

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

LEAP SPIRAL

1.2 Membership number

6-0034-14-000-00

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?

LEAP Spiral initiates, develops, and supports collaborative partnerships and projects in Malaysian Borneo that address restoration and protection of the land, its biodiversity, and the indigenous people that live on it. Our main programme areas are biodiversity protection, forest and habitat restoration and protection, community-based conservation initiatives, species protection, and renewable energy. We also facilitate and support the multi-sector Forever Sabah program that seeks to transition the state of Sabah toward a diversified, equitable, circular economy. In all these areas, LEAP Spiral works to facilitate committed and open partnerships that enable habitats, species, and cultures to thrive and to promote sustainable economic activities that place an equal value on income security, quality of life and the health of our shared ecosystems. We also work to create an atmosphere of openness and willingness to change across civil society, government and industry.

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?

LEAP Spiral initiated the Sabah 100% RSPO policy process through the Forever Sabah programme which we are facilitating. Forever Sabah is a Technical Adviser along with RSPO in the Jurisdictional Certification Steering Committee (JCSC) and in August 2016, Forever Sabah convened a two-day workshop that involved over 50 representatives from government, industry, civil society, and academia to design the Five Year Work Plan (2016-2020). In waiting for the Work Plan to be endorsed by the Sabah State Cabinet, work has started for several activities listed for year one through three working groups on Compensation - High Conservation Value; Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC); and Smallholders. Activities include preparing an integrated HCV-HCS map for Sabah; preparing the Sabah-specific FPIC Guide and Operational Mechanism; and trialing the Sustainable Smallholder Communities program in the Tongod, Telupid, Beluran and Kinabatangan districts. We have continued to support the JCSC in convening quarterly meetings and more recently in reporting these meetings; and in facilitating meetings and workshops related to specific work under the three working groups.

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

30%

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

No

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)?

No

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

Primarily through grants.

2. TimeBound Plan

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

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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?

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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)

Our focus in the coming year is to facilitate and support year one of the activities for the Five Year Work Plan formulated for the Jurisdictional Certification Steering Committee (JCSC) to ensure Sabah is able to deliver on its pledge to fully certify its palm oil by 2025 based on RSPO standards. We are working closely with the JCSC co-chaired by the Sabah Forestry Department and Natural Resources Office in ensuring activities outlined for June 2017 to May 2018 are implemented. These include producing an integrated HCV-HCS map for Sabah; preparing and field testing the Sabah specific FPIC Guide and Operational Mechanism; trialing the Sustainable Smallholder Communities programme in Tongod, Telupid, Beluran, and Kinabatangan; getting big industry mills to adopt their direct smallholder base and provide Best Management Practice (BMP) training, and to build capacity in oil palm BMP for the Sabah Agriculture Department. We have collaborated with Wild Asia to get our smallholders audited in 2021 through WAGS.

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?

LEAP Spiral is supporting smallholders to improve smallholders' livelihood by participating fully in every aspects available. Currently, we are in a midst of preparing our Telupid, Tongod and Beluran (TTB) smallholders for audit that is scheduled end of 2021.

Central to this project is the aim to create enabling environments, and the improvement of production practices which improves livelihoods and provides protection to the environment. The project is leveraging existing government support and commitment in Sabah and Central Kalimantan, as well as multi-stakeholder collaboration towards common objectives. This is aligned with the work areas and focus themes of the SFS Programme and directly related to targets under SDG 2 and SDG 12 on sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources, minimizing pollution, strengthening capacity to move towards more sustainable patterns of production, increasing productivity and incomes of smallholders and ensuring sustainable food production systems. This project plays an important role in creating different types of intervention models to support smallholders in adopting more sustainable agricultural practices, increasing their readiness for certification and at the same time improving their monthly income. In turn, this will increase their productivity, market access for their products, and improve their livelihoods. Since this project is linked to a wider roadmap for jurisdictional approach to certification in two landscapes that are important for palm oil production, its success will be key in advancing jurisdiction certification for the whole of Sabah and Seruyan as well as serve as models for other jurisdictions to follow suit.

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

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

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