

SPOTT is a free, online platform supporting sustainable commodity production and trade. By tracking transparency, SPOTT incentivises the implementation of corporate best practice.



Sustainability policy and leadership



Water, chemical, waste and pest management



Landbank, maps, FMUs, mills and traceability



Community, land and labour rights



Deforestation and biodiversity



Certification standards



HCV, HCS and impact assessments



Smallholders and suppliers



Peat, soils, fire and GHG emissions



Governance and grievances

SPOTT scores tropical forestry, palm oil and natural rubber companies annually against sector-specific environmental, social and governance (ESG) indicators to benchmark their progress over time.

SPOTT assessment cycle

Developed by the Zoological Society of London (ZSL), SPOTT assesses commodity producers and traders on the public disclosure of their policies, operations and commitments related to ESG issues.

Companies do not report directly to ZSL. Instead, we independently select companies and conduct thorough reviews of their publicly available reports and publications, before contacting each company with its draft assessment.

This engagement process means that companies have the opportunity to respond to ZSL and provide feedback ahead of the final review and publication on SPOTT.



We hold the high calibre content in ZSL's SPOTT indicator framework in the utmost esteem as part of investee engagement activities as well as integrating it into our financial analysis.

Abigail Herron
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Prioritise engagement with industry

SPOTT supports constructive industry engagement by investors, buyers and other supply chain stakeholders – those with the power to influence companies to increase ESG disclosure and improve their practices on the ground. Users can identify areas where a company is making continuous improvement, and areas where engagement may be needed.

How can SPOTT help you?

Financial sector

- Analyse trends in company ESG disclosure
- Identify risk areas to strengthen policies and decision-making
- Inform portfolio management and due diligence procedures
- Focus engagement with companies on sector-specific issues



Producers and traders

- Increase understanding of best practice
- Improve disclosure and support industry transparency
- Develop stronger policies and reporting on implementation
- Benchmark progress against key ESG indicators and peer scores

Manufacturers and processors

- Enhance raw material sourcing policies
- Compare certification targets and progress
- Review direct supplier policies for due diligence procedures
- Identify priority areas for supplier engagement on sustainability



Consumer goods and retailers

- Highlight and respond to supply chain risks
- Benchmark suppliers to inform due diligence processes
- Support responsible sourcing and supplier compliance checks
- Review own sustainability goals in relation to upstream progress

Government and civil society

- Measure progress and gaps in self-reported policy implementation
- Guide strategic policy development and engagement
- Identify opportunities for collaboration with industry
- Push for better practice on the ground





Register on the free SPOTT Dashboard for extra features



- Access a personalised dashboard for organising favourite companies
- Download assessment data in CSV and PDF
- Compare company scores, track trends and changes over time
- Subscribe to news alerts and invitations to events and consultations



SPOTT is a very important tool because it provides means to palm oil companies and their stakeholders to identify and benchmark the best examples in our industry.

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Technical advisory groups

SPOTT benefits from the valued support of technical advisors who provide guidance on its development, including the design and functionality of the website, indicator frameworks, and selection of companies for assessment. Our technical advisory groups include representatives from the investment and banking sectors, alongside sustainability advisory specialists from nongovernmental organisations.



ZSL (Zoological Society of London) is an international conservation charity working to create a world where wildlife thrives. From investigating the health threats facing animals to helping people and wildlife live alongside each other, ZSL is committed to bringing wildlife back from the brink of extinction. Our work is realised through our ground-breaking science, our field conservation around the world and engaging millions of people through our two zoos, ZSL London Zoo and ZSL Whipsnade Zoo.