

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organisation

NATURALEZA, ENERGÍA, SOCIEDAD S.A.S - NES NATURALEZA S.A.S

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

8-0136-12-000-00

1.4 Membership category

Organisations

1.5 Membership sector

Affiliate

Affiliates

1. Operational Profile

1.1 What are the main activities of your organisation?

NES Naturaleza promotes the implementation of RSPO standards by doing trainings for a better understanding of sustainable concepts along the palm oil supply chain as well as by supporting the adoption of the standard by giving guidelines on the implementation of it. NES Naturaleza also does agroindustry research, studies and develops games for better understanding of the implications of working under Good agricultural, environmental and social practices. These games creates awareness among the smallholders on the significance of sustainability

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

NES Naturaleza gives trainings, guidelines for RSPO implementation, games for easier RSPO understanding for smallholders. NES Naturaleza also shares with its interesting third parties news, updates and other interesting information on sustainability which is difficult to access by smallholders in remote areas.

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

80.0%

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

Yes

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)?

Yes

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

The funding comes from private sector, companies along the supply chain which are interested in the adoption of sustainable practices and RSPO implementation in their activities as well as in their supply base. In the same line, other funds comes from international research centers.

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)

NES is developing 2 programs that aims to support RSPO implementation in smallholders in Colombia and in Honduras. One program is call WISSE and it supports 4 mills in Hnduras and its goal is to get 900 smallholders certified in 3 years. Another program is WISSCO2 which is also focused on smallholders in the atlantic zone of Colombia. Those programs WISSE and WISSCo are developed together with important players of the agroindustry In same line we are delineating a new program in Peru, that might support 800 smallholders, but this one still in definition

3. Challenges

3.1 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

1. The fact that worldwide we are facing the threat of Coronavirus or Covid 19, that could slow down activities and investments related to sustainable standards. 2. Specifically in Colombia the bud rot disease has been affecting the smallholders who face the lethal disease with no financial resources. 3. There is different understanding of the RSPO standard among the auditors from the certification bodies and between the certification bodies, which makes difficult for the mills, growers and smallholders the understanding of the RSPO concepts

3.2 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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3.3 If your organisation has any other publicly-available reports or information regarding its palm oil-related policies and activities, please provide the links here

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