

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

CONSEJO MEXICANO PARA EL DESARROLLO DE LA PALMA DE ACEITE, A.C. (COMEXPALMA)

1.2 Membership number

8-0203-17-000-00

1.3 Membership sector

Organisations

1.4 Membership category

Affiliate

1.5 Country

Mexico

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 finance or support companies or organisations that produce or manufacture palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products
- I support the sustainable development of the palm oil industry as a conservation and environmental NGO
- I support the sustainable development of the palm oil industry as a social and human development NGO
- I am an Affiliate member of the RSPO, indirectly involved in the palm oil industry

Affiliates

1. Operational Profile

1.1 What are the main activities of your organisation?

Comexpalma's main activities are:

I. To nationally represent the leading actors in the productive chain of oil palm in Mexico, striving towards achieving its integrated development. It also seeks to optimize and amplify the coordination between producers, the industry, and, generally, between all the stakeholders related directly or indirectly to the oil palm productive chain, such as the federal, state, and municipal governments, as well as financial, academic, or research institutions.

II. To advocate for an increase in productivity and production of oil palm, as well as to promote the planting of this crop, improving it alongside the commercialization and industrialization of the flesh and oil. These measures are taken in order to make this activity profitable and competitive, following sustainability and environmental protection criteria.

III. To participate in the determination and direction of programs and financial support for its associates in coordination with private entities and the Federal, State, and Municipal governments.

IV. To carry out all kinds of acts and operations and to subscribe credit instruments under the terms of the General Law of Credit Instruments and Operations and all kinds of documents, including the granting of powers of attorney, as well as in general to carry out any kind of activities that may be necessary for the fulfillment of the corporate purpose of the company.

V. To purchase, sale, lease, sublease and manage all kinds of movable and immovable property, which are necessary for the fulfillment of the purpose of the corporation.

VI. To promote the integration of State Oil Palm Councils, as part of the operational structure of the National Council itself.

VII. To promote technological development in both agricultural production and oil palm industrialization.

VIII. To develop technical assistance and training programs for agricultural producers.

IX. To promote and manage financing that will enable members to obtain loans on favorable terms to boost their growth and productivity

1.2 What activities has your organisation undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or RSPO members in the reporting period?

In order to promote the production and trade of sustainable palm oil in Mexico, Comexpalma since 2017 promoted the certification standard of the Principles and Criteria of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) and its adaptation to the national context. To achieve this, a National Interpretation of this standard was developed with the support of the firm E3 Consultoría Ambiental S.C. with the purpose of facilitating the participation of the different stakeholders of the production chain in the country.

In February 2019, the national interpretation of the principles and criteria for Mexico was approved. This activity set the tone for the National Interpretation Public Consultation. With the coordination and financing of COMEXPALMA, ANIAME and the Government, the Public Consultation Forums were held in July 2019 in the oil palm producing states of Mexico with the participation of the RSPO technical manager in Latin America, Katherin Ibarra.

Finally, on June 25, 2020, the effort, commitment and responsibility of the work team materialized with the approval of the 2018 RSPO National Interpretation of Principles and Criteria for Mexico by the RSPO Board of Directors, which is undoubtedly a great achievement for the entire production chain and the promotion of palm oil sustainability in Mexico..

In 2019 and 2020, courses on RSPO 2018 principles and criteria for Mexico were imparted. Due to the pandemic, they were held online..

Furthermore, the Mexican Council for the Development of Palm Oil , in collaboration with the Ministry of Economy of the Mexican Federal Government, ANIAME, as well as a large number of participants and members of the palm oil production chain, who are committed to the sustainability of palm oil in Mexico, set out to work together on a Mexican Standard for Sustainable Palm Oil (F817-SCFI-2020) based on the principles and criteria of RSPO for Mexico 2018. After 26 months of hard work and a public consultation, on July 1, 2020, it was published in the Official Journal of the Federation with effect from January 2021.

1.3 What percentage of your organisation's overall activities focus on palm oil?

100.0%

1.4 Did members of your organisation participate in RSPO working groups and/or taskforces in the reporting period?

No

1.5 Does your organisation have any past or on-going 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)?

No

1.6 How is your organisation's work on palm oil funded?

Managing financial support from the Federal Government with programs aimed at oil palm cultivation and participating in the determination and direction of such programs and supports for its associates in coordination with the Federal, State and Municipal Governments.

2. Actions for Next Reporting Period

2.1 Please outline activities that your organisation will take in the coming year to promote the production or consumption of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)

COMEXPALMA, together with aniamé and with the support of the Federal Government through the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Economy, will inform the members of the oil palm production chain about the Mexican Standard for Sustainable Palm Oil as a sustainability certification framework.

A virtual channel will be created where the different actors in the oil palm production chain will receive information on the RSPO 2018 principles and criteria for Mexico, information on the Mexican Standard for Sustainable Oil Palm, as well as training courses on various topics related to this crop. In this way, COMEXPALMA promotes RSPO certification and sustainability in Mexico, integrating all those involved in the oil palm production chain.

The book *Tecnología para la Producción de la Palma de Aceite en México* will be updated jointly with the National Institute of Forestry Research (INIFAP) and the Ministry of Agriculture according to the sustainability guidelines established in the RSPO 2018 principles and criteria for Mexico and the Mexican Standard for Sustainable Oil Palm.

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
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- Supply issues
- Traceability issues
- No challenges faced
- Others

Others

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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?

- 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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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

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