Palm Oil Sustainability and Industry Updates from China

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1. Chinese RSPO Brochure

The brochure is aimed to collect and print out RSPO-related documents in Chinese. With the organization, coordination and cooperation between RSPO and CFNA, RSPO principles and standards of sustainable palm oil production, as well as documents related to RSPO certifications on palm oil production and supply chain, are translated into Chinese for the reference of stakeholders of Chinese sustainable palm oil.

The brochure also includes the background, initiatives, results and classic cases of RSPO, to improve the recognition of sustainable palm oil among Chinese government and enterprises.

2. China Sustainable Palm Oil Supply Chain Forum

As an international event which bring together participants from government agencies, media, traders, processors, manufacturers and retailers, the forum provides you with the opportunity to learn about the importance of sourcing certified sustainable palm oil, as well as efforts made by Chinese and international enterprises and organizations to promote sustainable palm oil.

During the forum, symposium on sustainable palm oil is also hosted, inviting experts, international institutions, associations, traders, palm oil enterprises, government agencies, media and other stakeholders to discuss the promotion and application of palm oil in China. The symposium provides stakeholders with a comprehensive and profound understanding of sustainable palm oil.

Purposes:
1. To improve the recognition of palm oil within Chinese industry
2. To promote the applying and purchasing of sustainable palm oil in China
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2. China Sustainable Palm Oil Supply Chain Forum

China Int'l Cereals and Oils Industry Summit 2016

The Summit is the only event focused on cereals and oils in China. It aims at promoting the exchanges among cereals and oils industries worldwide. There are nearly 350 persons attend every year. Officials, domestic and oversea experts are invited to the Summit to share their all-around and multi-perspective analysis on related policies, to forecast market trends, and to share insights on hot top development topics. It is the best platform to promote the RSPO and sustainability in China.
By studying the midstream and downstream palm oil industries, we are mapping Chinese palm oil supply chain and trying to understand and analyze the application of sustainable palm oil in China, which will become an effective basis for Chinese policies on sustainable palm oil. The structure and methodology of the report refer to similar reports made in the UK and Indonesia.
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3. Mapping and understanding the Chinese palm oil supply chain

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Research Objectives

• Understand the current situations & future trends of palm oil imports and consumptions in China.
• Map the palm oil supply chain in China and major players along the supply chain.
• Facilitate potential government policy options, aiming to increase the proportion of sustainable palm oil consumed in China.
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Sustainable Palm Oil in China

• For food and household chemicals sectors, nearly all of the sustainable palm oil is demanded by multinational companies.
• Some of the Chinese suppliers have become RSPO members.
• Sustainable palm oil has not been used in other industrial supplies.
• It is estimated that China imported around 50,000 metric tons of RSPO certificated palm oil in 2015 by Wilmar. (around 0.77% of the whole import volume.)

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Development Potential of Sustainable Palm Oil in China

• Policy initiatives
• Supports from industry associations and international organizations
• Multinational corporations' influence along the supply chain
• Consumer education
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Recommendations

- Data collection and baseline assessment
- Development of a national roadmap for sustainable palm oil
- Stakeholder engagement, particularly government agencies and companies

4. Promotional Activities in Chinese Valentine’s Day
5. Chinese sustainable palm oil industry personnel spontaneously formed WeChat circle of friends

6. Updated of Guide for Overseas Investment and Production of Sustainable Palm Oil by Chinese Enterprises

Recognizing the need for sustainable production, the China Chamber of Commerce of Foodstuffs and Native Produce (CFNA), in collaboration with China’s State Forestry Administration (SFA) and the Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) and the UK Department for International Development (DFID) has developed the Guide on Overseas Investment and Production of Sustainable Palm Oil by Chinese Enterprises. This Guide applies to Chinese enterprises involved in or associated with overseas investments and production of sustainable palm oil. It is a voluntary Guide with the overall objective of providing guidance to Chinese enterprises which are planning to or are engaged in overseas investments and production of sustainable palm oil. It is designed to be consistent with global standards and guides on sustainable production, especially with regard to the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO).
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This Guide is presented in four parts:

Part A
covers China’s guiding principles and the principles for production of sustainable palm oil. The China principles include the need for unified interests of economy, society and ecology, win-win cooperation and enterprises taking responsibility voluntarily. The overarching principles for sustainable palm oil production are:

• Commitment to legal compliance and corporate governance
• Use of appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs)
• Environmental responsibility and conservation of natural resources
• Social responsibility for employees and local communities
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Part B
provides guidance for planning and financing of sustainable overseas investments, covering the need for feasibility studies and assessments of potential risks, prior environmental and social impact assessments and the procedures for overseas investments in China and host countries, as well as the need for sustainable or green financing for the investment.

Part C
which is the main section for guiding enterprises on the sustainable palm oil production provides guidance under the four overarching principles. Each guidance statement is supported by advice on specific actions to be taken by enterprises. Guidance provided in this section covers most of the requirements of RSPO Principles and Criteria as well as requirements of other relevant sustainability standards.
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Part D
is on implementation of the Guide; CFNA is responsible for promoting and implementing the Guide while Chinese enterprises, especially members of CFNA are expected to implement the Guide. Roles of CFNA and Chinese enterprises in implementation are provided.

Although today’s China compared with more than 20 years ago, the economy has larger development. China is still a developing country. Especially in the central and western regions is still very backward. China always attaches great importance to the environment and sustainable development problems. China should keep on learning to Europe and the United States and other developed countries. China as a large population, of course, in the international community will bear corresponding responsibility. Friends, let us work together to make joint efforts for the future of world sustainable.
Thank You!