

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

ASOCIACION NACIONAL DE INDUSTRIALES DE ACEITES Y MANTECAS COMESTIBLES, A.C. (ANIAME)

1.2 Membership Number

8-0199-17-000-00

1.3 Membership Sector

Associations

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?

ANIAME is a national manufacturers' association specializing in producing edible oils and fats. It is a business organization comprising companies that process oilseeds and oil palm, manufacture edible oils and fats, and produce oil meals for animal feed. The association has existed for over 65 years and aims to represent and defend the interests of the edible oils and fats sector in Mexico. Its primary objective is to promote the development of local production of oilseeds and the national production of edible oils and oil meals, as well as to lead the work of standardization and international trade negotiations (free trade agreements) for the Mexican edible oil sector, among other activities. Particularly in the last 15 years, ANIAME has maintained a firm commitment to sustainability and prioritizes it in all its activities. The palm oil production chain has received special attention from ANIAME. We lead the work for the national interpretation of the RSPO principles and criteria and contribute, together with the Mexican government, to the development of a Mexican standard based on RSPO.

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

The sustainability of the Mexican edible oils and fats industry requires a comprehensive strategy that involves companies, the government, and key organizations to generate a positive impact on the economy, society, and the environment. In 2024, thanks to collaboration among companies, organizations, and producers, practices were strengthened that form the basis for a more sustainable future for the industry, integrating economic activities with a social and environmental focus. ANIAME participated in a forum with RSPO members in the region (business associations, palm oil producing and consuming companies) to discuss the most relevant and current RSPO issues for Mexico, including the recent approval of the update of RSPO principles and criteria; the European Union's regulation against deforestation, among others.

The Secretary of Agriculture of Mexico expressed to ANIAME the importance that the Administration of President Sheinbaum places on ensuring that the agricultural production of oilseeds and oil palm is sustainable and guarantees zero deforestation.

Therefore, in 2024, we will continue with projects and actions to ensure that the production of oilseeds and oil palm in Mexico is sustainable. Projects such as the conversion to winter oilseed crops in the northwest of the country allow for more efficient water use in the region, meaning crops that have higher profitability per cubic meter of water for the farmer.

The Mexican palm oil chain reaffirmed its commitment to the responsible and sustainable production of palm oil, focusing on small producers, who own 94% of the cultivated area of palm oil in our country, as the main objective of sustainability certification.

In 2024, our organization held several meetings with Camilo Santos, the market transformation director of RSPO Latin America, to strengthen the relationship between the Mexican palm sector and the world's most recognized institution for sustainability certification.

The RSPO representative informed us of the five-year update made to the RSPO Principles and Criteria during 2024, which will be mandatorily implemented starting in 2026. ANIAME is preparing to lead the process to update the National Interpretation of Mexico approved in 2020 and to include an appropriate version for our country of the new specialized standard for small producers developed by RSPO.

Additionally, ANIAME promotes and supports certification efforts and the promotion of RSPO rules with our partners. In Mexico City, the AGREEMENT FOR ZERO DEFORESTATION AND THE SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION OF PALM OIL WITH SMALL PRODUCERS was signed, a key alliance between AAK MÉXICO, Solidaridad, ANIAME, and RSPO, aimed at encouraging responsible practices and promoting the pilot project "Getting to Know the Small Producer," which integrates palm oil extraction companies and groups of small producers interested in obtaining sustainability certification.

Meanwhile, the palm oil extraction company OLEOSUR/PROPALMA, in coordination with RSPO, COMEXPALMA, and ANIAME, organized the COURSE FOR GROUP MANAGERS ON RSPO CERTIFICATION FOR SMALL PRODUCERS, a training course for managers of small producer groups that aims to develop knowledge and solid foundations to integrate these small Mexican producers into the sustainable palm oil value chain.

Finally, ANIAME participated in the SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT MEXICO 2024: MEETING FOR ACTION AND COMMITMENT. In this forum, organized by our partner AAK, representatives from RSPO, small producers, extraction plants, NGOs, and customers exchanged knowledge and best practices to strengthen sustainability in the value chain.

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?

ANIAME's activities are funded by the fees paid by its members. The association's Board of Directors approves the Budget annually.

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)

In 2025, ANIAME will support the Mexican palm oil productive chain in updating the National Interpretation of the Principles and Criteria 2018 to the version recently approved last year and in the work to adapt the new standard for independent small producers to the Mexican context. In addition to the above, our Association will continue to support and promote the efforts of our member companies regarding projects to achieve RSPO certification, particularly for small producers. ANIAME will also participate in courses on group managers for small producers, audits, and other topics organized by RSPO and other institutions to promote disseminating information, training, and the importance of sustainability certification represented by RSPO.

ANIAME will also continue participating in the resumption of work with the Mexican government authorities for the development of a Mexican Official Standard (NOM) that regulates the management of oil palm plantations established before the Mexican government declared these regions as protected natural areas, as well as in the management of these plantations by the extractors and producers who commit to reconvert these crops and preventing the spread of oil palm in the surrounding areas.

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

We can share with you the official website of the National Interpretation process in Mexico:
www.inrspomexico.org