

## Particulars

### About Your Organisation

#### 1.1 Member Name

Sumatran Orangutan Society (SOS)

#### 1.2 Membership number

6-0013-09-000-00

#### 1.3 Membership sector

Environmental or Nature Conservation Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)

#### 1.4 Membership category

Ordinary

#### 1.5 Country

United Kingdom

#### 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?

SOS works to protect orangutans, their forests and their future. We support frontline conservation programmes and advocate on issues threatening the survival of orangutans in the wild. Our projects include rainforest restoration and developing community conservation initiatives which empower forest-adjacent communities to become guardians of northern Sumatra's precious rainforest ecosystems.

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#### 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?

SOS has worked with partners in Sumatra, Indonesia, to provide training for plantation workers and agricultural communities on best management practices for dealing with human-wildlife conflict, enabling farmers to protect their crops without harming wildlife. We have supported the evacuation of orangutans at risk in plantation areas. Ensuring that standards are upheld on the ground is a crucial role for NGO members of RSPO. We have also actively promoted our position that supporting the drive towards sustainability in the palm oil industry is more constructive than removing palm oil from products and supply chains. We have done this through our website and social media, through speaking engagements on panels, and through conversations with corporates. We have also partnered with Chester Zoo on their successful Sustainable Palm Oil City campaign, with an ongoing initiative to turn Oxford into a Sustainable Palm Oil City.

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

10%

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

No

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**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

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

Public donations and grants from donor agencies.

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## 2. TimeBound Plan

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

2009

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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?**

2009

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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)

We will be continuing the Sustainable Palm Oil City campaign in Oxford, and will continue to engage with the private sector and public.

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## 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](mailto: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?

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?**

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**

Not relevant

**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

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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**

<https://www.thegrocer.co.uk/sustainability-and-environment/why-we-should-drive-up-demand-for-sustainable-palm-oil-/654820.article>