Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

NORPALM GHANA LIMITED

1.2 Membership Number

1-0162-14-000-00

1.3 Membership Sector

Oil Palm Growers

1.4 Membership Category

Ordinary

1.5 Country

Ghana

2.0 Does your company or organisation produce, process, consume or sell any palm oil or any products containing derivatives of palm oil?

Yes

2.1 Please select all description(s) that describe the palm oil-related activities of your company or organisation. Multiple selections are allowed, and not limited to the primary sector of the member's RSPO membership. You will be required to complete the relevant ACOP section based on your selection(s).

- [x] I own and operate oil palm estate(s) and/or palm oil mill(s)
- [ ] I represent a palm oil Independent Smallholder farmer Group
- [ ] I own and operate independent palm oil mills
- [ ] I own and operate independent palm kernel crushing plants - Processors and/or Traders
- [ ] I trade or broker palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products - Processors and/or Traders
- [ ] I am a refiner of palm oil or palm kernel oil - Processors and/or Traders
- [ ] I am a processor of intermediate (B2B) palm oil, palm kernel oil or related fractions/derivatives - Processors and/or Traders
- [ ] I am a B2B distributor or wholesaler of palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products - Processors and/or Traders
- [ ] I manufacture final consumer (B2C) products containing palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products. This includes products manufactured by 3rd party contractors - Consumer Goods Manufacturers
- [ ] I retail final consumer (B2C) products containing palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products - Retailers
- [ ] I operate food retail outlets that use palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products - Retailers
- [ ] 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

Grower

1. Operational Profile

1.1 Please state your company's main activities as a palm oil grower:

- [ ] Oil palm grower without palm oil mill
- [ ] Oil palm grower with palm oil mill
- [x] Oil palm grower with palm oil mill and palm kernel crushing plant
- [ ] Independent palm oil mill
- [ ] Smallholder Group Manager

2. Operations and Certification Progress

Information in Section 2.0 - Operations and Certification Progress - is a mandatory declaration in your ACOP. This includes hectarage data, to enable the RSPO to accurately calculate certification of individual members, sectors and RSPO members as a whole. ACOP reports without reported hectarage data will be considered as incomplete and will not be accepted. Incomplete ACOP reports may lead to suspension or termination of RSPO membership.

2.1 Land area controlled and managed associated to palm oil

2.1.1 Please state the total number of palm oil estates, certified and uncertified, controlled or managed by the member

1

Land area controlled and managed associated to palm oil

Description	Hectares
2.1.2 Total land controlled or managed for oil palm cultivation - planted and infrastructure (hectares)	3923.34
2.1.3 Total land controlled or managed for oil palm cultivation - unplanted (hectares)	100.62
2.1.4 Total land designated and managed as HCV areas (hectares)	163.32
2.1.5 Other conservation land set aside, excluding HCV areas reported in 2.1.4 (hectares)	321.42
2.1.6 Total land under scheme smallholders (hectares)	77.71
Total	4586.41

2.2 Certification progress

2.2.1 Number of management units certified under RSPO P&C Certification

1

2.2.2 Total certified land under the RSPO P&C Certification, excluding scheme smallholders (hectares)

4508.70

2.2.2.1 Certification progress - land under RSPO P&C Certification, excluding scheme smallholders

100.00%

2.2.3 Total certified land under scheme smallholders (hectares)

77.71

2.2.3.1 Certification progress - land under scheme smallholders

100.00%

2.3 In which countries are your estates located?

2.3.1 Indonesia - Please indicate which province(s)

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2.3.2 Malaysia - Please indicate which state(s)

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2.3.3 Other - Please indicate which country/countries

Ghana

2.4 New plantings and development (excluding replanting)

2.4.1 How much new land was planted by your company during this reporting period (hectares)?

0.00

2.5 Supply of Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB)

2.5.1 Total FFB volume produced by estates managed or controlled by your company (tonnes)

38873.00

2.5.1.1 Total certified FFB volume produced by certified estates managed or controlled by your company (tonnes)

38873.00

2.5.1.2 Certification progress - Certified FFB volume produced by estates managed or controlled by your company

100.00%

2.5.2 In addition to FFB produced by your company's estates, does your supply base include any of the following?

- [x] Scheme Smallholders
- [x] Independent Smallholders
- [ ] Outgrowers
- [x] Other Third-Party Suppliers

2.5.3 Scheme smallholder operations that supply your operations:

2.5.3.1 Total FFB volume supplied by scheme smallholders (tonnes)

1.00

2.5.3.2 Total certified FFB volume supplied by scheme smallholders (tonnes)

1.00

2.5.3.3 Certification progress - Certified FFB volume supplied by scheme smallholders

100.00%

2.5.4 Independent smallholder operations that supply your operations:

2.5.4.1 Total FFB volume supplied by independent smallholders (tonnes)

1005.72

2.5.4.2 Total certified FFB volume supplied by independent smallholders (tonnes)

0.00

2.5.4.3 Certification progress - Certified FFB volume supplied by independent smallholders

0.00%

2.5.6 Other Third-party supplier operations that supply your operations:

2.5.6.1 Total FFB volume supplied by third-party suppliers (tonnes)

20605.28

2.5.6.2 Total certified FFB volume supplied by third-party suppliers (tonnes)

0.00

2.5.6.3 Certification progress - Certified FFB volume supplied by third-party suppliers

0.00%

2.6 Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB) processing and production operations

2.6.1 Number of palm oil mills operated

1

2.6.2 Number of palm oil mills certified under RSPO P&C

1

2.7 Palm Kernel processing and production operations

2.7.1 Number of palm kernel crushers and/or palm kernel mills operated

1

2.7.2 Number of palm kernel crushers and/or palm kernel mills certified under RSPO Supply Chain Certification (SCC)

1

3. Palm Oil and Certified Palm Oil Production

Information in Section 3 - Palm Oil and Certified Palm Oil Production - is a mandatory declaration in your ACOP. This includes volume, to enable the RSPO to accurately calculate production uptake on a member, sector and total level. ACOP reports without reported volume data will be considered incomplete and will not be accepted.

3.1 Total Crude Palm Oil produced (tonnes)

Countries/Regions	Tonnes
Malaysia	0.00
Indonesia	0.00
Latin America	0.00
Africa	11286.86
Rest of the World	0.00
Total	11286.86

3.2 CSPO sold as RSPO certified

Description	Tonnes
Identity Preserved (IP)	0.00
Segregated (SG)	0.00
Mass Balance (MB)	0.00
RSPO Credits	0.00
Total	0.00

3.5 Total CSPO sold

Description	Tonnes
3.2 CSPO sold as RSPO-certified	0.00
3.3 CSPO sold under other certification schemes	0.00
3.4 CSPO sold as conventional	7275.21
Total	7275.21

3.6 According to the volume information you have provided in this questionnaire, CSPO represents the following percentage of your total CPO production

64.46%

3.7 Based on total CSPO volumes sold (Question G.3.6) , please estimate the percentage of the volumes originating from your operations in the following regions/countries

Countries/Regions	Percentage
Malaysia	0
Indonesia	0
Latin America	0
Africa	100
Rest of the World	0

3.8 Total Crude Palm Kernel produced (tonnes)

Countries/Regions	Tonnes
Malaysia	0.00
Indonesia	0.00
Latin America	0.00
Africa	3024.20
Rest of the World	0.00
Total	3024.20

3.9 CSPK sold as RSPO certified

Description	Tonnes
Identity Preserved (IP)	0.00
Segregated (SG)	0.00
Mass Balance (MB)	0.00
Total	0.00

3.12 Total CSPK sold

Description	Tonnes
3.9 CSPK sold as RSPO-certified	0.00
3.10 CSPK sold under other certification schemes	0.00
3.11 CSPK sold as conventional	1943.65
Total	1943.65

3.13 According to the volume information you have provided in this questionnaire, CSPK represents the following percentage of your total CPK production

64.27%

3.14 Based on the CSPK sold volumes (Question G.3.12), please estimate the percentage of volumes originating from your operations in the following regions/countries:

Countries/Regions	Tonnes
Malaysia	0
Indonesia	0
Latin America	0
Africa	100
Rest of the World	0

4. TimeBound Plan

4.1 Which year did your company achieve (or plans to achieve) its first RSPO P&C certification?

2016

4.2 Which year did your company achieve (or plans to achieve) 100% RSPO certification for all its estates and mills?

2016

4.2.1 If the previous target year for G.4.2 has not been met, please explain why

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4.3 Which year did your company achieve (or plans to achieve) 100% RSPO certification of scheme smallholders?

2016

4.3.1 If the previous target year for G.4.3 has not been met, please explain why

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4.4 Which year did your company achieve (or plans to achieve) 100% RSPO certification for all FFB, regardless of source?

2028

4.4.1 If the previous target year for G.4.4 has not been met, please explain why

i. The greatest challenge is that the number of independent FFB suppliers, either supplying directly to the company or through the FFB aggregators, keep changing on a daily basis due to factors such as (1) FFB price competitiveness by the mills; there is a keen competition for FFB by the mills and the numerus artisanal mills within the company's catchment. Mills usually use FFB price to take the market. Farmers then switch to other mills to sell their FFB when the price favours them and therefore are not loyal affiliates to any mill. (2) No value for documentation; because the numerus artisanal mills are not strict with documentation, the slightest insistence for farmers to provide some of these documents becomes a disincentive for them to move to the artisanal mills. (3) the distance from the mill to their farms.

ii. Some suppliers do not own oil palm plantations, they grow other food crops such as cassava, plantain etc. few palm trees happen to have grown on their farms by chance and for economic reasons, they harvest and sell when those palms are ripe.

iii. Most lands for oil palm plantations in Ghana belong to families and communities (Stool Lands). Therefore, disputes over rights to the stool or family lands often result in the absence of the substantive head of the land holding authority who would exercise fiduciary rights over the land. In such instances, it becomes difficult to undertake land transactions as there is always a problem with who is the rightful person to authorize such land transactions.

iv. Land registration in Ghana is faced with several challenges including, high costs of land and registration, exploitation, weak coordination among land sector agencies. These challenges hinder and discourages farmers' interest in obtaining land use right for their various farms.

5. Concession Boundaries

5.1 The RSPO General Assembly Resolution 6G (2013) calls for all members with Grower operations to submit maps of their concessions boundaries through ACOP. Has your company submitted concession boundaries up to estate level to the RSPO in previous ACOP cycles as per RSPO Formatting Requirements for Boundary Data Submission?

Yes

5.2 Has your company either acquired any new concession sites, have any concession sites changed ownership or change its boundaries since the previous ACOP map submission?

No

6. GHG Footprint

6.1 What is the average GHG footprint for all certified management units by hectare (tCO2e/ha)?

0.75

6.2 What is the average GHG footprint for all certified management units per tonne of crude palm oil (tCO2e/tCPO)?

0.41

6.3 What are the key emission sources identified by your company in certified management units?

- [ ] Land use change
- [ ] Existing cultivation peatland
- [ ] Palm oil mill effluent (POME)
- [ ] Fertiliser application
- [x] Others

Others

Fuel
Grid Utilization
Land Use Change
Fertilizer

6.4 Does your company have a baseline for GHG reporting?

Yes

6.4.1 What is the target baseline (average tCO2e/tCPO)?

1.75

6.4.2 When is your base year?

2016

6.5 Does your company have an annual GHG emissions reduction/minimising target?

Yes

6.5.1 What is your company's annual GHG emissions reduction/minimising target (in absolute tCO2e/tCPO or in percentage terms)?

1.69

6.5.2 What is your company's annual GHG emissions reduction/minimising target (in absolute tCO2e/tCPO or in percentage terms)?

2030

6.5.3 What measures are currently being taken to reduce GHG emissions?

1. Yield intensification on existing concession to reduce land conversion.

2. Use of organic fertilizer such as EFB and decanter waste in order to reduce inorganic fertilizer application.

3. Use more efficient engines, regular servicing of vehicles and timely replacement of fleets to reduce fuel consumption.

7. Support for Oil Palm Smallholders

7.1 How is your company supporting Independent Smallholder groups?

- [x] Sourcing of physical FFB
- [ ] Financial support
- [ ] Operations support
- [x] Training support
- [x] Community development
- [ ] Not supporting Independent Smallholder groups
- [x] Others

Others

1. support with farm inputs like fertilizer and tools to farmers.
2. Knowledge transfer of oil palm best management practices.

7.1.1 Please provide the names and locations of the oil palm Independent Smallholder groups that you are currently supporting. This question is not mandatory, and is left to the discretion of the RSPO member to answer.

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8. Actions For Next Reporting Period

8.1 Outline activities that your company will undertake in the coming year to advance its certification efforts.

1. Educate workers on the company's policies and procedures in line with RSPO P&Cs.

2. Conduct internal audits to assess our preparedness towards 2024 Annual Surveillance Audit (ASA).

3. Implement actions for OFIs and non-conformities identified in our 2023 ASA.

8.2 Outline activities that your company will undertake in the coming year to promote the uptake CSPO along the supply chain.

1. Continue to train and share knowledge with key stakeholders and suppliers on RSPO.

2. Continue engagement with Oil Palm Development Assocation of Ghana (OPDAG) towards group certification for independent smallhoder farmers.

3. Actively trade credit for our certified product on the palmtrace platform and also encourage off takers to buy CSPO.

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
- [x] Difficulties in the certification process
- [x] Certification of smallholders
- [x] Competition with non-RSPO members
- [x] 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?

- [x] Communication and/or engagement to transform the negative perception of palm oil
- [x] 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
- [x] 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

https://www.norpalm.no