

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

Global Environment Centre

1.2 Membership number

6-0005-04-000-00

1.3 Membership sector

Environmental or Nature Conservation Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)

1.4 Membership category

Ordinary

1.5 Country

Malaysia

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

NGOs

1. Operational Profile

1.1 What are the main activities of your organisation?

GEC is a Malaysian non-profit organisation with activities at local, regional and global level to address environmental issues of global concern. GEC has been recognised by the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity for its work on peatlands and also river basin management. GEC's main activities are: Environmental Education and Training, Community development, Forest and Peatlands Management and Rehabilitation, Policy development and partnership with private sector.

1.2 What activities has your organisation undertaken to publicise programmes to support the RSPO, RSPO certification, the uptake of RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products, or to support good standing RSPO members during the reporting period?

1. Actively involved and facilitate promoting RSPO, involved in RSPO PLWG-2, and PLWG subgroup ISH for BMPs.
 2. Providing technical guidance to assist RSPO members to implement BMPs for oil palm cultivated on peat.
 3. Continually engaging with oil palm smallholders on peat on the importance of BMPs.
 4. Applying RSPO ramp model for recovery project and partnership with supply chain for conservation and protection of peat swamp forest.
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1.3 What percentage of your organisation's overall activities focus on palm oil?

20%

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

Yes

1.5 Does your organisation have any 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)?

Yes

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

Funded by grant, internal funds and contribution from private sector.

2. TimeBound Plan

2.1 Which year did your organisation start or expects to start participating in RSPO working groups and/or taskforces?

2007

2.2 Which year did your organisation start or expects to start undertaking and publicising programmes to support the RSPO, RSPO certification, uptake of RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products and/or good standing RSPO member?

2009

3. Actions for Next Reporting Period

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

1. Supporting the RSPO members and third party suppliers on the implementation of BMPs especially for oil palm cultivated on peat;
 2. Promote the RSPO BMP Peat Manuals to stakeholders for sustainable palm oil and rehabilitation of peatland;
 3. Continue to support work of PLWG;
 4. Continue promoting RSPO racp model for recovery project and partnership with supply chain for conservation and protection of peat swamp forest.
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Shared Responsibility

The Board of Governors of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil approved new Shared Responsibility rules on 31 October 2019, requiring all members to share sustainability requirements and obligations. Reporting of Shared Responsibility indicators will be done through several channels, including ACOP. As the implementation of Shared Responsibility reporting is still on-going and in development, the Shared Responsibility section in ACOP is not yet final and may change in future ACOP cycles. For more information on Shared Responsibility, please go to <https://rspo.org/news-and-events/news/what-are-the-new-shared-responsibility-rules> or email the ACOP team at acop@rspo.org

Labour & Labour Rights

1.1 Does your company have a publicly-available policy covering Labour & Labour Rights?

No

Ethical Conduct & Human Rights

1.2 Does your company have a publicly-available Policy covering Ethical Conduct & Human Rights?

No

Occupational Health & Safety

1.4 Does your company have a publicly-available Policy covering Occupational Health & Safety?

No

Climate Change & Greenhouse Gas (GHG)

1.5 Does your company have a publicly-available policy covering Climate Change & Greenhouse Gas (GHG)?

No

Complaints & Grievances

1.6 Does your company have a Complaints & Grievances Mechanism?

No

Smallholders**1.7 Does your company support oil palm independent smallholder groups?**

Yes

1.7.1 Does this support cover:

- Fair and transparent dealings with Smallholders
- Improved Smallholder livelihoods

1.7.2 How is your company supporting them?

1. Actively promoting BMPs oil palm cultivation on peat and promoting additional livelihood activities, as well as providing basic need facilities such as clean water and electricity through solar system. .

Sustainable Palm Oil Policy**1.8 Does your company have a publicly-available Policy covering the implementation of RSPO Shared Responsibility principles?**

No

Waste Management**1.9 Does your company have a waste management plan?**

Yes

Water Management**1.10 Does your company have a water management plan?**

No

Energy Use**1.11 Does your company have an energy use plan covering fossil fuels and renewable energy?**

No

RSPO Services and Support**1.12 Does your company provide services and support to the RSPO, eg. participation in RSPO Working Groups and Task Forces**

Yes

Shared Responsibility Resourcing**1.13 Does your company have a plan to commit resources to ensure effective implementation of RSPO Shared Responsibility principles?**

Yes

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
- Reputation of RSPO in the market
- 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

<https://www.gec.org.my/index.cfm?&menuid=48&parentid=287>