

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

World Resources Institute (WRI)

1.2 Membership number

6-0020-12-000-00

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?

WRI is a global research organization that spans more than 50 countries, with offices in the United States, China, India, Brazil, Indonesia and more. Our more than 700 experts and staff work closely with leaders to turn big ideas into action to sustain our natural resources —the foundation of economic opportunity and human well-being. Our work focuses on six critical issues at the intersection of environment and development: climate, energy, food, forests, water, and cities and transport. We measure our success through real change on the ground. Our approach involves three essential steps: Count It, Change It, and Scale It.

Count It: We start with data. We conduct independent research and draw on the latest technology to develop new insights and recommendations. Our rigorous analysis identifies risks, unveils opportunities, and informs smart strategies. We focus our efforts on influential and emerging economies where the future of sustainability will be determined.

Change It: We use our research to influence government policies, business strategies, and civil society action. We test projects with communities, companies, and government agencies to a strong evidence base. Then, we work with partners to deliver change on the ground that alleviates poverty and strengthens society. We hold ourselves accountable to ensure our outcomes will be bold and enduring.

Scale It: We don't think small. Once tested, we work with partners to adopt and expand our efforts regionally and globally. We engage with decision-makers to carry out our ideas and elevate our impact. We measure success through government and business actions that improve people's lives and sustain a healthy environment.

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?

(1) WRI supports the RSPO and its individual members to identify deforestation-related risks in supply chains, track trends in deforestation over time, and to monitor deforestation and fires in near-real time through Global Forest Watch. WRI partners directly with the RSPO Secretariat and numerous RSPO members to utilize on how to best utilize these tools to drive impact in the palm oil sector. In June 2019, we publicly launched the new GFW Pro platform and on-boarded many RSPO members as initial users of the system. GFW Pro allows companies to manage geospatial data with ease through analysis and dashboards designed for commodity companies and banks' day-to-day operations. Freely available to all, it unites users within complex commodity supply chains around a common approach to quantify and manage progress towards meeting deforestation commitments, adhere to commitments, and demonstrate regulatory compliance.

(2) In November 2019, we launched an updated version around the Universal Mill List further aligning the industry around a comprehensive, common dataset. The new version of the UML is the combined effort of eleven major organizations working on supply chain transparency, as well data contributions and input from dozens of companies across the palm oil supply chain, RSPO and FoodReg. In a renewed effort to improve the coverage and accuracy of palm oil mills data new contributors from Trase, Earthworm Foundation, Auriga, CIFOR, Transitions, the University of California Santa Barbara and the University of Hawaii joined forces with the initial UML developers WRI, Rainforest Alliance, Proforest and Daemeter to produce this updated version of the dataset. The wider collaboration and increased standardization achieved with this new version of the UML ensures greater credibility and more buy-in from the industry at large. The UML is publicly available and will be accessible across a number of platforms including GFW and GFW Pro, RSPO PalmTrace, the Papua Atlas and the Borneo Atlas, Starling, as well as trase.earth.

(3) In November 2019, we announced that a coalition of ten major palm oil producers and buyers are collaborating to support and fund the development of a new, publicly available radar-based forest monitoring system known as Radar Alerts for Detecting Deforestation (RADD). This partnership between Bunge, Cargill, Golden Agri-Resources (GAR), Mondelēz International, Musim Mas, Nestlé, Pepsico, Sime Darby Plantation, Unilever and Wilmar will make it much easier for companies and other stakeholders to see deforestation happening in near-realtime and with greater accuracy. With this information, they can more quickly mobilize follow-up actions on the ground and work to improve the sustainability of commodity supply chains. Developed by Wageningen University and Satelligence, and facilitated by World Resources Institute, the RADD system augments existing publicly available monitoring tools that rely on optical-based satellite imagery, which can be delayed when clouds obstruct the view of forests. Through the use of radar waves, the new system can penetrate cloud cover and gather forest change information without being affected by clouds or sunlight. What makes RADD unique is that it is the first radar-based monitoring system of this scale that makes deforestation alerts publicly available. Earlier this year, we launched the alerts on Global Forest Watch and Global Forest Watch Pro. In addition to the alert system itself, we are also working with the RADD consortium of partners around collective strategies for monitoring and response in priority jurisdictions. We have pilots underway in several districts in Indonesia, working with local government and several NGO implementation partners.

(4) WRI continued to support the RSPO on geospatial analysis initiatives as such GeoRSPO platform (powered by Global Forest Watch), and HCV/NPP monitoring.

(5) WRI continued to engage in RSPO decision-making processes by participating in the RSPO Board of Governors as co-chair, Remuneration Committee, BHCV WG, No Deforestation TF, NDJSG (alternate), Peatlands Working Group (alternate), Standards and Certification Standing Committee.

(6) WRI Indonesia participates as a partner in the RSPO Smallholder Trainer Academy, launched at the RT in November 2019

(7) WRI Indonesia works on strengthening governance of plantation sectors in Indonesia through:

- a) Providing technical assistance for local government in palm oil commodities mapping in collaboration with 5 pilot districts.
- b) Collaborating with LAPAN in developing automated digital classification for palm oil mapping.
- c) Developing national standards of palm oil parcels mapping to be integrated in STDB process.
- d) Building capacity of field extension officers to accelerate RSPO certification in two pilot districts
- e) Promoting aerohydroculture technique to applied in palm oil smallholder on peatland in collaboration with BRG (Peat Restoration Agency)
- f) Supporting smallholder certification in two selected districts with strong involvement of local field extension officers and village administration in collaboration with Unilever, RSPO RSSF, and PTPN V
- g) Engaging in smallholder intensification research in Rokan Hulu under GYGA project, in collaboration with University of Nebraska Lincoln

(8) WRI serves on the Steering Group of the Accountability Framework Initiative, and helps coordinate implementations for AFI in SE Asia, the HCVRN Management Committee, and the Tropical Forest Alliance Steering Committee

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

3%

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)?

Yes

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

Global Forest Watch has received generous support (including both past and current funders) from USAID, Norwegian Ministry of Climate and Environment, UKAid, Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, Cargill, GEF, Generation Foundation, Inter-American Development Bank, IDB Invest, MacArthur, Foundation, IIC, Wilburforce Foundation, Bobolink Foundation, Eurasia Foundation, IFC, Johnson&Johnson, Mondelez, Morgan Family Fund, Netherlands Development Finance Company (FMO), NewPage, Rainforest Alliance, Tetra Tech, The Tilia Fund, UNEP, Walmart Foundation, World Bank.

The RADD project is supported by Bunge, Cargill, Golden Agri-Resources (GAR), Mondelēz International, Musim Mas, Nestlé, Pepsico, Sime Darby Plantation, Unilever and Wilmar.

WRI Indonesia's related work is supported by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Unilever, RSPO RSSF, and University of Nebraska

2. TimeBound Plan

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

2011

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

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. Continue the roll out of Global Forest Watch Pro and generate uptake by RSPO members in order to support informed decision making and mitigate or eliminate reputational and operational risks for organizations working to eliminate deforestation from commodity supply chains.
 2. Continue to develop and publish datasets, analytical tools, reports and other communications related to the palm oil sector.
 3. Continue to support the RSPO Secretariat in spatial data management and geospatial analysis - specifically on GeoRSPO portal, HCV/NPP mapping and monitoring, fire monitoring, and use of GFW Pro.
 4. Implement the next phase of the RADD project with relevant partners, including piloting of collective approaches to monitoring and response in key landscapes in Indonesia.
 5. Continue to actively engage in RSPO decision making processes by participating on the BoG, working groups, task forces, and standing committees.
 6. Continue in-country work in Indonesia related to more efficient land use planning, conflict resolution, and data consistency in Indonesia via One Map initiative, strengthening the governance of plantation sectors, and building smallholder capacity.
 7. Build on existing partnerships and establish new partnerships with companies across the palm oil supply chain in order to promote robust commitments to sustainability and support implementation of these commitments.
 8. Participate in other multistakeholder fora related to sustainability in the palm oil sector, such as the Accountability Framework Initiative (steering group & WRI Indonesia leading regional engagement in SE Asia), HCS Approach SG (observer), HCVRN Management Committee, TFA.
 8. Continue to drive increased transparency in the palm oil sector.
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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

Labour & Labour Rights

1.1 Does your company have a publicly-available policy covering Labour & Labour Rights?

Yes

1.1.1 Does the policy cover:

- No discrimination
- Wage and working conditions
- Freedom of association
- No child labour
- No harassment
- No forced or trafficked labour

Ethical Conduct & Human Rights

1.2 Does your company have a publicly-available Policy covering Ethical Conduct & Human Rights?

Yes

1.2.1 Does the policy cover:

- Recruitment
- Contractors
- Sub-Contractors & Third-Party Contractors

Occupational Health & Safety

1.4 Does your company have a publicly-available Policy covering Occupational Health & Safety?

Yes

Climate Change & Greenhouse Gas (GHG)**1.5 Does your company have a publicly-available policy covering Climate Change & Greenhouse Gas (GHG)?**

Yes

1.5.1 Does the policy cover:

- Identification and assessment of GHG
- Monitored implementation plan to reduce or minimise GHG emissions

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?**

Yes

1.7.1 Does this support cover:

- Fair and transparent dealings with Smallholders
- Improved Smallholder livelihoods

1.7.2 How is your company supporting them?

WRI Indonesia supports a range of activities related to smallholder support including a) Providing technical assistance for local government in palm oil commodities mapping in collaboration with 5 pilot districts, b) Collaborating with LAPAN in developing automated digital classification for palm oil mapping, c) Developing national standards of palm oil parcels mapping to be integrated in STDB process, d) Building capacity of field extension officers to accelerate RSPO certification in two pilot districts, e) Promoting aerohydroculture technique to applied in palm oil smallholder on peatland in collaboration with BRG (Peat Restoration Agency), f) Supporting smallholder certification in two selected districts with strong involvement of local field extension officers and village administration in partnership with Unilever, RSPO RSSF, and PTPN V, g) Conducting smallholder intensification research in Rokan Hulu under GYGA project, in collaboration with University of Nebraska Lincoln. WRI Indonesia is also a partner of the RSPO Smallholder Training Academy.

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?

Yes

Water Management

1.10 Does your company have a water management plan?

Yes

Energy Use

1.11 Does your company have an energy use plan covering fossil fuels and renewable energy?

Yes

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?

Yes

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

Global Forest Watch: www.globalforestwatch.org. Available in 15 languages.

Global Forest Watch Pro:
<https://pro.globalforestwatch.org>