

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

Orang Utan Republik Foundation

1.2 Membership number

6-0010-11-000-00

1.3 Membership sector

Environmental or Nature Conservation Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)

1.4 Membership category

Ordinary

1.5 Country

United States

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?

We provide scholarships to students studying conservation, biology, primatology, and veterinary medicine.

We support conservation advocacy groups in Indonesia.

We have a Mobile Education and Conservation Unit (MECU) program and a Community Education and Conservation Program (CECP) to reduce human-orangutan conflict and improve villager livelihood through sustainable agricultural techniques.

We partner with other organizations to rehabilitate wild orangutans and that develop and deliver education curricula related to palm oil and orangutans.

We speak publicly (radio and via social media and Zoom) about the problem with unsustainable palm oil and (in normal times) recommend support for the RSPO.

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?

In the absence of in-person events this year, we have participated in several radio programs discussing the importance of sustainable palm oil, and we held a live-stream event to raise additional awareness. During normal times, we attend large events and hand out literature about the palm oil problem.

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

15%

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?

All of our work is funded by small, private donations. We also apply for grants that have supported our mobile education program.

2. TimeBound Plan

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

2022

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?

2008

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)

We hope that we will be able to participate in large events in the near future, but currently we are planning an event at the Indonesia Embassy to raise awareness. It will be livestreamed to reach a larger audience.

We also hope to resume travel to Indonesia to participate in educational events. _____

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?

No

1.7.3 Do you have any future plans to support oil palm Independent Smallholders?

No

1.7.4 Please explain why you are not planning to support oil palm independent smallholders

We are a very small organization and do not currently have the ability to support oil palm independent smallholders. If you have suggestions on how we can help, please let us know.

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

No

Shared Responsibility Resourcing

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

No

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

In the U.S., there is little awareness of the palm oil issue. We have spoken on a number of radio programs, participated in local events, given talks at schools, and held livestreamed events to talk about palm oil and the importance of the RSPO. Since we started with the RSPO, we have seen some increase in awareness.

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

We are working on a web page on our website to raise awareness of the importance of the RSPO.