

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

Girl Scouts of the USA

1.2 Membership Number

8-0129-11-000-00

1.3 Membership Sector

Organisations

1.4 Membership Category

Affiliate

1.5 Country

United States

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?

-GSUSA is a youth leadership program.

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

-Oversight of the benchmarks set by our licensed manufactureres who are also RSPO members  
-Educate our membership and consumers about the use of palm oil in Girl Scout products  
-We employ 2 cookie bakers and have transitioned both bakers to commit to using only mass balance palm oil in their products.

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

5.0%

#### 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?

General operating budget

## 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)

- Continued support of our licensed manufacturers in their efforts to move towards use of more sustainable palm oil in Girl Scout products.
  - Continued proactive and reactive education of our membership through our website, webinars, and other channels.
  - 2 representatives of GSUSA will be attending a smallholder visit to Peru in May 2025, sponsored by RSPO, to learn about the production process and sustainability. We will be sharing what we learn within our organization and with our members and consumers.
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## 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

We continue to educate our membership and consumers on the use of palm oil in Girl Scouts products and closely manage our licensed bakers and their efforts to use sustainable palm oil.

### 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

Engagement with Girl Scouts members and licensed manufactureres about the use of palm oil in Girl Scouts products.

### 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.girlscouts.org/en/cookies/how-to-buy-cookies/cookies-frequently-asked-questions.html>