

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

Global Environment Centre

1.2 Membership Number

6-0005-04-000-00

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?

GEC is a Malaysian non-profit organisation with activities at local, regional and global level to address environmental issues of global concern. GEC has been working actively with the palm oil sector for nearly 25 years with a focus on promoting best management practices for plantations, peatland management and GHG emission reduction. GEC's main activities are: environmental education and training, community development, forest river & peatland management and rehabilitation, policy development and partnership with private sector.

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?

1. Actively involve and facilitate promotion of the RSPO, involved in RSPO Task Force and RSPO Technical Committee for standard reviews.
2. Provide technical guidance to assist RSPO members to implement BMPs for oil palm cultivated on peat.
3. Apply RSPO RaCP model for recovery project and partnership with supply chain for conservation and protection of peat swamp forest.
4. Promote and provide guidance to growers to use RSPO Drainability Assessment Procedure (DAP).
5. Promote utilisation of RSPO Peat Manuals as reference to government agencies and private sector (larger growers)
6. Provide technical input to finalise, print and promote Peat Manuals for ISH in 3 language English, Bahasa Melayu and Indonesia at regional level, including a training session jointly organised with RSPO Secretariat for Indonesian smallholders in Riau in December 2024
7. Engage by private sector (oil palm group) to organise a stakeholder consultation forum related to Enhanced Biodiversity and Ecosystem Conservation Guideline

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?

Yes

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)?

Yes

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

Funded by grant, internal funds and contribution from private sector.

2. TimeBound Plan

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

2007

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?

2009

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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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
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- ☐ 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

1. YPPH-GEC Recovery Project Fire Prevention and Conservation of Southeast Portion of Pekan Forest Reserve link:
<https://ypph.com.my/YPPH/berita.php>
 2. PROSPER-GEC Conservation of Southeast Portion of North Selangor Peat Swamp Forest Bukit Belata (Ext) Forest Reserve (BBEFR) Project link for Phase 1 and Phase 2:
<https://prosper.com.my/News.html>
 3. Tabung Haji Plantation working together with Johor State Forestry Department and GEC on a Forest and Peatland Conservation Project at Gunung Arong Forest Reserve, media release link
https://www.thplantations.my/doc/mr/Media_Release_Gunung_Arong_Conservation_Program_Launch_20231025_final_GEC.pdf
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