

Annual Communication on Progress (ACOP) 2023

Golden Agri-Resources Ltd

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your report	
1.0 RSPO Member Particulars	
Member Name	Golden Agri-Resources Ltd
Membership Number	1-0096-11-000-00
Membership Sector	Oil Palm Growers
Membership Category	Ordinary
Country	Mauritius
Yes No	ontaining derivatives of palm oil?
limited to the primary sector of required to complete the relevant for Environmental/Conservation members that consume or retaining	on. Multiple selections are allowed, and not the member's RSPO membership. You will be ant ACOP section based on your selection(s). On NGO and Social/Development NGO RSPO all palm oil or products containing palm oil, you
•	relevant supply chain sector ACOP form that alm oil or products containing palm oil
•	our organisation's own brands. 🛚
I own and operate oil palm estate((s) and/or palm oil
☐ I represent a palm oil Independent S Group	Smallholder farmer
 I own and operate independent palm mills 	n oil
I own and operate independent palm Traders	n kernel crushing plants - Processors and/or
I trade or broker palm oil, palm kerne Traders	el oil or related products - Processors and/or
I am a refiner of palm oil or palm la Traders	kernel oil - Processors and/or
Lam a processor of intermediate (P3	OD) nalm ail, nalm karnal ail ar ralatad

	fractions/derivatives - Processors and/or Traders
	I am a B2B distributor or wholesaler of palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products - Processors and/or Traders
	I manufacture final consumer (B2C) products containing palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products. This includes products manufactured by 3rd party contractors - Consumer Goods Manufacturers
	I retail final consumer (B2C) products containing palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products - Retailers
	I operate food retail outlets that use palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products - Retailers
C 1	.0 Operational profile
G . 1	
G.1	.1 Please state your company's main activities as a palm oil grower: 🛭
	Oil palm grower without palm oil mill
	Oil palm grower with palm oil mill
	Oil palm grower with palm oil mill and palm kernel crushing plant
	Independent palm oil mill
	Smallholder Group Manager
ma the and dat	ormation in Section 2.0 - Operations and Certification Progress - is a indatory declaration in your ACOP. This includes hectarage data, to enable RSPO to accurately calculate certification of individual members, sectors I RSPO members as a whole. ACOP reports without reported hectarage a will be considered as incomplete and will not be accepted. Incomplete OP reports may lead to suspension or termination of RSPO membership.
	ou have any concerns regarding the public disclosure of your company's tarage data, please contact the ACOP team at acop@rspo.org
G.2	.1 Land area controlled and managed associated to palm oil

G.2.1.1 Please state the total number of palm oil estates, certified and

uncertified, controlled or managed by the member 2

194

G.2.1.2 Total land controlled or managed for oil palm cultivation - planted and 415929 infrastructure (hectares) 2 G.2.1.3 Total land controlled or managed for oil palm cultivation - unplanted (hectares) 0 ? G.2.1.4 Total land designated and managed as HCV areas (hectares) 66384 G.2.1.5 Other conservation land set aside, excluding HCV areas reported in 2.1.4 13593 (hectares) ? G.2.1.6 Total land under scheme smallholders (hectares) 116247 |?| Total 612,153

Land area controlled and managed associated to palm oil

G.2.2 Certification Progress

G.2.2.1 Number of management units certified under the RSPO P&C Certification ?

85

G.2.2.2 Total certified land under the RSPO P&C Certification, excluding scheme smallholders (hectares) ?

267865.86

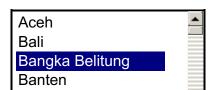
G.2.2.2.1 Certification progress - land under RSPO P&C Certification, excluding scheme smallholders [2]

54.02%

G.2.3 In which countries are your estates located? [2]

G.2.3.1 Indonesia – Please indicate which province(s)

Press and hold Ctrl or Command on your keyboard to select or deselect multiple provinces.





G.2.3.2 Malaysia – Please indicate which state(s)

Press and hold Ctrl or Command on your keyboard to select or deselect multiple states.



G.2.3.3 Other – Please indicate which country/countries

Press and hold Ctrl or Command on your keyboard to select multiple countries.



- G.2.4 New plantings and development (excluding replanting) [2]
- G.2.4.1 How much new land was planted by your company during this reporting period (hectares)? [2]

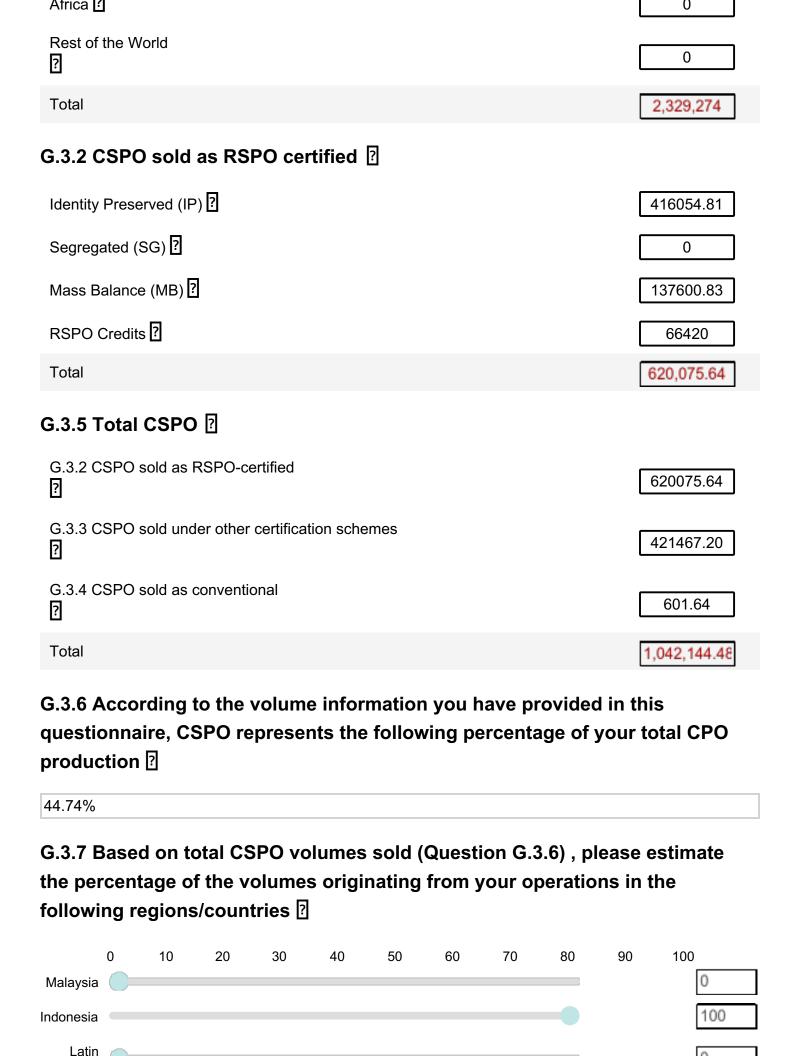
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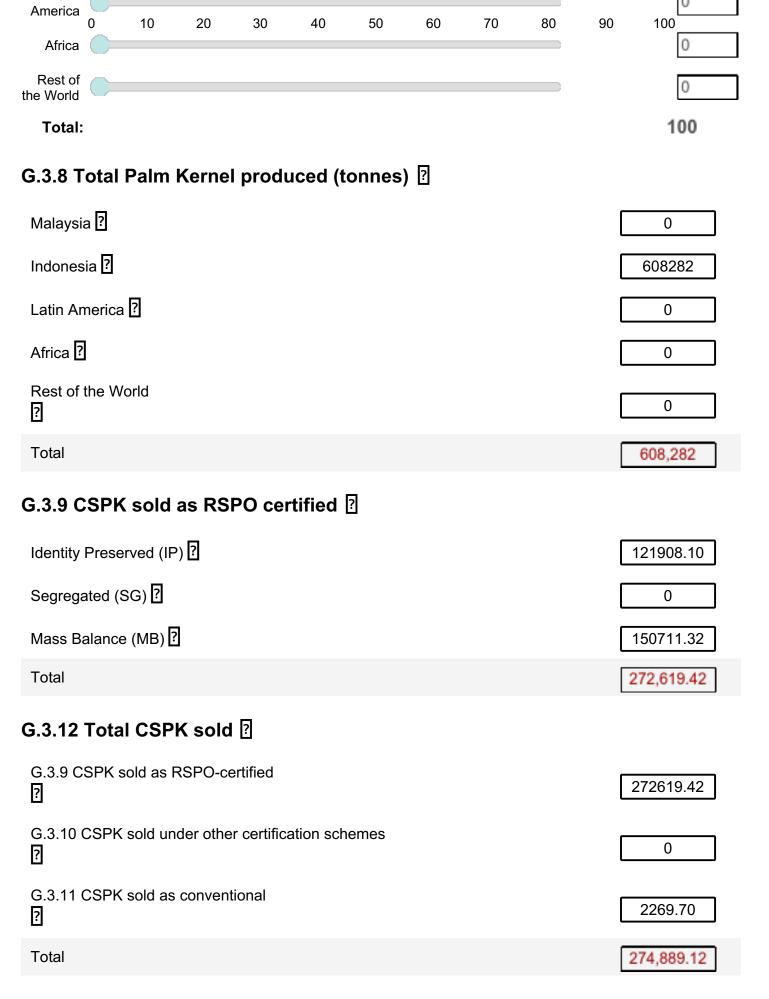
G.2.5 Supply of Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB)

G.2.5.1 Total FFB volume produced by estates managed or controlled by your company (tonnes) [2]
7464257
G.2.5.1.1 Total certified FFB volume produced by certified estates managed or controlled by your company (tonnes) [2]
4293366
G.2.5.1.2 Certification progress - Certified FFB volume produced by estates managed or controlled by your company
57.52%
G.2.5.2 In addition to FFB produced by your company's estates, does your supply base include any of the following?
Scheme Smallholders ?
Independent Smallholders ?
Outgrowers ?
Other Third-Party Suppliers ?
G.2.5.3 Scheme smallholder operations that supply your operations:
G.2.5.3.1 Total FFB volume supplied by scheme smallholders (tonnes) [2]
2124569
G.2.5.3.2 Total certified FFB volume supplied by scheme smallholders (tonnes)
1048042
G.2.5.3.3 Certification progress - Certified FFB volume supplied by scheme smallholders
49.33%

G.2.6.1 Number of palm oil mills operated 🛚	
48	
G.2.6.2 Number of palm oil mills that are RSPO Certified	?
34	
G.2.7 Palm Kernel processing and production operations	3
G.2.7.1 Number of palm kernel crushers and/or palm keri	nel mills operated []
9	
G.2.7.2 Number of palm kernel crushers and/or palm kernumber RSPO Supply Chain Certification (SCC) ☑	nel mills certified
9	
G.3.0 Palm Oil and Certified Palm Oil Production	
Information in Section 3 - Palm Oil and Certified Palm Oil Promandatory declaration in your ACOP. This includes volume, accurately calculate production uptake on a member, sector reports without reported volume data will be considered incoraccepted.	to enable the RSPO to and total level. ACOP
If you have any concerns regarding the public disclosure of y data, please contact the ACOP team at acop@rspo.org Please note that requests for confidentiality will be treated on In such cases, hectarage data will still be required to be repo will be removed from the public report - identified as 'redacted	a case-by-case basis. rted to the RSPO, but
G.3.1 Total Crude Palm Oil produced (tonnes) 🛚	
Malaysia ?	0
Indonesia ?	2329274
Latin America ?	0

G.2.0 Fresh Fruit Bullches (FFB) processing and production operations

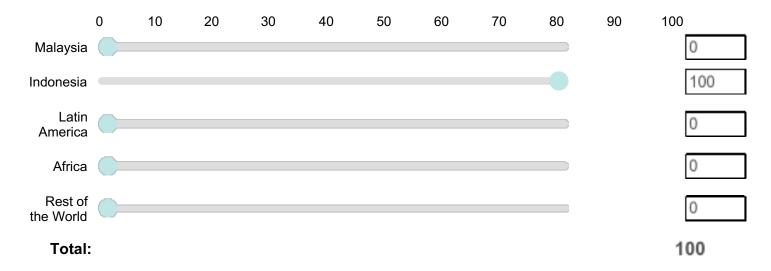




G.3.13 According to the volume information you have provided in this questionnaire, CSPK represents the following percentage of your total PK

production 2
45.19%

G.3.14 Based on the CSPK sold volumes (Question G.3.12), please estimate the percentage of volumes originating from your operations in the following regions/countries: 2



G.4.0 TimeBound Plan

G.4.1 Which year did your company achieve (or plans to achieve) its first RSPO P&C certification?



G.4.2 Which year did your company achieve (or plans to achieve) 100% RSPO certification for all its estates and mills?



G.4.2.1 If the previous target year for G.4.2 has not been met, please explain why

In response to a number of challenges that have prevented GAR from achieving its RSPO certification timebound plan, including RaCP, land title (HGU), which are currently in the processing stages. GAR has recently revised its RSPO Time-Bound Plan ("TBP") to 2027 due to additional non certified area within certified estates.

G.4.3 Which year did your company achieve (or plans to achieve) 100% RSPO certification of scheme smallholders?

G.4.3.1 If the previous target year for G.4.3 has not been met, please explain why

In order to meet the deadline, GAR continues to interact with essential parties. GAR thinks that in order to reach the target, the starting aim is set under conservative circumstances. But the pandemic and other conditions have changed things from how they were originally intended to be. GAR will so continue to make the required adjustments in order to meet the deadline.

G.4.4 Which year did your company achieve (or plans to achieve) 100% RSPO certification for all FFB, regardless of source?



G.4.4.1 If the previous target year for G.4.4 has not been met, please explain why

GAR acknowledges that the timebound is now customized to the events and situations of the present. This, in our opinion, makes the goal attainable. On the other hand, we acknowledge that certain issues include other important stakeholders and are outside the purview of the organization. Thus, in spite of difficult obstacles, we are working to meet the existing goals.

G.5.0 Concession Boundaries

G.5.1 The RSPO General Assembly Resolution 6G (2013) calls for all members with Grower operations to submit maps of their concessions boundaries through ACOP.

Has your company submitted concession boundaries up to estate level to the RSPO in previous ACOP cycles as per RSPO Formatting Requirements for Boundary Data Submission?



O No

G.5.2 Has your company either acquired any new concession sites, have any concession sites changed ownership or change its boundaries since the previous ACOP map submission? [2]

O Yes

● No

G.6.4.3 Please explain why your company does not have an existing baseline, and if it is planning to develop a baseline for GHG reporting?

In 2023, we were calculating our emissions baselining and developing our decarbonisation strategy which we anticipate to be completed in 2024; hence fort we will submit target baseline in the next year ACOP submission.

G.7.0 Support for Oil Palm Smallholders

G.7.1 How is your company supporting Independent Smallholder groups?	
	Sourcing of physical FFB
	Financial support
	Operations support
	Training support
	Community development
	Not supporting Independent Smallholder groups
	Others

G.7.1.1 Please provide the names and locations of the oil palm Independent Smallholder groups that you are currently supporting. This question is <u>not mandatory</u>, and is left to the discretion of the RSPO member to answer.

We have helped independent farmers get state-owned bank finance for replanting since 2014. We also run a range of programs that foster smallholder independence. Through the Smallholders Development Program, we have provided technical assistance to independent farmers in East Kalimantan since 2013. Farmers have access to high-yielding crops, fertilizer, herbicides, and heavy equipment leasing.

G.8.0 Actions For Next Reporting Period

G.8.1 Outline activities that your company will undertake in the coming year to advance its certification efforts. ?

We hope to have certified all of our remaining mills and their supply-bases, including plasma estates, by the year 2027.

G.8.2 Outline activities that your company will undertake in the coming year to promote the uptake CSPO along the supply chain. 2

We have been steadily advancing towards 100% Traceability to the Plantation (TTP). By the end of 2023, we had accomplished over 99% TTP for our entire palm supply chain. This significant milestone reflects years of dedicated effort, dating back to 2015, when our supply chain traceability project was initiated. Using the traceability data, we can design programmes to support the thousands of smallholders we have mapped to adopt more sustainable practices. We are now partnering with our major customers on programmes to reach Tier 2 suppliers like independent smallholders and agents. These include programmes like Sawit Terampil. Working with major customers and GAR, we focus on upskilling independent smallholders from the Leuser Ecosystem area in Aceh and North Sumatra. The smallholders receive group coaching and individual support on good agricultural practices. To date, more than 7,000 smallholders have benefitted from the project. Notably, in 2023, we helped 270 smallholders to attain RSPO certification in Aceh, covering plantations of about 560 hectares. We will continue to scale up these efforts.

PT.1.0 Operational Profile

PT.1.1 Please state your company's main activity within the palm oil supply chain.

Refiner of CPO and PKO
Palm Kernel Crusher
Trader with Physical Possession ?
Trader without Physical Possession ?
Integrated Refiner-Trader-Processor ?
Intermediate Products Producer
Power, Energy and Biofuel Processor ?
Animal Feed Producer ?
Oleochemicals Producer ?
Distribution & Logistics
Other

PT.2.0 Palm Oil and Certified Sustainable Palm Oil Consumption

Information in Section 2.0 - Palm Oil and Certified Sustainable Palm Oil Sourcing is a mandatory declaration in your ACOP. This includes volume data on palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products consumed of individual members, sectors and RSPO members as a whole. ACOP reports without reported volume data will be considered as incomplete and will not be accepted. Incomplete ACOP reports may lead to suspension or termination of RSPO membership.

If you have any concerns regarding the public disclosure of your company's volume data, please contact the ACOP team at acop@rspo.org

PT.2.1 Please include details of all certified and uncertified operations using

member and/or all entities that belong to the group. 2 Fully-owned PT.2.1.1 In which markets do you sell goods with palm oil and palm oil -related products? 2 Europe ? **North America** China India Malaysia Indonesia Africa ? Latin America Rest of the World DL.2.0 In order to facilitate ease of reporting and transparency, RSPO members operating within the palm oil demand supply chain can now choose to report palm oil and palm oil product volumes on: 1) an aggregate level (as in previous ACOP reporting cycles) OR 2) by up to 5 individual subsidiaries. Members with more than 5 subsidiaries will be required to aggregate the volumes of remaining subsidiaries into a separate total. Please indicate whether you would like to declare your palm oil and palm oil product volumes in aggregate or by subsidiaries ? an aggregate level (as in previous ACOP reporting cycles) by up to 5 individual subsidiaries. Members with more than 5 subsidiaries will be required to

palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products, owned and/or managed by the

PT.2.2 Total volume of RSPO-certified (IP, MB, SG and RSPO Credits/Book and

aggregate the volumes of remaining subsidiaries into a separate total.

sourced in the year [3] Crude palm oil, including derivatives refined from CPO (tonnes) 6942435 ? Crude palm kernel oil, including derivatives refined from CPKO (tonnes) 1155548 Crude palm kernel expeller (tonnes) [2] 781557 Total 8,879,540 PT.2.3 Volume of RSPO-certified palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products sourced in the year (tonnes): Crude Palm Kernel Oil (CSPKO) and CSPKO Palm Kernel Expeller Crude Palm Oil (CSPO) and CSPO Derivatives **Derivatives** (CSPKE) RSPO Credits from Mill / 0 0 Crusher ? **RSPO Credits from** Independent Smallholder 0 0 0 ? 581548.7 Mass Balance (MB) ? 1048871 0 Segregated (SG) ? 11384.24 582883.5 0 Identity Preserved (IP) ? 0 0 592,932.94 1,631,754. Total 0 PT.2.4 According to the volume information you have provided in Question PT.2.2 and Question PT.2.3, your company's certified palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products uptake is: 2 25.05% PT.2.4.1 Please provide additional information on your certified palm oil, palm kernel oil and related products uptake calculated in PT.2.4. This may include

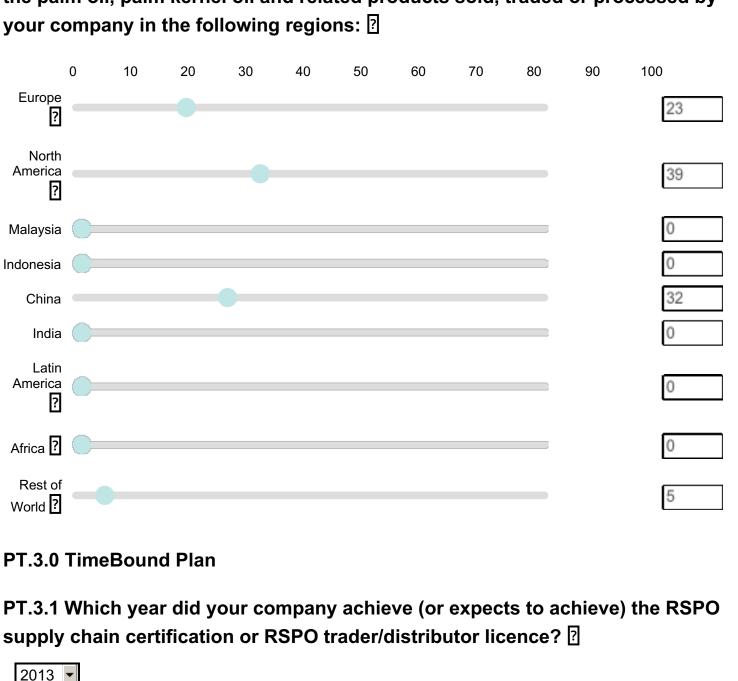
Claim) and Non <u>RSPO-certified</u> palm oil, palm kernel oil and related product

There is no further comments or information in this section.

changes due to business environment, evolving nature of operations or

variations due to stock positions

PT.2.5 What is the estimated percentage of Certified Sustainable Palm Oil in the palm oil palm kernel oil and related products sold traded or processed by



supply chain certification or RSPO trader/distributor licence? 2

2013

PT.3.2 Which year did your company start (or expect to start) to source any RSPO-certified palm oil and oil palm products? ?

2013 🕶

PT.3.2.1 If the previous target year has not been met, please explain why.

Target has been achieved.

PT.3.3 Which year did your company achieve (or expects to achieve) 100% RSPO certification of all palm product processing facilities. 2

PT.3.3.1 If the previous target year has not been met, please explain why.	
Target has been achieved.	
PT.3.4 Year expected to only source RSPO-certified palm oil and oil palm products. 2	
PT.3.4.1 If target has not been met, please explain why.	
The timebound is currently ongoing.	
PT.3.5 If the TimeBound Plan commitments declared above do not cover all	
countries in which the member operates, please explain why	
We feel that the industry should change in order to better manage RSPO Certified products, as the majority of our producers are producing them and the majority of customers desire them. GAR is committed to achieving this objective by working with our clients, vendors, and other RSPO members.	
PT.4.0 Actions for Next Reporting Period	
PT.4.1 Please outline activities that your company will take in the coming year	
to promote the production or consumption of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)	
Participation in RSPO Working Group or Task Forces	
Support Independent Smallholders (ISH)	
Contribute to the RSPO Smallholder Trainer Academy	
 Financial contribution to the RSPO Smallholder Support Fund 	
Direct investments in Smallholder Certification projects	
Involvement/direct investments in Jurisdictional/Landscape approach	
Direct/collective investments in conservation and restoration	
initiatives	
 initiatives Financial contribution to support members with Remediation and Compensation (RaCP) process, direct/collective investments in conservation and restoration initiatives 	

products
Specific policies and action plans by the member to promote CSPO production or consumption in the upstream or downstream supply chain, including target dates or broader policies that include such efforts
No activities planned
Others

We notify our clients about our capacity to deploy the MB & SG physical supply chain modules of the RSPO CSPO. We also urge our suppliers to adhere to the RSPO standards. For more information on our efforts to encourage the adoption of RSPO certification on oil palm products in our supply chain, please visit our GAR Website: (https://www.goldenagri.com.sg/sustainability/certifications/RSPO/) and GAR Supplier Assessment:(https://www.goldenagri.com.sg/sustainability/responsiblesourcing/supplierassessment/). Additionally, we have a partnership agreement with Smallholder Trainer Academy (as a Partner) to carry out training program activities that are connected to the STA example.

SR.1.0 Shared Responsibility

The Board of Governors of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil approved the Shared Responsibility rules on 31 October 2019, requiring all members to share sustainability requirements and obligations.

Reporting of Shared Responsibility (SR) requirements will be done through ACOP and MyRSPO. As the process of verification of the reports is in development, the Shared Responsibility section in ACOP may change in future ACOP cycles. Evidence to show compliance to the SR require. If you do not have a policy or your policy does not cover all items, you will be required to provide a Declaraements shall be uploaded via your membership profile in MyRSPO (please refer to the MyRSPO Guide for SR). Please login to your MyRSPO account and upload the relevant policies, plans and relevant reports thetion of Support for the relevant policy items in your MyRSPO profile.

Additional information on the required policies and plans applicable to all sectors as well as the annual uptake targets for supply chain actors can be found on https://rspo.org/members/shared-responsibility or email the Shared Responsibility team at sharedresponsibility@rspo.org.

SR.1.0.1 Acknowledgement

requirements for policy submissions.
SR 1. Transparency
SR.1.1 Does your organisation have organisational management documents publicly-available? []
Yes No
SR 2. Ethical Conduct
SR.1.2 Does your organisation have a publicly-available Policy covering Ethical Conduct & Human Rights? 2
Yes No
SR 3 and SR 4. Legal Compliance
SR.1.3 Does your organisation comply with all applicable legal requirements?
Yes No
SR.1.4 Does your organisation require its third party contractors to comply with legal requirements? Page
Yes No
SR 7. Claims and labels
SR.1.7a Does your organisation promote the use of off-product RSPO claims and labels? ②

Yes

O No
SR 8. Information and outreach activities
SR.1.8 Does you organisation implement transparent communication and outreach activities to promote sustainable palm oil? Yes No
SR 9. Human Rights
SR.1.9 Does your organisation have a publicly-available Policy on respect for human rights, including for suppliers and sub-contractors? Yes No
SR 10. Complaints & Grievances
SR.1.10 Does your organisation have a Grievance Mechanism that is accessible to all affected parties? Yes No
SR.1.10.1 Is your Grievance mechanism in line with the principles of the RSPO's Complaints System?
Yes No
SR 11 and SR 12. Land Use and FPIC
SR.1.11a Does your organisation have a publicly-available policy covering Commitment to respect Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) in the operational Palm Oil Supply chain?

Yes

SR 21. Occupational Health & Safety

SR.1.21 Does your organisation have a publicly-available Policy covering Occupational Health & Safety?
Yes No
SR 22. Waste Management
SR.1.22a Does your organisation have a waste management plan that includes reduction, recycling, reusing and disposal based on the hazardous characteristics?
Yes No
SR.1.22a.1 Is this plan implemented? Yes No
SR 23. Water Management
SR.1.23 Does your organisation have a water management plan to promote efficient use and continued availability of water sources? 2
Yes No
SR.1.23.1 Is this plan implemented?
Yes No
SR 24. Energy Use
SR.1.24 Does your organisation have an energy use plan to improve the efficiency of the fossil fuels used and to optimise renewable energy? Yes

O No

	1.24.1 Are there records of implementation of the plan ie. monitoring and orting?
0	Yes No
SR	25. Climate Change & Greenhouse Gas (GHG)
Clin ass	1.25 Does your organisation have a publicly-available policy covering nate Change & Greenhouse Gas (GHG) including identification and essment of GHG emissions and implementation of a plan to reduce or imise them?
	Yes
0	No
SR	26. Promotion of certification/uptake
SR.	1.26b Does your organisation meet the SR CSPO uptake target? 🛚
0	Yes
	No
SR.	1.26b.1 Why not?
	Lack of knowledge on the SR uptake target and /or how to calculate it
	Lack of suppliers.
	Lack of demand from my clients
	Other
	Not applicable, due to GAR is a member under Palm oil Growers.

SR 27. Sustainable Palm Oil Policy

SR.1.27a Does your organisation have other relevant policies as a sustainable palm oil sourcing policy?

0	Yes No
SR	28 and SR 29. Support and resourcing
	1.28 Does your organisation provides services and support to RSPO and ources to implement SR?
0	Yes No
CS.	1.0 Challenges and Support
enc	1.1 What significant obstacles or challenges has your company ountered in the promotion of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)? What orts 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

	 The main markets in which we do business have low demand. On the supply side, it is difficult to persuade new plantations to join the RSPO when there is no immediate demand. Not all suppliers may get RSPO accreditation, nor do all clients demand items to have this certification.
oth	.1.2 In addition to the actions already reported in this ACOP report, what er ways has your company supported the vision of the RSPO to transform
na	rkets to make sustainable palm oil the norm? 2
	Communication and/or engagement to transform the negative perception of palm oil
	Engagement with business partners or consumers on the use of CSPO
	Engagement with government agencies
	Engagement with peers and clients
	Promotion of CSPO through off product claims
	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

Others

taken

Others

CS.1.3 If your company has any other publicly-available reports or information regarding its palm oil-related policies and activities, please provide the links here [2]

Please refer to our GAR Website:(https://www.goldenagri.com.sg/sustainability/certifications/RSPO/) and GAR Supplier Assessment:

(https://www.goldenagri.com.sg/sustainability/responsiblesourcing/supplierassessment/) for more information on our efforts in promoting the use of RSPO Certification on oil palm products in our supply

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S.1.0 Would you like to submit your ACOP 2023 report now? The data reported in ACOP 2023 is acknowledged to be true and accurate upon submission.

- No, I would like to have my ACOP 2023 reviewed internally by my company or organisation before submission
- Yes, I would like to proceed to submit my ACOP 2023 report

S.1.2 Thank you for completing your ACOP 2023 report. Please click the Submit button below to submit your final ACOP 2023 report.

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