

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

HUTAN Kinabatangan Orang-utan Conservation Programme

1.2 Membership number

6-0025-13-000-00

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?

HUTAN is a grassroots non-profit organisation working to build innovative approaches to conserve the orang-utan and other wildlife populations in the forests of Sabah, Malaysian Borneo.

In 1998, Hután set up the Kinabatangan Orang-Utan Conservation Programme (KOCP) as a collaboration between the Lower Kinabatangan community and the Sabah Wildlife Department.

Today our team is composed of 60 highly skilled full-time staff hailing from the Orang Sungai community. HUTAN-KOCP has faced many challenges over the past 22 years which have incited us to develop a holistic strategy combining long-term scientific research, wildlife and habitat protection and management, policy work, capacity building, education and awareness, as well as community outreach and development.

We are now working with a wide range of partners - including communities, government agencies, research institutions, other NGOs and private stakeholders including oil palm plantations - to find realistic and localised solutions where the sustainable use of natural resources and durable socio-economic.

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?

We have supported the RSPO vision by engaging with our partners and funders via peer-reviewed research papers, presentations, reports, conferences, meetings, workshops, discussions, and press releases on the merits of CSPO and RSPO to improve the situation of those who work in plantations as well as for wildlife and the environment.

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

50%

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?

Our work including research/studies and human-wildlife conflict which involves the palm oil landscape is funded via grants mostly from Foundations and Zoos in the United States, Europe and Australia.

Since 2018 we work closely with PONGO Alliance to carry out work on the ground directly involving the oil palm landscape. In addition, we also work with other outgrowers and plantations (RSPO and non-RSPO members) since 2018 to find holistic solutions to address wildlife conflict issues including reforestation and training.

2. TimeBound Plan

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

2014 _____

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?

2013 _____

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. Within the Kinabatangan landscape we have been working with mostly outgrowers and a few companies which are RSPO members to study orang-utans in secondary forest. In addition since 2018, we have been working with outgrowers on human-wildlife conflict particularly in regards to the Bornean elephants and all reforestation.
2. We are part of the PONGO Alliance; an alliance of several major palm oil producers and nature conservation organisations, with the mission to support the proper management of orang-utans and other wildlife within plantations. One of the biggest challenges of PONGO Alliance is to set in motion a general move away from the idea of separating orangutans and plantations, and from automatically taking orang-utans out of plantations on the assumption that they will do better somewhere else.
3. We are part of the Steering Committee in the Malaysian State of Sabah, which aims to achieve Statewide Jurisdictional output of CSPO by 2025.
4. We have been working with none RSPO member company and other groups such as Seratu Atai and Earthworm Foundation (formerly The Forest Trust) together with the Sabah Wildlife Department, the local District Office on human-elephant conflict with focus on oil palm smallholders.
5. We have been actively engaging with European and American Zoos and Foundations/Organisations in particular over the EU mandate in regards to sustainable palm oil.
6. As of November 2017, we are an alternative member for WWF-International as part of the Environmental NGO causes of the Board of Governors for RSPO. We Co-Chair the Biodiversity and High Conservation Value Working Group since November 2018. In addition, we are on the Markets Development Standing Committee from November 2019 and an alternative to WWF-Germany on the Shared Responsibility Working Group.
7. We are part of the IUCN Oil Palm Task Force which was established in 2016.
8. We are working with CIRAD the French agricultural research and international cooperation organization for the sustainable development of tropical regions together with outgrowers.

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?

Yes

1.1.1 Does the policy cover:

- No discrimination
- Wage and working conditions
- Freedom of association
- No child labour
- No harassment
- No forced or trafficked labour

Ethical Conduct & Human Rights

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

Yes

1.2.1 Does the policy cover:

- Recruitment
- Contractors
- Sub-Contractors & Third-Party Contractors

Occupational Health & Safety

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

Yes

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?

Yes

1.6.1 Is your Complaints & Grievance mechanism in line with the principles of the RSPO's grievance mechanism, which are the elements of fairness, transparency, and impartiality?

Yes

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?

With human-wildlife conflict issues. We provided in the past electric fencing and we continue to provide support when human-wildlife issues come up. We have also worked and trained SHs on how best to deal with them. This work is currently done in close collaboration with other partners as well, in particular, Seratu Atai.

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?

No

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

The issues surrounding flora and fauna and a monoculture such as oil palm.

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

An understanding of the complexities of oil palm and the importance of sustainability certifications with all our varied audiences.

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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