

## Particulars

### About Your Organisation

#### 1.1 Member Name

NEPCon F.M.B.A

#### 1.2 Membership number

8-0245-20-000-00

#### 1.3 Membership sector

Organisations

#### 1.4 Membership category

Affiliate

#### 1.5 Country

Estonia

#### 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?

Environmental and conservation projects, projects related to legality in timber and agriculture sectors, and certification (RSPO SCC, Forest Stewardship Council, Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification, Rainforest Alliance, Sustainable Rice Platform, Sustainable Tourism, Sustainable Biomass Partnership, LegalSource, and carbon management).

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

As an accredited CB for RSPO SCC, we provide information about RSPO SCC certification on our website: <https://www.preferredbynature.org/certification/rspo>. We are in the process of becoming P&C accredited.

We are also carrying out a project called 'Sustainability Reporting for Palm Oil Companies'. The objective is to promote best practices in sustainability reporting around palm oil production in Indonesia. Preferred by Nature develops a training program aimed at supporting Indonesian palm oil firms who are either legally required or interested in voluntary reporting of their sustainability-related practices.

The online education course will build on the efforts and materials already developed for firms in the sector in Indonesia with a clear emphasis on best practices, key metrics, and reporting styles already championed and tested globally, combined with Danish expertise in sustainability reporting.

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

1.0%

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

No

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#### 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)?

Yes

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

Our RSPO SCC certification service is funded directly by the client; for non-certification palm oil-related projects, the financing comes from the respective project funds (government or private grants, other NGO's funding, or internal funding).

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## 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)

We will carry out our RSPO SCC services and continue to promote RSPO through our website. In 2021 we hope to become P&C accredited.

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## 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

It has proven to be very difficult to enter the market of P&C certification. We have all our systems ready and checked by ASI, but until now we haven't been able to find a company that would like to have their certification audit while we are being witnessed by ASI to become accredited.

### 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

We joined the Polish Sustainable Palm Oil coalition: <https://preferredbynature.org/newsroom/polish-coalition-pledges-achieve-100-uptake-sustainable-palm-oil-country-2023>

We have developed risk assessments for the main palm oil countries, which can be found in our Sourcing Hub: <https://preferredbynature.org/sourcinghub/palm-oil/palm-oil-indonesia-kalimantan>

Sustainable reporting for palm oil companies: <https://preferredbynature.org/projects/sustainability-reporting-palm-oil-companies>

