

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

CONSEJO MEXICANO PARA EL DESARROLLO DE LA PALMA DE ACEITE, A.C. (COMEXPALMA)

1.2 Membership Number

8-0203-17-000-00

1.3 Membership Sector

Organisations

1.4 Membership Category

Affiliate

1.5 Country

Mexico

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

Affiliates

1. Operational Profile

1.1 What are the main activities of your organisation?

Among the activities stated in the statutes of the Mexican Council for the Development of the Oil Palm (Consejo Mexicano para el Desarrollo de la Palma de Aceite A.C., COMEXPALMA) that are being conducted, the following can be mentioned:

- I. Nationally representing the leading actors in the productive chain of oil palm in Mexico, striving towards achieving its integrated development, while also seeking to optimize and amplify the coordination between producers, the industry, and, generally, between all the stakeholders related directly or indirectly to the oil palm productive chain, such as the federal, state, and municipal governments, as well as financial, academic, or research institutions.
- II. Advocating for an increase in productivity and production of oil palm, as well as promoting the planting of this crop, improving it alongside the commercialization and industrialization of the flesh and oil. These measures are taken in order to make this activity profitable and competitive, following sustainability and environmental protection criteria.
- III. Participating in the determination and direction of programs and financial support for its associates in coordination with private entities and the Federal, State, and Municipal governments.
- IV. Performing all kinds of acts and operations and to subscribe credit instruments under the terms of the General Law of Credit Instruments and Operations and all kinds of documents, including the granting of powers of attorney, as well as in general to perform any kind of activities that may be necessary for the fulfillment of the corporate purpose of the company.
- V. Purchasing, selling, leasing, subleasing, and managing all kinds of movable and immovable property, which are necessary for the fulfillment of the purpose of the corporation.
- VI. Promoting the integration of State Oil Palm Councils, as part of the operational structure of the National Council itself.
- VII. Promoting technological development in both agricultural production and oil palm industrialization.
- VIII. Developing technical assistance and training programs for agricultural producers.
- IX. Promoting and managing financing that will enable members to obtain loans on favorable terms to boost their growth and productivity.

1.2 What activities has your organisation undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or RSPO members in the reporting period?

During 2022, COMEXPALMA operated, within its capabilities, the YouTube channel created in 2021 with the purpose of providing an uninterrupted platform for continuous training, where the members of the oil palm production chain receive information regarding the sustainability of oil palm cultivation. We also continued to promote the RSPO 2018 Principles and Criteria for Mexico, and the Mexican Standard for Sustainable Palm Oil, as well as various topics related to the sustainability of the crop.

This YouTube channel can be found at the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX_gwBa4f0g4z0Cgd17CZaw/featured

To strengthen sustainable development and environmental protection in Mexico, in 2022 the Chair of COMEXPALMA, through Mr. Jorge Fernando Terrones López, convened private and social palm oil extractors in order to create a foundation to safeguard the integrity of the Encrucijada Biosphere. Its aim is to eradicate all oil palm trees that have naturally propagated and have grown uncontrolled within this National Protected Area, as well as the gradual removal of oil palm plantations that are located in the core area of the Encrucijada Biosphere.

This Foundation was named Association of Palm Tree Producers of Soconusco, Friends of La Encrucijada (Unión de Palmeros del Soconusco, Amigos de la Encrucijada A.C.). It is legally constituted and in operation with the support of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (SADER), the Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT), and the National Commission of Natural Protected Areas (CONANP).

We continue collaborating with the sustainability group integrated by COMEXPALMA, the National Association of Edible Oils and Shortenings Producers (ANIAME), and SADER, among other key stakeholders related to the palm oil sector. This group is committed to seeking suitable synergies to promote the sustainable development of oil palm in Mexico.

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

100.0%

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

Yes

1.5 Does your organisation have any past or on-going 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?

Managing financial support from the Federal Government with programs aimed at oil palm cultivation and participating in the determination and direction of such programs and supports for its associates in coordination with the Federal, State and Municipal Governments.

2. Actions for Next Reporting Period

2.1 Please outline activities that your organisation will take in the coming year to promote the production or consumption of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)

COMEXPALMA will continue working with the Association of Palm Tree Producers of Soconusco, Friends of La Encrucijada (Unión de Palmeros del Soconusco, Amigos de la Encrucijada A.C.) to safeguard the Encrucijada biosphere. In addition, we will continue working with the sustainability group headed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, with the aim of pursuing partnerships that favor the sustainable development of oil palm cultivation in Mexico.

Moreover, COMEXPALMA will keep on providing training on the RSPO 2018 Principles and Criteria for Mexico, as well as on the Mexican Standard for Sustainable Palm Oil. This will be achieved with the support of the Federal Government through the Ministry of Agriculture, the Mexican Sustainable Oil Palm Standard with the members of the oil palm production chain as a sustainability certification framework.

We will continue to upload key information related to palm oil sustainability in Mexico to our YouTube channel, with special emphasis on the RSPO 2018 Principles and Criteria for Mexico.

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

www.comexpalma.org

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX_gwBa4f0g4z0Cgd17CZaw/featured