

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

LEAP SPIRAL

1.2 Membership Number

6-0034-14-000-00

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?

LEAP Spiral initiates, develops and supports collaborative partnerships and projects in Malaysian Borneo that address restoration and protection of the land, its biodiversity and the indigenous people that live on it. Our main programme areas are biodiversity protection, forest and habitat restoration and protection, community-based conservation initiatives, species protection and renewable energy. We also facilitate and support the multi-sector Forever Sabah programme that seeks to transition the state of Sabah toward a diversified, equitable, circular economy. In all these areas, LEAP Spiral works to facilitate committed and open partnerships that enable habitats, species and cultures to thrive and to promote sustainable economic activities that place an equal value on income security, quality of life and the health of our shared ecosystems. We also work to create an atmosphere of openness and willingness to change across civil society, government and industry.

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?

LEAP Spiral, through the Forever Sabah programme which we are facilitating, initiated the Sabah 100% RSPO policy process. Currently, Forever Sabah is a member of the Jurisdictional Certification Steering Committee (JCSC), having served as a Technical Adviser until 2020.

Forever Sabah is also the co-chair for the Smallholder Working Group, which was recently reactivated. This group has been tasked with leading the revision of the Smallholder Jurisdictional Certification Roadmap that was previously presented to the JCSC. Furthermore, the working group will oversee the implementation of the workplan on smallholder certification.

In 2022, Forever Sabah initiated the Tongod Sustainable Palm Oil project, which aims to pilot the tracking of palm oil production from the smallholder's level through the Collection Centres (CC) and RSPO certified mills, before delivering sustainability standards and traceability to buyers.

Additionally, Forever Sabah is collaborating with Wild Asia and WWF-Malaysia to form a consortium that will strategize and align the collective work towards common goals, moving Sabah's smallholder corps towards Jurisdictional Certification.

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

30.0%

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

No

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?

Primarily through grants.

2. TimeBound Plan

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

N/A

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?

N/A

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

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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 (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?

No

Ethical Conduct & Human Rights

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

No

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?

No

Complaints & Grievances

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

No

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?**No

Occupational Health & Safety**1.9 Does your organisation have a publicly-available Policy covering Occupational Health & Safety?**No

1.9.1 Does your organisation have a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Occupational Health & Safety?No

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

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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

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