

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organisation

Friend's of the Zoo Inc, Kansas City Zoo

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

6-0041-16-000-00

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?

Friend's of the Zoo, Inc., Kansas City Zoo is an accredited zoo by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums and approved by the United State Department of Agriculture to house and exhibit animals. Our purpose is to educate and distribute knowledge of wildlife in our own community and around the world. Our zoo brings families together so that they can also play a part in the conservation discussion that identifies challenges and brainstorm ideas to find potential solutions.

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?

The Kansas City Zoo continues to add on programs to assist with publicize our involvement with the RSPO. Our zoo continues to recommend the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo RSPO app to provide the knowledge necessary to purchase sustainable palm oil products. As part of the Kansas City Boo at the Zoo weekend at Halloween, we provide candy for our trick or treaters. All candy that is provided is made with sustainable palm oil. As part of our normal policy for our Food and Beverage and cleaning supplies to make sure that our vendors and products are using sustainable palm oil. We have updated our general messaging and calls to action that we are using in keeper chats and education programs. We have added a Wine Walk where proceeds from the walk go totally to our conservation fund and the RSPO is one of the projects that it supports.

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

2%

1.4 Did members of your organisation participate in RSPO working groups and/or taskforces during the reporting period?

No

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?

Our funding comes from our conservation fund. Money is donated through guests sales from gift shops, entrance tickets, rounding up donations. As well as from our conservation Wine Walk.

2. TimeBound Plan

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

2023

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)

We will continue the programs that we have already implemented, but due to the Covid-19 pandemic we are unsure if we will be able to add any activities at this time.

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?

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?

No

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

At this time we are not financially able to support. It is also something that we have not discussed in planning to support. There are other projects that need to be tended to for our organization at this time.

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

Unable to provide links. They are in Microsoft document format.