

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organisation

NEPCon F.M.B.A

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

6-0044-16-000-00

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?

Environmental and conservation projects, projects related to legality in timber and agriculture sectors, and certification (RSPO SCC, Forest Stewardship Council, Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification, Sustainable Agriculture Network, Sustainable Biomass Partnership, LegalSource, and carbon management).

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?

As an accredited CB for RSPO SCC, we provide information about RSPO SCC certification on our website: <https://www.nepcon.org/certification/rspo>. We are in the process of becoming P&C accredited. We are also carrying out a project called 'Sustainability Reporting for Palm Oil Companies'. The objective is to promote best practices in sustainability reporting around palm oil production in Indonesia. NEPCon will develop an executive training program aimed at supporting Indonesian palm oil firms who are either legally required or interested in voluntary reporting of their sustainability-related practices. The online education course will build on the efforts and materials already developed for firms in the sector in Indonesia with a clear emphasis on best practices, key metrics, and reporting styles already championed and tested globally, combined with Danish expertise in sustainability reporting.

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

1%

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?

Our RSPO SCC certification service is funded directly by the client; for non-certification palm oil-related projects, the financing comes from the respective project funds (government or private grants, other NGO's funding, or internal funding).

2. TimeBound Plan

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

2019

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?

2017

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 carry out our RSPO SCC services and continue to promote RSPO through our website. In 2018 we have developed and published RSPO sample procedures that potential clients can use to create their own RSPO SCC handbook.

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?

Yes

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)?**

Yes

4.4.1 Does the policy cover:

- Identification and assessment of GHG
- Public reporting of GHG footprint
- Monitored implementation plan to reduce or minimise GHG emissions

4.4.2 Has your company previously uploaded or linked its Climate Change & Greenhouse Gas policy or report in previous ACOP reporting cycles?

Yes

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/>

Yes

Smallholders**4.6 Does your company support oil palm independent smallholder groups?**

Yes

4.7.1 Does this support cover:

- Fair and transparent dealings with Smallholders
- Improved Smallholder livelihoods

4.6.2 How is your company supporting them?

We are working on a social strategy for NEPCon, which should take into effect this year.

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

We only have a few clients in RSPO SCC and they don't really sell RSPO. They are only bound by their customer's demand to have a sustainable supply chain, but they don't require the companies to actually but the claim on the invoice. As a CB, we also suffer from the certification system, where we have to deal with short timelines to address NCRs, the system of having to apply for a license in PalmTrace and the clients who have to indicate the amount of palm oil in their products, where they find this extremely difficult. We tried to tackle this, but taking place in the task force for the new supply chain standard, but unfortunately, the main issues we're facing, weren't addressed in the new versions.

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

NEPCon is participating in the Polish Task Force on Sustainable Palmk Oil

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

<https://www.nepcon.org/projects/sustainability-reporting-palm-oil-companies> <https://www.nepcon.org/certification/rspo>
<https://www.nepcon.org/newsroom/polish-coalition-pledges-achieve-100-uptake-sustainable-palm-oil-country-2023>