

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 am a bank or financial institution that finances or supports companies or organisations that produce or manufacture palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products
- I am a conservation and environmental NGO supporting the sustainable development of the palm oil industry
- I am a social and human development NGO supporting the sustainable development of the palm oil industry
- 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 develops practical solutions that improve people's lives and ensure nature can thrive.

Our more than 1,200 staff have deep expertise in policy, research, data analysis, economics, political dynamics and more. We work with partners in more than 50 countries and currently have offices in 12 countries: Brazil, China, Colombia, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico, the Netherlands, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Our Programs focus on solving seven major challenges at the intersection of environment and human development: Cities, Climate, Energy, Food, Forests, the Ocean and Water. We see these issues as areas where change is both urgent and achievable.

We analyze challenges and solutions through the lenses of our four Centers of Excellence: Equity, Finance, Economics and Business.

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 have since 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.

Within this reporting period, we added several new relevant datasets to the GFW Pro platform – including high resolution Planet Imagery and RADD alerts.

(2) We continued to update 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. 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 March 2021, the new Radar for Detecting Deforestation (RADD) alerts were launched Global Forest Watch, detect forest disturbances rain or shine using satellite-based radar data. The alerts now cover 44 countries and are publicly available.

The development of the RADD alerts was initiated by ten of the world's largest palm oil producers and buyers (all RSPO members) keen to advance a system of deforestation monitoring that was uninhibited by cloud cover in order to more reliably detect and address changes within their supply chains. Bunge, Cargill, Golden Agri-Resources (GAR), Mondelez International, Musim Mas, Nestlé, PepsiCo, Sime Darby Plantation, Unilever and Wilmar have financed the initiative for company use while also making the system openly available as a shared public resource for good.

Facilitated by the World Resources Institute, the project was a collaboration between Wageningen University and Research, which developed the detection method, and Satelligence which first scaled the system in Indonesia and Malaysia and provided additional prioritization of the alerts in order to identify the most important areas for on-the-ground follow up. The ten companies will continue to be critical users of the RADD alert system.

In addition to the alert system itself, we have also been working with the RADD consortium of partners around collective strategies for monitoring and response in priority jurisdictions. During the reporting period, pilot activities were underway in several districts in Indonesia (Siak, Aceh Tamiang and Aceh Timur) , working with local government and several NGO implementation partners.

(4) In October 2021, The Forest Data Partnership was initiated. The initiative strengthens collaboration and application of data for global monitoring of commodity-driven deforestation and forest degradation and advancing restoration efforts across the globe.

The Forest Data Partnership will develop a consistent geospatial data ecosystem that will enable all actors—local, government, producers, traders, and financiers—to access consistent, open-source, publicly available, and validated geospatial data related to forest-risk commodities and restoration. In doing so, the Partnership will facilitate credible and systematic monitoring, verification, and disclosure to drive progress in reducing deforestation and restoring degraded lands.

This five-year partnership, coordinated by the World Resources Institute (WRI) with support from USAID and the U.S. Department of State, brings together leading organizations, governments, and private-sector partners to collectively address the challenge of improving land use data. The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and WRI will lead the development of the data ecosystem by convening public- and private-sector stakeholders, providing governance and facilitation, and maintaining technical facilities for implementation. SERVIR, a joint initiative of NASA, USAID, and leading geospatial organizations, will build capacity to use geospatial data at national and regional levels through its network of hubs in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Google will support the initiative as the key technology partner and platform provider. Unilever will serve as the private-sector lead for launching the ecosystem and coordinating private-sector involvement.

(5) WRI Indonesia currently serves as the Accountability Framework Initiative Southeast Asia Secretariat and is collaborating with USAID Segar, LTKL, CDP, Rainforest Alliance Indonesia, and district governments to implement Klinik Implementasi Rantai Pasok Berkelanjutan or Implementation of Sustainable Supply Chain Clinic in 6 target districts, Aceh, Aceh Tamiang, Sintang, Sanggau, Musi Banyuasin, and Banyuasin. This Clinic aims to support producers at the district level and provide an assessment to inform key areas of their sustainable journey they need to improve on, while aligning with the district sustainable agenda. This multistakeholder capacity building approach will create dialogue and provide entry points through which to build further impact. Further technical assistance to address implementation gaps will be provided by connecting or matching the companies to services and offering of AFi Southeast Asia coalition members.

WRI Indonesia also has been implementing a coordinated engagement strategy with private sectors to seek collaboration opportunity for capacity building activities. This includes providing trainings on the Accountability Framework as the best practice standard for implementation of sustainable commitments, using AFi modules we modified for small and medium enterprises in Indonesia, as well as trainings on the use of Global Forest Watch Pro as one of the tools for supply chain management and monitoring.

(6) To address the issue of leakage market of deforestation-linked commodities from Indonesia to China, WRI Indonesia is collaborating with WRI China in developing a communication strategy to reframe China sustainable palm oil narrative and promote that China is transitioning towards sustainable palm oil. Research has found that there are active and on-going signals from the Chinese government and stakeholders towards this shift to a greener and more ethical supply chain principles on soft commodities. WRI Indonesia is currently progressing at the implementation stage in reinforcing the sustainable palm oil narrative between Indonesia and China to implement a communication strategy on this narrative.

(7) During the reporting period, WRI Indonesia has also been working on several initiatives related to smallholders including:

- (a) Participating in the RSPO Smallholder Training Academy
- (b) Supporting the continuation of RSPO certification for 10,000 smallholders in Riau Province, in collaboration with Unilever and district governments
- (c) Engaging in smallholder intensification research in Rokan Hulu under the GYGA project, in collaboration with the University of Nebraska Lincoln
- (d) Supporting the district governments of Siak, Banyuasin and Musi Banyuasin in the ESTDB registration for smallholders

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

(9) 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.

(10) (8) WRI serves on the Steering Group of the Accountability Framework Initiative, the HCVRN Management Committee, and the Tropical Forest Alliance Steering Group.

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

3.0%

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.

The Forest Data Partnership is supported by USAID and the U.S. Department of State.

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)

- Training on sustainability topics, monitoring of implementation of sustainability topics
- Participation in RSPO Working Group or Task Forces;
- Support Independent Smallholders (ISH)
- Become a partner of the RSPO Smallholder Trainer Academy
- Provide technical support for Independent Smallholder Certification projects
- Involvement/direct investments in Jurisdictional/Landscape approach
- Promote and support Direct/collective investments in conservation and restoration initiatives
- Provide technical support support members with Remediation and Compensation (RaCP) process, direct/collective investments in conservation and restoration initiatives
- Allocating FTE to promote the production or consumption of certified sustainable oil palm products or
- Specific policies and action plans by the member to promote CSPO production or consumption in the upstream or downstream supply chain, including target dates or broader policies that include such efforts
- No activities planned
- Others

Other

Continuation of the comprehensive research, data and tool development, collaboration and capacity building activities outlined in the previous question for the current reporting period.

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 (SR) requirements will be done through ACOP and MyRSPO. As the process of verification of the reports is in development, the Shared Responsibility section in ACOP may change in future ACOP cycles. Evidence to show compliance to the SR requirements shall be uploaded via your membership profile in MyRSPO. Please login to your MyRSPO account and upload the relevant policies, plans and relevant reports there. If you do not have a policy or your policy does not cover all items, you will be required to provide a Declaration of Support for the relevant policy items in your MyRSPO profile. Additional information on the required policies and plans applicable to all sectors as well as the annual uptake targets for supply chain actors can be found on <https://rspo.org/members/shared-responsibility> or email the Shared Responsibility team at sharedresponsibility@rspo.org.

Information & Public Availability

1.1 Does your company have organisational management documents publicly-available?

Yes

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
- Suppliers and Sub-Contractors

Legal Compliance

1.3 Does your company comply with all applicable legal requirements?

Yes

1.4 Does your company require its third party contractors to comply with legal requirements, i.e. including a clause on legal compliance in the contracts?

Yes

Complaints & Grievances

1.5 Does your company have a Grievance Mechanism that is accessible to all affected parties?

Yes

1.5.1 Is your Grievance mechanism in line with the principles of the RSPO's Complaints System?

Yes

Smallholders**1.7 Does your company support oil palm smallholders (groups)?**

Yes

1.7.1 Does your company report on the actions to support the inclusion of smallholders?

Yes

Labour & Labour Rights**1.8 Does your company have a publicly-available policy covering Labour & Labour Rights?**

Yes

1.8.1 Does the policy cover:

- No discrimination and equal opportunities
- Pay and working conditions at least at legal or industry minimum standards and are sufficient to provide decent living wages (DLW)
- Freedom of association and Collective bargaining
- Protection of children, as well as the workforce of suppliers and third-party contractors
- Prevention of all forms of harassment, including sexual harassment
- No forced or trafficked labour

Occupational Health & Safety**1.9 Does your company have a publicly-available Policy covering Occupational Health & Safety?**

Yes

1.9.1 Does your company have a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Occupational Health & Safety?

Yes

Waste Management**1.10b Does your company have a statement of intent to reduce, recycle, reuse and disposal based on the hazardous characteristics?**

Yes

Climate Change & Greenhouse Gas (GHG)**1.13 Does your company have a publicly-available policy covering Climate Change & Greenhouse Gas (GHG) including identification and assessment of GHG emissions and implementation of a plan to reduce or minimise them?**

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?

- Communication and/or engagement to transform the negative perception of palm oil
- Engagement with business partners or consumers on the use of CSPO
- Engagement with government agencies
- Engagement with peers and clients
- Promotion of CSPO through off product claims
- 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>