

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organisation

Forest Peoples Programme

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

7-0017-13-000-00

1.4 Membership category

Social or Development Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)

1.5 Membership sector

Ordinary

NGOs

1. Operational Profile

1.1 What are the main activities of your organisation?

Supporting the Rights of Forest Peoples

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?

- Collaborated with the RSPO Task Force on the P&C Review - Engaged in the dialogue between the High Carbon Stock Approach and RSPO TF on P&C - We submitted 5 new complaints against Golden Agri Resources for: exceeding the land ceiling; evading its responsibilities by having six disguised shadow companies in Kapuas Hulu; being slow to provide agreed smallholdings to communities; continuing delays in providing remedy for lands taken without FPIC and; endorsing Golden Veroleum Limited self-suspension from the RSPO after it was found in violation by the Complaints Panel and the Appeals Panel. - Investigated the impact of a Kota Terpadu Mandiri Transmigration scheme linked to oil palm development in West Kalimantan - We also worked with the Human Rights Working Group to finalise the Protocol for protecting and providing anonymity for Human Rights Defenders adopted by the Board - Attended the meetings of the RSPO BHCVWG and drafted TORs for the RaCP implementation review - Joined the Jurisdictional Approach Working Group to ensure the Approach upholds the RSPO standards and credibly advances transformation of the palm oil sector towards sustainability. To this end we also carried out a review of the way the Sabah Jurisdictional Approach Pilot is addressing the HCSA Social Requirements, examined the FORCLIME Green Commodities Project in Kapuas Hulu, Indonesia, and engaged with the district government and with INOBU in Seruyan, in Central Kalimantan, to explore how to improve the conflict resolution procedures there in line with the P&C - Attended meetings of the RSPO HRWG, including leading the sub-groups on Human Rights Defenders and on FPIC. Finalised a contract with RSPO for training meetings on FPIC in Asia, Africa and Latin America - Attended meetings of the Dispute Settlement Facility Advisory Group. FPP resigned from the group for lack of substantive progress - Attended meetings of the Assurance Task Force Advisory Group - Co-Chaired the Indonesia National Interpretation sub-group on FPIC and legality which led to a multi-stakeholder decision that where communities accept palm plantings on their lands but reject the loss of their rights implied by a Business Use Permit (HGU), then alternative tenure options must be provided - Advised the Secretariat on implementation of the InterMediary Organisations Outreach Programme - Attended the EU Roundtable in Paris and RSPO RT16 in Bali - Submitted two Resolutions to the General Assembly. One on delinking CBs from their clients to ensure greater independence was narrowly rejected, while a second requiring revision of the Code of Conduct to discourage members from withdrawing from RSPO or divesting properties while subject to complaints was accepted - Worked with the High Carbon Stock Approach as member of the Executive Committee and led the process to finalise the HCSA Social Requirements - Carried out a field visit of Agropalma's operations in Brazil - Engaged with the Consumer Goods Forum and the Retail Palm Oil and Trade Consortium - Convened the 8th South East Asian Regional Conference on Human Rights and Agribusiness co-hosted with the Thai National Human Rights Commission with a focus on transboundary development projects in the Mekong River system - As representative of the IUCN Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy attended meetings and made inputs to the IUCN Task Force on Oil Palm and Biodiversity which included making inputs to ensure that the report, launched at the European RT in June, examined at least briefly the links between socio-economic impacts and biodiversity outcomes

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

90%

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)?

No

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

Donations and grants. We do not accept private sector monies.

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?

2007

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)

- Engaging in the dialogue between the High Carbon Stock Approach and RSPO TF on P&C - Continuing engagement with the Palm Oil Innovators Group

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?

Yes

4.1.1 Does the policy cover:

- No discrimination
- Wage and working conditions
- Freedom of association
- No child labour
- No harassment
- No forced or trafficked labour

4.1.2 Has your company previously uploaded or linked its Labour & Labour Rights policy in previous ACOP reporting cycles?

No

Ethical Conduct & Human Rights

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

Yes

4.2.1 Does the policy cover:

- Recruitment
- Contractors
- Sub-Contractors & Third-Party Contractors

4.2.2 Has your company previously uploaded or linked its Ethical Conduct & Human Rights policy in previous ACOP reporting cycles?

No

Occupational Health & Safety

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

Yes _____

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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?

Yes _____

4.5.1 Is your Complaints & Grievances mechanism in line with the RSPO's grievance mechanism? For details of the RSPO's grievance mechanism, please go to <https://askrspo.force.com/Complaint/s/>

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?

Yes _____

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

www.forestpeoples.org