Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

Malaysian Biodiesel Association (MBA)

1.2 Membership Number

8-0103-10-000-00

1.3 Membership Sector

Organisations

1.4 Membership Category

Affiliate

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 membershop 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?

The Malaysian Biodiesel Association (MBA) was established on September 2, 2008 to represent the interest of the biodiesel industry in Malaysia. Over the years, the Association has actively engaged and worked with the Malaysian Government and its agencies, i.e., the Ministry of Plantation and Commodities (MPC), Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB) and the Malaysian Palm Oil Council (MPOC) to facilitate the implementation of the national biodiesel blending programme and also address issues concerning market access, regulatory compliance, sustainability criteria, etc. in both local and export markets.

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

MBA keeps track on the developments of RSPO standards, as well as its activities and circulate these updates to its membership. Majority of the MBA members are RSPO members and certified by RSPO. They also undertake their RSPO obligations directly through their respective companies. Apart from that, the MBA also participated previously in the Technical Committee on MSPO Standards and in National Standards Committee on Oil Palm and Palm Oil Products where MSPO Standards under the MPOCC were reviewed and updated. The MBA is also a member of the Roundtable on Sustainable Biomaterials (RSB); an international initiative that brings together various stakeholders - farmers, companies, non-governmental organizations, experts, governments and intergovernmental agencies concerned; to support and drive best practices for sustainable biomaterial production, which includes biofuels. Periodically, MBA members receive updates on the activities and initiatives undertaken by RSB.

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 in the reporting period?

No

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)?

No

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

Association activities are funded through annual membership subscription

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)

MBA members is transitioning (or transitioned) to the certification based on the revised MSPO standards i.e. MS 2530-4-2: 2022 - MSPO Part 4-2: General Principles for Palm Oil Processing Facilities including Supply Chain Requirements. The MBA will continue to monitor if there are any transition issues and also support the development, updating and implementation of sustainable palm oil standards / scheme relevant to the members, e.g. RSPO SCCS and also the International Sustainability & Carbon Certification (ISCC)

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

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

None