

Notification of RSPO Re-Certification 1 Assessment of Agripalma LDA, São Tomé and Príncipe

Parent Company: Socfin SA

RSPO Membership: 1-0269-19-000-00

To Whom It May Concern:

Agripalma LDA, of São Tomé and Príncipe, has commissioned SCS Global Services to conduct an RSPO Re-Certification 1 Assessment of its palm oil mill and supply base located in Ribeira Peixe, Caué, 953, São Tomé and Príncipe. The assessment will be conducted of 1 Palm Oil Mill and 2 Oil Palm Plantations.

SCS Global Services plans to conduct Re-Certification 1 of the **Agripalma LDA** mill from **August 24 -28, 2026**. The assessment will be conducted against the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil requirements, including the **2024 RSPO Principles & Criteria** for Sustainable Cultivation of Oil Palms & Production of Sustainable Palm Oil and Oil Palm Products.

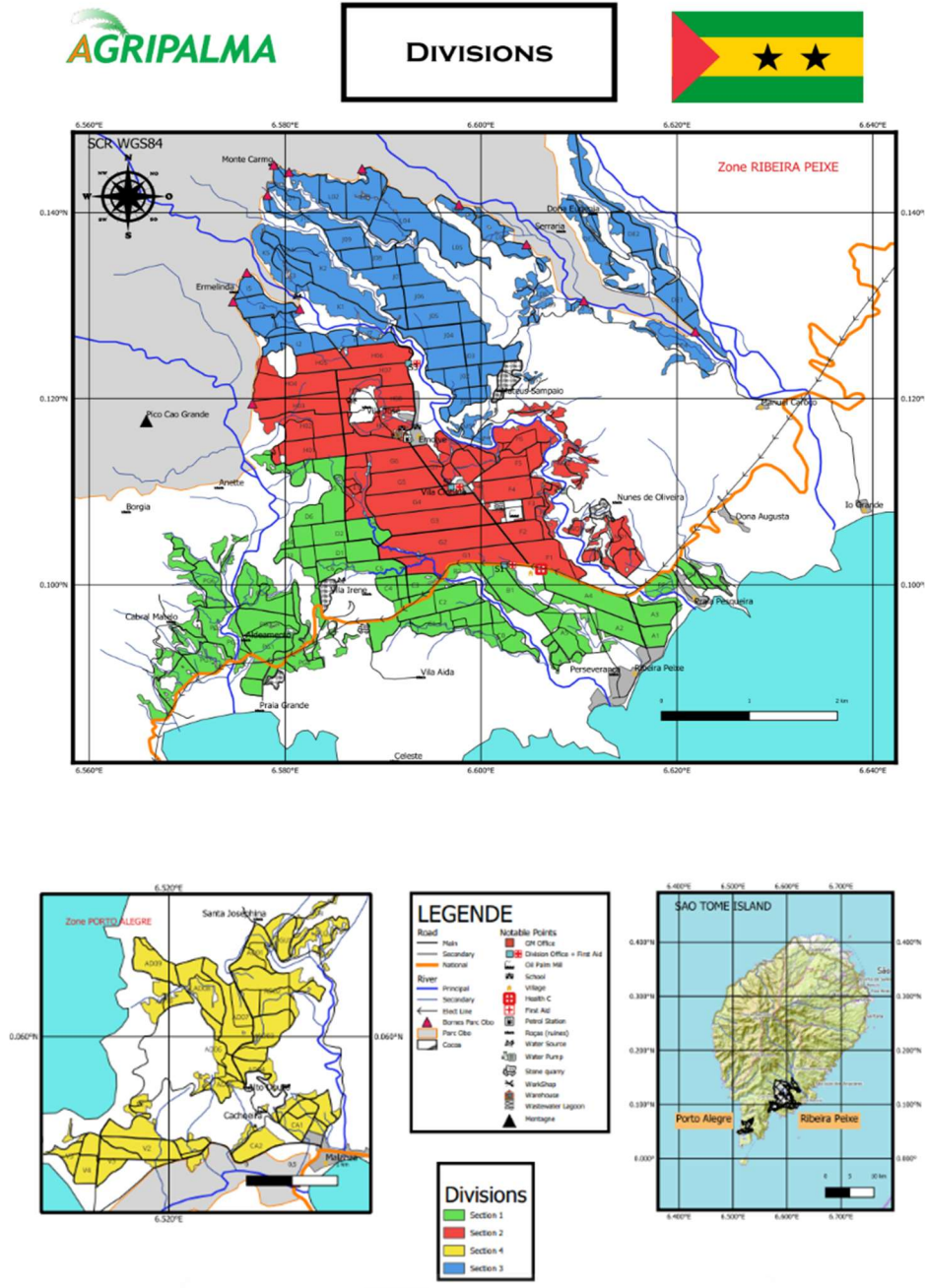
Agripalma LDA, located in São Tomé and Príncipe, following the redefinition of its agricultural policy in May 2008, the government of São Tomé aimed to attract investors to agricultural projects on the island. On March 4, 2009, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed (in French), titled "Protocole d'accord entre le Gouvernement ayant pour objet le Projet de Développement régional intégré agro-industriel de la zone sud de São Tomé et de Príncipe". This agreement established the Agripalma project, with management initially controlled by STP-Invest, a Belgian company. The company has an RSPO-certified supply base, consisting of the total concession area is 2,387.6 ha, comprised of Titulo 409 (652.6 ha) and Titulo 410 (1,735.3 ha). Agripalma's plantation is fully mature, with harvesting and processing operations having commenced in September 2019. The plantation is located approximately 55 km south of the city of São Tomé, in the Caué District, along EN No. 2 towards Porto Alegre. The oil mill, located in São Tomé and Príncipe, started operations in 2009, with a capacity of 10/ton/hour.

The assessment will cover legal, environment, economical, workers' health and safety, and social aspects as required by the RSPO Principles & Criteria. Below is general information related to the certification unit. Agripalma LDA

Parent Company	Socfin SA
Mill Name	Agripalma LDA
Address	Ribeira Peixe, Caué, 953, São Tomé and Príncipe
GPS Reference (Palm Oil Mill)	Latitude 0.10743 and longitude 6.60335
Prisma Trading Account ID	TA25-017140
Mill Capacity (tonnage/hour)	10 mt/hr
Supply Chain Model	IP
CPO Tonnage (Projection 2026)	5,523
PK Tonnage (Projection 2026)	940
FFB Tonnages (Projection 2026)	23,500

Farms / Estate / Association	Location	GPS Coordinates	Planted Area (ha)	Certified Area (ha)	Annual FFB Projection (MT)
AGRIPALMA (Title 409)	São Tomé and Príncipe	0.108783 6.5978	650.58	652.6	6,400
AGRIPALMA (Title 410)	São Tomé and Príncipe	0.097483 6.58	1,383.55	1,735.3	17,100

Location Maps:



New Plating Procedure Process – NPP

Has the UoC undergo a NPP Process? YES ☐ NO ☒

If yes, please provide the completion date of the NPP Process: DD/MM/YR

Notes:

Remediation and Compensation Procedure – RaCP

Is any estate onf the management unite undergoing RaCO Process? YES ☐ NO ☒

If yes, please indicate current status:

Reference: <https://rspo.org/as-an-organisation/tools/remediation-and-compensation/racp-trackers/>

SCS Global Services (SCS) is a global leader in third-party environmental and sustainability certification, auditing, testing services, and standards. Established as an independent third-party certification firm in 1984, our goal is to recognize the highest levels of performance in environmental protection and social responsibility in the private and public sectors, and to stimulate continuous improvement in sustainable development. SCS became one of the first recognized California Benefit Corporations. SCS holds itself to the highest standards in the industry and has been accredited by six different accreditation bodies covering over 15 different certification systems, including food and agriculture, forestry, greenhouse gas, indoor air quality, sustainable furniture and biofuels. SCS was approved as a RSPO certification body for supply chain certification (worldwide) on 13 January 2017. Most recently approved for Principles & Criteria scope (worldwide) 13 November 2018.

SCS Global Services has appointed the following team for the assessment of **Agripalma LDA**:

Name	Role	Audit Aspects	Qualification and Experience
Dina Medem	Lead Auditor	Social, Land right, Labour	Education: Food Engineer, master's in food science and technology (Focus area: Fruit Processing) and Ph.D. in Food Science and Technology (Focus area: Organic Agroindustry and New Product Development). Trainings attended: RSPO P&C v2018 Lead Auditor Course, and P&C v2024 virtual RSPO training, RSPO SCCS v2020 Lead auditor, ISO 9001: 2015 CQI e IRCA (2017), Proforest Academy online courses (2022) on Natural Resource Conflict Management, Introduction to FPIC, Respecting the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, Gender Inclusion in Agro-Commodity Production, Introduction to the Multistakeholder Process (MSP), and SA 8000. Working experience: Lead auditor has more than 8 years of experience in social and environmental responsibility certification audits. Additionally, she has led and participated in more than 20 RSPO certification stakeholder consultations. More than 6 years of experience on legislation in Latin America and Africa acquired through participation in audits. Fluent in Spanish, Portuguese, and English.
Weesmary Navarro	Team Auditor	Health and Safety, Supply Chain, continuous improvement	Education: Environmental and sanitary engineer. Specialist in quality management and MSc in Tropical Agroforestry. Trainings attended: RSPO P&C lead auditor course v2018 (March 2023), RSPO P&C v2024 virtual RSPO training, RSPO SCCS v2020 Lead auditor, 5-day lead auditor course for ISO 9001:2015. ISO 14001:2015 and ISO 45001:2018 lead auditor (2015. 2023), SA 8000. Working experience: 13 years of work experience. 11 years have been in the oil palm agribusiness. During this time. She has worked as head of environmental processes in mills and has assisted in the adoption of sustainable technologies with small. medium and large-scale producers. Also has worked as an auditor in national ISO and OSHAS certification standards. and as an implementer of international certification standards such as RSPO and ISCC. Environmental and social impact assessments. Fluent in Spanish and English.



Anthony Prah	Team Auditor	Environment, Best Agronomic Practices, Social	Education: Holds a BSc (Hon) in Agriculture from the University of Cape Coast and an MSc. in Environmental Sustainability and Management from the Wisconsin International University College in Accra. Trainings attended: ISO 9001:2015 (QMS), a qualified EU/NOP Organic Inspector. Conducted 2nd party audits for EU Organic and USDA NOP Standards since 2019, RSPO P&C Lead Auditor course v2018, RSPO P&C v2024 virtual RSPO training, SA 8000, Lead Auditor and an HCV ALS Assessor, Lead Auditor FSC, FM/CoC), Certified Auditor Sustainable Agriculture Network/ Chain of Custody, Rainforest Alliance Working experience: Freelance consultant for five years, supporting companies seeking RSPO Independent Smallholder (ISH) Certification. He participated in RSPO Principles & Criteria (P&C) and Supply Chain Certification (SCC) mock audits. Over the last five years, he has successfully led the social compliance component of several Rainforest Alliance audits for plantations and farms. Collaborated with technical specialists and partners to develop annual work plans aligned with Food and Agriculture Sector Development Policy objectives. Have more than 10 years of experience conducting organic and sustainability certification audits in the agricultural sector, including assessments of environmental and social criteria. In addition, he has conducted numerous Chain of Custody (CoC) audits to assess and verify the traceability of agricultural commodities using a variety of methodologies. Fluent in English, French.
Nadyesda Guimaraes	Translator	Portuguese to English	Education: Masters in management of Sport, Master in Finance, Trainings attended: Working experience: Interpreter, facilitated communication between international experts and local stakeholders in a professional environment, Provided English–Portuguese interpretation during institutional meetings involving the Secretary General, technical officials, and representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Assisted in multilingual institutional exchanges and meetings. Fluent in Portuguese, French and English.
Esmael Virignio dos Santos	Translator and Technical Expert	Environment, Agronomic, social, labour, continuous improvement	Education: Bachelor of Laws. Trainings attended: RSPO P&C - Auditor, RSPO – Social Auditor, RSPO - Social Accountability, and ISO 19011, Closing Nonconformities, Promoting the Blue Economy in São Tomé and Príncipe, Building Institutions to Fight Corruption in Africa -Building Fiscal Institutions to Fight Corruption in Africa, International Labor Organization (ILO), EDT/BP Central Africa, and the Arbitration Center of the Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Agriculture, and Services (CA-CCIAS), Certificate of Attendance in Professional Training in Arbitration, Train-the-Trainer Program in Entrepreneurship and Business Coaching, How to Extend Social Security Coverage to Hard-to-Reach Groups, “L’Immigration clandestine” (Illegal Immigration), Law in French. Working experience: Legal Counsel at the Legal Office of the Ministry of Economy and Finance – Largo Alfândegas – São Tomé, Legal Counsel in the Department of Labor Disputes (Ministry of Labor, Solidarity, Family, and Vocational Training), Professor of Human Relations and Introduction to Management, Professor of Introduction to Law, Knowledge and experience with local or regional laws. Fluent in Portuguese, Spanish, French, English.

SCS Global Services invites stakeholders to provide written comments on any of the following issues related to the operations of **Agripalma LDA**, particularly related to social and environmental impacts.

Topics that you may wish to comment on are as follows:

- Environmental Protection
- Biodiversity conservation
- Opportunity for employment
- Company approach to community development
- Your relationship with the company
- Participation in decision making
- Free, prior and informed consent
- Suggestion for improvement

Comments received within 30 days from the date of this notification will be considered during the certification assessment. Please include the following details in case we need to contact you for additional information or clarification on any issue raised:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____
Phone number: _____

If you wish your comments to be treated confidentiality or remain anonymous, please indicate 'CONFIDENTIAL' in your correspondence to us. Please send comments to:

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All comments and sources will be kept in strict confidence at the request of the commenter. Also, please feel welcome to forward this message to other stakeholders that you think may have an interest in sharing their perspective on this assessment.

Thank you for your comments and feedback.

Sincerely,



Adriana Cala
Director, Sustainable Palm Oil Programs