

# Best Group

Total score:

1.8%

Latest update: November 2020

Next scheduled: November 2021

Bloomberg ticker:	Private
RSPO member?	No
Activities:	Oil palm cultivation, milling, palm kernel crushing, palm oil refining, trading and distribution
Locations:	Indonesia (Medan, Semarang, Sepanjang, Surabaya and Gresik)
Headquarters:	Indonesia
Website:	<a href="http://www.bestindustrygroup.com/">http://www.bestindustrygroup.com/</a>

Total:

3.25 / 186

1.8%



## > Sustainability policy and leadership

0 / 9 0%

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1. Sustainable palm oil policy or commitment for all its operations?

✘

0 / 1

2. Sustainable palm oil policy or commitment applies to all suppliers?

✘

0 / 1

3. High-level position of responsibility for sustainability?

✘

0 / 1

4. One or more members within the board of the company have responsibility for sustainability?

This indicator is disabled as the company does not have a Board of Directors.

5. Percentage or number of women in senior management team?

✘

0 / 1

6. Percentage or number of women board members?

This indicator is disabled as the company does not have a Board of Directors.

7. Member of multiple industry schemes or other external initiatives to reduce negative environmental or social outcomes associated with palm oil production?

✘

0 / 1

8. Collaboration with stakeholders to reduce negative environmental or social outcomes associated with palm oil production?

✘

0 / 1

<input type="checkbox"/> 9. Sustainability report published within last two years?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 10. Reports through standardised reporting systems?	X	0 / 1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11. Verification report on compliance with POIG Charter, if a POIG member? This indicator is disabled as the company is not a POIG member.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12. Climate risks assessment available?	X	0 / 1



> Landbank, maps and traceability

0 / 27 0%		
<input type="checkbox"/> 13. Total land area managed/controlled for oil palm (ha)?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 14. Total oil palm planted area (ha)?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 15. Plasma/scheme smallholders planted area (ha)?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 16. Unplanted (areas designated for future planting) (ha)?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 17. Conservation set-aside area, including HCV area (ha)? The company states that some land is systematically allocated to conservation set-asides, but no information is provided as to hectareage or location.	X	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> 18. Maps of estates/management units?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 19. Maps of scheme/plasma smallholders?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 20. Names and locations of all third-party supplying plantations?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 21. Number of company-owned mills?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 22. Names and locations of company-owned mills?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 23. Number (or percentage) of company-owned mills that source from company-owned operations and/or third parties?	X	0 / 1

<input type="checkbox"/> 24. Reports total volumes (or percentages) sourced by company-owned mills that come from company-owned operations and/or third-parties?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 25. Number of third party supplying mills?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 26. Names and locations of all third-party supplying mills?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 27. Number (or percentage) of third party supplying mills that source from their own plantations and/or third party plantations?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 28. Reports total volume (or percentages) sourced from third-party supplying mills that come from the supplying mills' own operations and/or third parties?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 29. Total volume (or percentage) sourced for refineries that comes from intermediary traders and/or refiners rather than directly from mills?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 30. Time-bound commitment to achieve 100% traceability to mill level?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 31. Percentage of supply traceable to mill level?	X	0 / 2
<input type="checkbox"/> 32. Time-bound commitment to achieve 100% traceability to plantation level?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 33. Percentage of fresh fruit bunches (FFB) supply to own mills traceable to plantation level?	X	0 / 2
<input type="checkbox"/> 34. Percentage of supply from third-party mills traceable to plantation level?	X	0 / 2
<input type="checkbox"/> 35. Publishes traceability data at refinery level?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 36. Publishes traceability data at crusher level?	X	0 / 1



> Certification standards

0.5 / 15 3.3%

1 media report



<input type="checkbox"/> 37. Member of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO)?	X	0 / 1
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	X	0 / 1
<b>38. RSPO-certified within three years of joining the RSPO or by November 2010, for companies joining prior to finalisation of the RSPO certification systems in November 2007?</b>		
	X	0 / 1
<b>39. Submitted most recent RSPO Annual Communication of Progress (ACOP)?</b>		
	X	0 / 1
<b>40. Listed all countries and regions in which operates in most recent RSPO Annual Communication of Progress (ACOP)?</b>		
	X	0 / 1
<b>41. Percentage of area (ha) RSPO-certified?</b>		
	X	0 / 1
<b>42. Percentage of mills RSPO-certified?</b>		
	X	0 / 1
<b>43. Time-bound plan for achieving 100% RSPO certification of estates and mills within 5 years or achieved 100% RSPO-certification of estates?</b>		
	X	0 / 1
<b>44. Year expected to achieve 100% RSPO certification of all palm product processing facilities?</b>		
	X	0 / 1
<b>45. Percentage of scheme/plasma smallholders (ha) RSPO-certified?</b>		
	X	0 / 1
<b>46. Time-bound plan for achieving 100% RSPO certification of scheme/plasma/associated smallholders and outgrowers within 5 years or target already achieved?</b>		
	X	0 / 1
<b>47. Percentage of FFB supply (tonnes) from independent smallholders/outgrowers/third-party FFB suppliers that is RSPO-certified?</b>		
	X	0 / 1
<b>48. Percentage of all palm oil and oil palm products handled/traded/processed (tonnes) that is RSPO-certified?</b>		
	X	0 / 1
<b>49. Sells or processes/trades RSPO-certified palm oil through Segregated or Identity Preserved supply chains?</b>		
	P	0.5 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<b>50. Indonesia Sustainable Palm Oil (ISPO) certified (100%)?</b> As per the company's website, it states it has ISPO certification. However, only partial points could be awarded as the membership couldn't be confirmed from ISPO's website.		
<b>51. Malaysia Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) certified?</b> This indicator is disabled as the company does not operate in Malaysia.		
	X	0 / 1
<b>52. Certified under voluntary sustainability certification scheme (e.g. ISCC, SAS, RSB)?</b>		



> Deforestation and biodiversity

0 / 17 0%

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	✘	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 53. Commitment to zero deforestation or zero conversion of natural ecosystems?	✘	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 54. Commitment to zero deforestation or zero conversion of natural ecosystems applies to all suppliers?	✘	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 55. Criteria for defining deforestation?	✘	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 56. Evidence of monitoring deforestation?	✘	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 57. Evidence of monitoring deforestation in supplier operations?	✘	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 58. Amount of illegal/non-compliant deforestation recorded in own operations?	✘	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 59. Amount of illegal/non-compliant deforestation recorded in supplier operations?	✘	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 60. Commitment to restoration of non-compliant deforestation/conversion?	✘	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 61. Commitment to restoration of non-compliant deforestation/conversion applies to all suppliers?	✘	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 62. Implementing a landscape or jurisdictional level approach?	✘	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 63. Commitment to biodiversity conservation? The company only states that it creates set-aside areas to "preserve the wildlife and biodiversity therein" but makes no commitment regarding biodiversity conservation.	✘	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> 64. Commitment to biodiversity conservation applies to all suppliers?	✘	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 65. Identified species of conservation concern, referencing international or national system of species classification?	✘	0 / 2
<input type="checkbox"/> 66. Examples of species and/or habitat conservation management?	✘	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 67. Commitment to no hunting or only sustainable hunting of species?	✘	0 / 1

68. Commitment to no hunting or only sustainable hunting of species applies to all suppliers? ✘ 0 / 1



> HCV, HCS and impact assessments

0 / 14 0%

3 media reports

69. Commitment to conduct High Conservation Value (HCV) assessments? ✘ 0 / 1

70. Commitment to conduct High Conservation Value (HCV) assessments applies to all suppliers? ✘ 0 / 1

71. High Conservation Value (HCV) assessments for planting undertaken prior to January 2015, and associated management and monitoring plans? ✘ 0 / 1

72. High Conservation Value (HCV) assessments for all estates planted since January 2015? ✘ 0 / 1

73. High Conservation Value (HCV) management and monitoring plans for all estates planted since January 2015? ✘ 0 / 1

74. Commitment to only use licensed High Conservation Value (HCV) assessors accredited by the HCV Resource Network's Assessor Licensing Scheme (ALS)? ✘ 0 / 1

75. Commitment to only use licensed High Conservation Value (HCV) assessors accredited by the HCV Resource Network's Assessor Licensing Scheme (ALS) applies to all suppliers? ✘ 0 / 1

76. Satisfactory review of all High Conservation Value (HCV) assessments undertaken since January 2015 by the HCV ALS Quality Panel? ✘ 0 / 1

77. Commitment to the High Carbon Stock (HCS) Approach? ✘ 0 / 1

78. Commitment to the High Carbon Stock (HCS) Approach applies to all suppliers? ✘ 0 / 1

79. High Carbon Stock (HCS) assessments available? ✘ 0 / 1

80. Commitment to conduct social and environmental impact assessments (SEIAs)? ✘ 0 / 1

81. Commitment to conduct social and environmental impact assessments (SEIAs) applies to all suppliers? ✘ 0 / 1

✘ 0 / 1

■ 82. Social and environmental impact assessments (SEIAs) available, and associated management and monitoring plans?



> Peat, fire and GHG emissions

2 / 20 10%

⚠ 4 media reports



■ 83. Commitment to no planting on peat of any depth? ✘ 0 / 1

■ 84. Commitment to no planting on peat of any depth applies to all suppliers? ✘ 0 / 1

■ 85. Landbank or planted area on peat (ha)? ✘ 0 / 1

■ 86. Implementation of commitment to no planting on peat of any depth? ✘ 0 / 1

■ 87. Commitment to best management practices for soils and peat? ✘ 0 / 1

■ 88. Commitment to best management practices for soils and peat applies to all suppliers? ✘ 0 / 1

■ 89. Evidence of best management practices for soils and peat? ✘ 0 / 2

■ 90. Commitment to zero burning? ✓ 1 / 1

■ 91. Commitment to zero burning applies to all suppliers? ✓ 1 / 1 [Source](#)

■ 92. Evidence of fire monitoring and management? ✘ 0 / 2

■ 93. Details/number of hotspots/fires in company estates? ✘ 0 / 1

■ 94. Details/number of hotspots/fires within surrounding landscape/smallholders? ✘ 0 / 1

■ 95. Time-bound commitment to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity? ✘ 0 / 1

■ 96. GHG emissions intensity? ✘ 0 / 1

<input type="checkbox"/> 97. GHG emissions from land use change?	×	0 / 1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 98. Progress towards commitment to reduce GHG emissions intensity?	×	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 99. Methodology used to calculate GHG emissions?	×	0 / 1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100. Percentage of mills with methane capture (100%)?	×	0 / 1



## > Water, chemical and pest management

0 / 25 0%

3 media reports

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 101. Time-bound commitment to improve water use intensity?	×	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 102. Water use intensity?	×	0 / 1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 103. Progress towards commitment on water use intensity?	×	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 104. Time-bound commitment to improve water quality (BOD and COD)?	×	0 / 1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 105. Progress towards commitment on water quality (BOD and COD)?	×	0 / 1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 106. Treatment of palm oil mill effluent (POME)?	×	0 / 2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 107. Treatment of palm oil refinery effluent (PORE)?	×	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 108. Commitment to protect natural waterways through buffer zones?	×	0 / 1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 109. Implementation of commitment to protect natural waterways through buffer zones?	×	0 / 2
<input type="checkbox"/> 110. Commitment to minimise the use of chemicals, including pesticides and chemical fertilisers? The company states it reuses palm oil waste as organic fertiliser, but does not make a statement about reducing its use of fertilisers or pesticides.	×	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 111. Commitment to minimise the use of chemicals, including pesticides and chemical fertilisers, applies to all suppliers?	×	0 / 1



<input type="checkbox"/> 112. Commitment to no use of paraquat?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 113. Commitment to no use of paraquat applies to all suppliers?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 114. Commitment to no use of World Health Organisation (WHO) Class 1A and 1B pesticides?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 115. Commitment to no use of World Health Organisation (WHO) Class 1A and 1B pesticides applies to all suppliers?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 116. Commitment to no use of chemicals listed under the Stockholm Convention and Rotterdam Convention?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 117. Commitment to no use of chemicals listed under the Stockholm Convention and Rotterdam Convention applies to all suppliers?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 118. Chemical usage per ha or list of chemicals used?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 119. Implementation of commitment to minimise inorganic fertiliser use?	X	0 / 2
<input type="checkbox"/> 120. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach?	X	0 / 2
<input type="checkbox"/> 121. Waste management system in place to avoid negative impacts?	X	0 / 1



## > Community, land and labour rights

0.75 / 36 2.1%

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<input type="checkbox"/> 122. Commitment to human rights?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 123. Commitment to human rights applies to all suppliers?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 124. Progress on human rights commitment?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 125. Commitment to respect indigenous and local communities' rights?	X	0 / 1

<input type="checkbox"/> 126. Commitment to indigenous and local communities' rights applies to all suppliers?	×	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 127. Commitment to respect legal and customary land tenure rights?	×	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 128. Commitment to legal and customary land rights applies to all suppliers?	×	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 129. Commitment to free, prior and informed consent (FPIC)?	×	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 130. Commitment to free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) applies to all suppliers?	×	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 131. Details of free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) process available?	×	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 132. Examples of local stakeholder engagement to prevent conflicts?	×	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 133. Details of process for addressing land conflicts available?	×	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 134. Supports the inclusion of women across palm oil operations, including addressing barriers faced?	×	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 135. Commitment to mitigate impacts on food security?	×	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 136. Commitment to mitigate impacts on food security applies to all suppliers?	×	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 137. Progress on commitment to mitigate impacts on food security?	×	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 138. Commitment to provide essential community services and facilities?	×	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 139. Progress on commitment to provide essential community services and facilities? The company provides several examples of providing essential community services and facilities, however, the information is more than two years old.	P	0.75 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> 140. Commitment to provide business/work opportunities for local communities?	×	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 141. Commitment to Fundamental ILO Conventions or Free and Fair Labour Principles?	×	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 142. Commitment to Fundamental ILO Conventions or Free and Fair Labour Principles applies to all suppliers?	×	0 / 1

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 143. Progress on commitment to respect all workers' rights?	X	0 / 1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 144. Commitment to eliminate gender related discrimination with regards to employment?	X	0 / 1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 145. Commitment to eliminate gender related discrimination with regards to employment applies to all suppliers?	X	0 / 1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 146. Progress on commitment to eliminate gender related discrimination with regards to employment?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 147. Percentage or number of temporary employees?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 148. Percentage or number of women employees?	X	0 / 1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 149. Commitment to pay at least minimum wage?	X	0 / 1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 150. Commitment to pay at least minimum wage applies to all suppliers?	X	0 / 1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 151. Progress on commitment to pay at least minimum wage?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 152. Reporting of salary by gender?	X	0 / 1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 153. Commitment to address occupational health and safety?	X	0 / 1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 154. Commitment to address occupational health and safety applies to all suppliers?	X	0 / 1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 155. Provision of personal protective equipment and related training?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 156. Time lost due to work-based injuries?	X	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 157. Number of fatalities as a result of work-based accidents?	X	0 / 1



> Smallholders and suppliers

0 / 16 0%

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■ 158. Commitment to support smallholders?	×	0 / 1
■ 159. Programme to support scheme/plasma smallholders?	×	0 / 1
■ 160. Percentage of scheme/plasma smallholders involved in programme?	×	0 / 1
■ 161. Programme to support independent smallholders/outgrowers?	×	0 / 1
■ 162. Percentage of independent smallholders/outgrowers involved in programme?	×	0 / 1
■ 163. Process used to prioritise, assess and/or engage suppliers on compliance with company's policy and/or legal requirements?	×	0 / 1
■ 164. Number or percentage of suppliers assessed and/or engaged on compliance with company's policy and/or legal requirements?	×	0 / 1
■ 165. Suspension or exclusion criteria for suppliers?	×	0 / 1
■ 166. Time-bound action plans (including Key Performance Indicators) for suppliers to be in compliance with palm oil sourcing commitments?	×	0 / 1
■ 167. Proportion of direct and indirect supply that comes from palm oil plantations which are compliant with palm oil sourcing policies?	×	0 / 1
■ 168. Time-bound plan to engage with all high risk mills within 3 years?	×	0 / 1
■ 169. Programme to support high risk mills to become compliant with sourcing policies?	×	0 / 1
■ 170. Regularly engages with a subset of high risk mills?	×	0 / 1
■ 171. Procedures in place to assess all own and third party supplying palm oil mills for risk level?	×	0 / 1
■ 172. Regularly assesses and categorises the risk level of all their own and third party supplying mills?	×	0 / 1
■ 173. Regularly reports the risk level of all own and third party supplying mills identified in its supply chain?	×	0 / 1



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<input type="checkbox"/> 174. Commitment to ethical conduct and prohibition of corruption?	✘	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 175. Commitment to ethical conduct and prohibition of corruption applies to all suppliers?	✘	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 176. Progress on commitment to ethical conduct and prohibition of corruption?	✘	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 177. Disclosure of the company's management approach to tax and payments to governments?	✘	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 178. Whistleblowing procedure?	✘	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 179. Own grievance or complaints system open to all stakeholders?	✘	0 / 1
<input type="checkbox"/> 180. Details of complaints and grievances disclosed?	✘	0 / 1

### Media monitor: Best Group

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April 2020

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