

- 1. Technical assistance to comply with the RSPO standard certification (Certification Support Initiatives)
- 2. Providing services for HCV identification, Social Impact Assessment
- 3. Auditing services
- 4. Trainings
- 5. Sustainability reporting
- 6. Others

# 3. Do you have any collaborations with the industry players/private sector to support them in the market transformation towards CSPO?

No

If yes, please give details:

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4. What percentage of your organization's overall activities focus on palm oil?

50

### 5. How is your work on palm oil funded?

From private contract.

## **Actions for Next Reporting Period**

### 6. Outline actions that will be taken in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil.

- Technical assistance to comply with the RSPO standard certification (Certification Support Initiatives)
   Providing services for HCV identification, Social Impact Assessment
   Auditing services
   Trainings
   Sustainability reporting
   Otherate

- 6. Others

1 What significant economic, social or environmental obstacles have you encountered in the production, procurement, use and/or promotion of CSPO and what efforts did you make to mitigate or resolve them?

Awareness and willingness to improve the Human Resources Capacity.

#### 2 How would you qualify RSPO standards as compared to other parallel standards?

Cost Effective:	
No	
Robust:	
Yes	
Simpler to Comply	to:
equal	
-	ganization supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets? (e.g. Funding; and stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)
Business to bus	ness education through training and technical assistance.

### 4 Other information on palm oil (sustainability reports, policies, other public information):

Provide public information through our social media (i.e facebook, twitter, instagram), training, seminar and disseminate brochures.

Organisation Name	PT Sucofindo
Corporate Website Address	www.sucofindo.co.id
Related Company(ies)	None
Country Operations	Indonesia
Membership Number	8-0081-08-000-00
Membership Type	Affiliate Members
Membership Category	Organisations

## **Operational Profile**

### 1. What are the main activities of your organisation?

Certification services

2. Activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or members in the reporting period

We already participated in all RSPO and palm oil seminar ; we submit the information about sustainable palm oil in our Directory SICS 6th edition, May 2013

3. Do you have any collaborations with the industry players/private sector to support them in the market transformation towards CSPO?

No

#### If yes, please give details:

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4. What percentage of your organization's overall activities focus on palm oil?

50

5. How is your work on palm oil funded?

We are funded by growers who want to uses our service about RSPO certification

## **Actions for Next Reporting Period**

### 6. Outline actions that will be taken in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil.

We would like to promote sustainable palm oil by proposed to the client to be certified both ISPO and RSPO at the same time (combining audit) in order to make it simple and efficient.

1 What significant economic, social or environmental obstacles have you encountered in the production, procurement, use and/or promotion of CSPO and what efforts did you make to mitigate or resolve them?

The value added of CSPO is not significant as promise at the first launched.

### 2 How would you qualify RSPO standards as compared to other parallel standards?

Cost Effective:	
No	
Robust:	
No	
Simpler to Comply to	>:
similar	
	nization supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets? (e.g. Funding; y stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)
Actively partcipate	d as certification body in RSPO events

**RSPO** website

Organisation Name	Trading Services London (T.S.L.)
Corporate Website Address	www.tslpalm.com
Related Company(ies)	None
Country Operations	United Kingdom
Membership Number	8-0031-06-000-00
Membership Type	Affiliate Members
Membership Category	Organisations

## **Operational Profile**

### 1. What are the main activities of your organisation?

vegetable oil brokerage

# 2. Activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or members in the reporting period

promoting the use of sustainable vegetable oil by proving information to our principals on availablity and premiums being achieved for various standards of sustainable oil, especially in the tropical sector.

# 3. Do you have any collaborations with the industry players/private sector to support them in the market transformation towards CSPO?

Yes

### If yes, please give details:

regularly brokering cspo on behalf of sipef s.a. belgium

### 4. What percentage of your organization's overall activities focus on palm oil?

100

### 5. How is your work on palm oil funded?

commission

## **Actions for Next Reporting Period**

### 6. Outline actions that will be taken in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil.

to continue to promote sustainable palm oil and to try keep principals advised of new legislation that is to be forthcoming, especially within the EU.

1 What significant economic, social or environmental obstacles have you encountered in the production, procurement, use and/or promotion of CSPO and what efforts did you make to mitigate or resolve them?

end consumers not willing to pay the premiums being asked by the producers

also different standards of sustainability seem to be complicating the issue for the end consumer buying their shopping.

lower disposable income markets literally not able to pay the premiums for sustainable oil

2 How would you qualify RSPO standards as compared to other parallel standards?

Cost Effective:			
Yes			
Robust:			
Yes			
Simpler to Comply to:			
similar			

3 How has your organization supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets? (e.g. Funding; Engagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)

continuing to try and promote the work of the rspo. I think that we were the first vegetable oil broker to become a member and believe we may still be the only one.

4 Other information on palm oil (sustainability reports, policies, other public information):

there seems to be more legislation forthcoming which is going to force the hand of those who have not taken taken the first steps to a complete sustainable palm oil trade

Organisation Name	Vereniging voor de Bakkerij- en Zoetwarenindustrie (VBZ)
Corporate Website Address	www.vbz.nl
Related Company(ies)	None
Country Operations	Netherlands
Membership Number	8-0132-12-000-00
Membership Type	Affiliate Members
Membership Category	Organisations

## **Operational Profile**

#### 1. What are the main activities of your organisation?

VBZ is the Association of the Dutch Bakery and Confectionery industry. With our services VBZ aspires to create a sustainable and optimal climate for the members.

VBZ is the spokesman for the Dutch bakery and confectionery industry. Here fore we maintains relationships with the Dutch Government, NGO's, the association of the Dutch Food Industry (FNLI), the European association of the Confectionery industry (Caobisco), the association of the Dutch retail organizations and labour organizations.

Actual examples includes social issues as child labour in the cacao industry, working conditions and the collective labour agreement for the confectionery industry. Other relevant issues are food quality and health & nutrition.

Furthermore, VBZ offers many tools to help her members. With risk reducing checklists, for example VBZ provides a tool to create a safe working environment and an optimal assurance package, other tools include a toolkit for sustainability, a toolkit for human resources, logistic efficiency, World Class Manufacturing and reformulation of products (less salt, saturated fat etc.).

At the website of VBZ members can freely download all the (actual) information VBZ provides for them. Finally, schooling programs which are made in agreement with the unions and are obliged, are available for a better performance of employers.

# 2. Activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or members in the reporting period

Promoting sustainable palm oil via VBZ member events, VBZ newsletter, direct contact with members and the VBZ sustainability toolkit (Barometer Duurzame Bakkerij en Zoetwaren).

Participating in the Dutch Taskforce Sustainable Palmoil: www.taskforceduurzamepalmolie.nl <u>Click here to visit</u> the URL

Contact with suppliers and customers organisations and promoting sustainable palm oil.

# 3. Do you have any collaborations with the industry players/private sector to support them in the market transformation towards CSPO?

Yes

If yes, please give details:

See the previous question

4. What percentage of your organization's overall activities focus on palm oil?

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5. How is your work on palm oil funded?

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## Actions for Next Reporting Period

### 6. Outline actions that will be taken in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil.

Maintaining and reinforcing close cooperation with suppliers and customers organisations. Keeping close contact with our members and promote them to achieve 100% sustainable palm oil and helping them to solve problems that can obstruct this goal.

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1 What significant economic, social or environmental obstacles have you encountered in the production, procurement, use and/or promotion of CSPO and what efforts did you make to mitigate or resolve them?

2 How would you qualify RSPO standards as compared to other parallel standards?			
Cost Effective:			
Robust:			
Simpler to Comply to:			
How has your organization supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets? (e.g. Funding;			
ingagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)			
See previous questions			

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The RSPO is an international non-profit organization 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

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