

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

OVID Verband der ölsaatenverarbeitenden Industrie in Deutschland e.V.

1.2 Membership number

8-0094-08-000-00

1.3 Membership sector

Organisations

1.4 Membership category

Affiliate

1.5 Country

Germany

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?

OVID represents the oilseed crushing and oil refining companies in Germany. As an association OVID is the interface between its member companies, politics, industry, academia and institutions.

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

- Discussion, exchange and communication of palm oil and RSPO related topics within OVID board and OVID committees (e.g. committee on sustainability) and with other stakeholders in the supply chain.
- Since 2019 OVID is board member of FONAP (Forum for Sustainable Palm Oil in Germany) - a Multi-stakeholder platform with the aim to boost significantly the proportion of segregated, certified sustainable palm oil in Germany. As board member OVID heads the FONAP working group on communication and is responsible for communication activities.
- Publication of press releases and position papers on sustainable supply chains, due diligence and deforestation.
- Further distribution of "OVID-Brief Nachhaltiges Palmöl" (OVID report on sustainable palm oil).
- Participation in conferences, seminars, training courses.

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

20.0%

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)?

Yes

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

Our general work as an association including palm oil is funded by membership fees.

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)

The focus of our activities lies currently on FONAP. As a member of the Executive Board, we have set ourselves the goal of strengthening communication for sustainable palm oil in Germany (e.g. through press conferences, press releases, contact with multipliers).

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

Demand is lower than supply of CSPO

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

See above (for example, as board member of FONAP activities towards politics, business, civil society in Germany to boost the proportion of CSPO).

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

- OVID-Brief "Nachhaltiges Palmöl" (2017; in German: OVID Report on Sustainable Palm Oil): https://www.ovid-verband.de/fileadmin/user_upload/OVID-Brief_Palm%C3%B6l.pdf
- OVID Position Paper on "Supporting human rights due diligence in the supply chains of the German oil milling industry" (2020, in German): https://www.ovid-verband.de/fileadmin/user_upload/Positionspapiere/2020-09_OVID-Position_zu_menschenrechtliche-Sorgfaltspflicht.pdf
- Press Release "German government expands support for sustainable palm oil" (in German, 2020): https://www.ovid-verband.de/fileadmin/user_upload/230720_Pressemitteilung_FONAP_BMZ-Beitritt.pdf
- Press Release "Working together for deforestation-free supply chains" (in German, 2020): https://www.ovid-verband.de/fileadmin/user_upload/Pressemitteilungen/2020/200421_Gemeinsam_f%C3%BCr_nachhaltige_Lieferketten_.pdf
