

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

HUTAN Kinabatangan Orang-utan Conservation Programme

1.2 Membership Number

6-0025-13-000-00

1.3 Membership Sector

Environmental or Nature Conservation Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)

1.4 Membership Category

Ordinary

1.5 Country

Malaysia

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?

HUTAN is a grassroots non-profit organisation working to build innovative approaches to conserve wildlife populations in the forests of Sabah, Malaysian Borneo. In 1998, Hutun set up the Kinabatangan Orang-Utan Conservation Programme(KOCP) as a collaboration between the Lower Kinabatangan community and the Sabah Wildlife Department.

Today our team comprises over a hundred highly skilled full-time staff with the majority hailing from the Orang Sungai community. HUTAN-KOCP has faced many challenges over the past 25 years which have driven us to develop a holistic strategy combining long-term scientific research, wildlife and habitat protection and management, policy work, capacity building, education and awareness, as well as community outreach and development.

We are now working with a widerange of partners - including communities, government agencies, research institutions, other NGOs and private stakeholders including oil palm plantations - to find realistic and localised solutions for sustainable use of natural resources and durable socioeconomic practices.

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?

We have supported the RSPO vision by engaging with our partners and funders via peer-reviewed research papers, presentations, reports, conferences, meetings, workshops, discussions, and press releases on the merits of CSPO and RSPO to improve the situation of those who work in plantations as well as for wildlife and the environment.

In 2022, we were one of the five finalists for Prince William's Earthshot prize under the Protect and Restore Nature. The focus on the work we have done with to mitigate the affects of oil palm plantations and also focussed on the work we do with a medium-sized non RSPO member oil palm plantation, Melangking Oil Palm Plantation (MOPP). This is also based on work been done with the TRAILS Project mentioned in our previous ACOP and in Section 1.6.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r7KFgoHI-ZY>
<https://earthshotprize.org/winners-finalists/hutan/>

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

50.0%

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?

Our work includes research/studies and human-wildlife conflict which involves the palm oil landscape is funded via grants mostly from Foundations and Zoos in the United States, Europe and Australia.

Since 2018 we have worked closely with PONGO Alliance to carry out work on the ground directly involving the oil palm landscape. In addition, we also work with other outgrowers and plantations (RSPO and non-RSPO members) since 2018 to find holistic solutions to address wildlife conflict issues including reforestation and training.

HUTAN is also the NGO partner in the CIRAD lead TRAILS [climaTe Resilient lAndscapes for wlldLifeconservation] which is a research project based in the Kinabatangan (Sabah, Malaysian Borneo) that aims to contribute to the establishment of innovative agroforestry systems, combining perennial crops and forests, intended to meet both environmental challenges (preservation of biodiversity and fight against climate change).

2. TimeBound Plan

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

2014

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?

2013

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

We are directly involved in a number of ongoing activities that directly contributes to the promotion of production and consumption of CSPO:

1. Within the Kinabatangan landscape we have been working with mostly outgrowers and a few companies which are RSPO members to study orang-utans in secondary forest. In addition since 2018, we have been working with outgrowers on human-wildlife conflict particularly in regards to the Bornean elephants and all reforestation.

2. We are part of the PONGO Alliance; an alliance of several major palm oil producers and nature conservation organisations, with the mission to support the proper management of orang-utans and other wildlife within plantations. One of the biggest challenges of PONGO Alliance is to set in motion a general move away from the idea of separating orangutans and plantations, and from automatically taking orang-utans out of plantations on the assumption that they will do better somewhere else.

3. We are part of the Steering Committee in the Malaysian State of Sabah, which aims to achieve Statewide Jurisdictional output of CSPO by 2025.

4. We have been working with non RSPO member companies and other groups such as Seratu Atai and Earthworm Foundation (formerly The Forest Trust) together with the Sabah Wildlife Department, the local District Office on human-elephant conflict with a focus on oil palm smallholders.

5. We have been actively engaging with European and American Zoos and Foundations/Organisations in particular over the EU mandate in regards to sustainable palm oil.

6. As of November 2017, we are an alternative member for WWF-International as part of the Environmental NGO causes of the Board of Governors for RSPO. We Co-Chair the Biodiversity and High Conservation Value Working Group since November 2018. In addition, we are on the Markets Development Standing Committee since November 2019 and an alternative WWF-International on the Shared Responsibility Working Group.

7. We are part of the IUCN Oil Palm TaskForce which was established in 2016.

8. We are working with CIRAD the French agricultural research and international cooperation organization for the sustainable development of tropical regions together with outgrowers (TRAILS).

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 organisation have organisational management documents publicly-available?

Yes

Ethical Conduct & Human Rights

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

Yes

1.2.1 Does the policy cover:

- Ethical conduct for contractors
- Ethical conduct for recruitment
- Respect of human rights, including for suppliers and sub-Contractors

Legal Compliance

1.3 Does your organisation comply with all applicable legal requirements?

Yes

1.4 Does your organisation 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 organisation 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 organisation support oil palm smallholders (groups)?

Yes

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

Yes

Labour & Labour Rights

1.8 Does your organisation 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 organisation have a publicly-available Policy covering Occupational Health & Safety?

Yes

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

Yes

Waste Management

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

No

Climate Change & Greenhouse Gas (GHG)

1.13 Does your organisation 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?

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

The issues surrounding flora and fauna and a monoculture such as oil palm.

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

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