

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

World Association of Zoos and Aquariums 2018 (WAZA)

1.2 Membership number

6-0051-18-000-00

1.3 Membership sector

Environmental or Nature Conservation Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)

1.4 Membership category

Ordinary

1.5 Country

Spain

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?

The World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA) is the global alliance of regional associations, national federations, zoos and aquariums, dedicated to the care and conservation of animals and their habitats around the world. The membership consists of over 300 leading institutions and organisations around the world, and this number continues to grow. WAZA promotes cooperation between leading zoos, aquariums, national and regional associations, as well as with leading wildlife experts, academies, and universities. WAZA provides support for species-conservation management and husbandry of animals in human care while encouraging the highest standards in member institutions. WAZA has formed partnerships with leading international conservation organisations, committing its members to tackle global issues such as the illegal wildlife trade, coral reef restoration, marine litter, sustainable palm oil and climate change.

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?

During 2020, at the annual conference of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums, the Chair of the WAZA Palm Oil Subcommittee presented to WAZA members and attendees of the conference on RSPO, as well as the WAZA-RSPO MoU, the results of a survey carried out amongst WAZA members and the work that the WAZA Palm Oil Subcommittee has been doing and future plans.

In addition, we have just launched a Resources website that will help WAZA members understand and support the WAZA-RSPO MoU, and provide them with tools that will support them in the journey toward switching to certified sustainable palm oil in their own zoos or aquariums. These resources include member policies, position statements, infographics, videos, pictures, etc.

The subcommittee is currently putting together a Short guide, following the same structure as other WAZA Short Guides on single-use plastics and sustainable forest products, which will strengthen the message for WAZA Members and will encourage to switch toward sustainable palm oil.

To end with, a survey has been sent to all WAZA members to track progress on the MoU.

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

7%

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

Yes

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?

Through our global network of members (zoos and aquariums, their associations, and like-minded organisations). In addition, each member pays its membership fee. Eventually, minor donations are also received.

2. TimeBound Plan

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

2018

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?

2018

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)

1) the WAZA Palm oil subcommittee will be analyzing the results of a survey that has been sent out to all WAZA members, and presenting the results and findings to members. Format and the occasion still need to be decided.

2) Within the "WAZA Series of Sustainability Webinars", the WAZA Palm oil subcommittee will be holding a one-hour webinar and panel on the use of Certified Sustainable palm oil and the WAZA/RSPO MoU.

3) the WAZA Palm oil subcommittee will be publishing the "Short Guide on Sourcing sustainable palm oil at your zoo or aquarium". The guide is currently seeing its last stages of development and it is expected to be ready before summer.

4) the WAZA Palm oil subcommittee is working on the development of a global app on responsible shopping of certified sustainable palm oil. The development has already started and the subcommittee is starting to meet regularly to discuss and moving forward.

5) Further promotion of the WAZA Resources website (www.wazapalmoil.org) as well as all the materials published throughout the year will be done through our channels (social media, direct contact with members, conferences, etc.)

6) the WAZA Palm oil subcommittee is working on a position Statement on certified sustainable palm oil for WAZA.

This past year and the upcoming year will be important for the subcommittee, a lot of work is underway and we look forward to getting more WAZA members engaged. For that, we have welcomed two new members to the subcommittee, who will support our efforts and help us get the message to new regions in the world.

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

As a global association of zoos and aquariums, conservation and sustainability are key principles of how we operate, however, supporting oil palm independent smallholders is not part of our current strategy.

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

Yes

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

WAZA has recently published the Website "Sustainable Palm Oil Resources for Zoos and Aquariums" (www.wazapalmoil.org). In the website, we support the use of certified sustainable palm oil and RSPO, while explaining the MoU between our organisations and providing resources and materials to members to help them support the MoU.

Although don't currently have a position statement on certified palm oil, the WAZA Palm Oil Subcommittee is currently working on one. We hope that through that, members will see WAZA taking a clear position and will inspire them to take the same steps and implement the changes needed in their respective organisations.