

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organisation

Borneo Conservation Trust Japan

1.2 What is/are the primary activity(ies) or product(s) of your organisation?

- Palm Oil Grower
- Processor and/or Trader
- Consumer Goods Manufacturer
- Retailer
- Bank and/or Investor
- Social and/or Development NGO
- Environmental and/or Conservation NGO
- Affiliate

1.3 Membership number

6-0054-19-000-00

1.4 Membership category

Environmental or Nature Conservation Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)

1.5 Membership sector

Ordinary

NGOs

1. Operational Profile

1.1 What are the main activities of your organisation?

Borneo Conservation Trust Japan (BCTJ) is a non-profit organization to conserve and preserve wildlife species and rainforest in the Lower Kinabatangan basin. Our mission is to set up environmental sustainability in those area and to preserve nature for future generations through biodiversity conservation and nature protection activities. One of our main projects is called "The Green Corridor Project". Working with Borneo Conservation Trust Sabah, BCTJ tries to preserve rainforest along Kinabatangan river by acquiring land parcels in those area not to increase fragmented rainforest.

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?

BCTJ has not particularly applied for work directly linked to Palm oil and related products. However, some of our dedicated supporters are private companies that utilize palm oil for their business. We have held some awareness events and educational programs regarding the relationship between rainforest in Borneo and the development of oil palm plantation. In a series of those events, we address topics such as RSPO and CSPO to raise awareness of those vision.

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

10%

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?

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2. TimeBound Plan

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

2016

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?

2018

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)

BCTJ has been a director of JaSPON (Japan Sustainable Palm Oil Network). JaSPON established April 2019 to accelerate the procurement and consumption of sustainable palm oil in the Japanese market and we will support companies who joined the organization from the point of view from biodiversity conservation. We will hold awareness and educational programs and events regarding wildlife conservation in the lower Kinabatangan area. Throughout these events, we will actively talk about the importance of RSPO and CSPO.

4. Shared Responsibility

The Board of Governors of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) approved new Shared Responsibility rules on 31 October 2019, requiring all members to share sustainability requirements and obligations. Reporting of Shared Responsibility indicators will be done through several channels, including ACOP. As the implementation of Shared Responsibility reporting is still on-going and in development, the Shared Responsibility section in ACOP is not yet final and may change in future ACOP cycles. For more information on Shared Responsibility, please go to <https://rspo.org/news-and-events/news/what-are-the-new-shared-responsibility-rules> or email the ACOP team at acop@rspo.org

Labour & Labour Rights

4.1 Does your company have a publicly-available policy covering Labour & Labour Rights?

No

Ethical Conduct & Human Rights

4.2 Does your company have a publicly-available Policy covering Ethical Conduct & Human Rights?

No

Occupational Health & Safety

4.3 Does your company have a publicly-available Policy covering Occupational Health & Safety?

No

Climate Change & Greenhouse Gas (GHG)

4.4 Does your company have a publicly-available policy covering Climate Change & Greenhouse Gas (GHG)?

No

Complaints & Grievances

4.5 Does your company have a Complaints & Grievances Mechanism?

No

Smallholders

4.6 Does your company support oil palm independent smallholder groups?

No

4.6.3 Do you have any future plans to support oil palm Independent Smallholders?

No

4.6.4 Please explain why you are not planning to support oil palm independent smallholders

Because BCTJ is an environmental non-profit organization and not a grower, processor or retailer of agree the vision of the RSPO about supporting oil palm independent smallholder groups. On the other hand, we strongly agree the vision of the RSPO that it supports oil palm independent smallholders.

5. Challenges

5.1 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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5.2 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?

- Engagement with business partners or consumers on the use of CSPO
- Engagement with government agencies
- 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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5.3 If your organisation has any other publicly-available reports or information regarding its palm oil-related policies and activities, please provide the links here

<http://www.bctj.jp/lp/borneo-conservation-trust-japan/>