

Sustainable Palm Oil

The production of palm oil has had an impact on forests and endangered species such as the orang-utan, but there is a solution that doesn't harm anyone or nature.

Palm oil that has been certified by the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) according to specific criteria is Certified Sustainable Palm Oil. By respecting the criteria the negative impacts of palm oil cultivation on the environment and communities are reduced.

Where does it come from?

Palm oil derives from the Oil Palm Tree, primarily grown in Indonesia and Malaysia and to a lesser extent Africa and Latin America, though they are growing rapidly. Oil is extracted from both the pulp of the fruit (palm oil, edible oil that's high in saturated fats and often used in soap manufacture) and the kernel (palm kernel oil, used in foods and for soap manufacture).

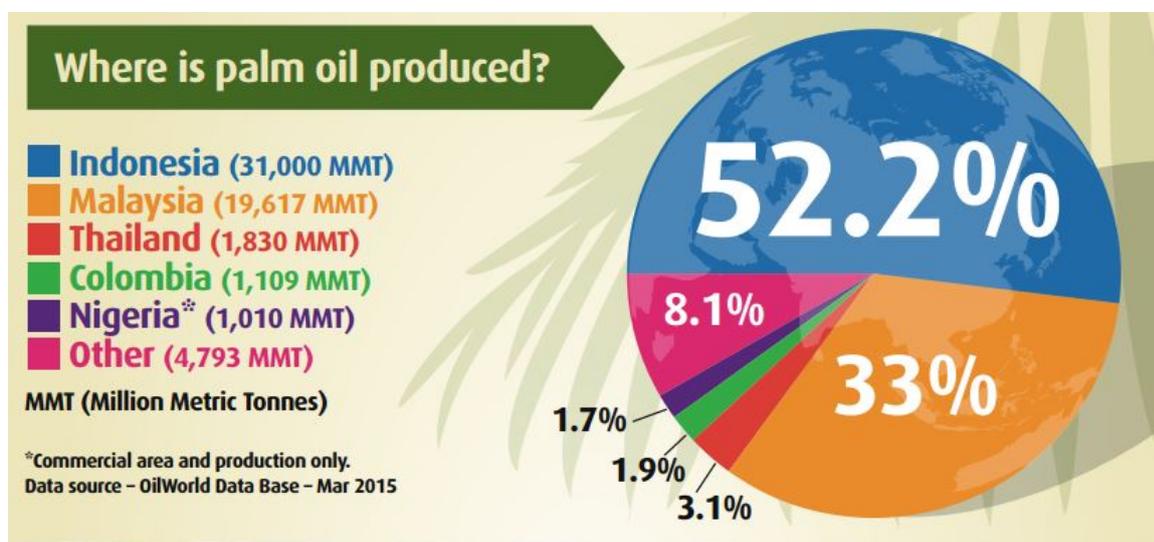


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Palm oil is found in a surprisingly large amount of products from cosmetics products like lipstick, face creams and of course soap, but also in around 50% of what you buy and consume such as cookies and ice cream.

Who/What is the RSPO?

Established in 2004 by a group of stakeholder from 7 sectors of the palm oil industry, the RSPO has developed a set of environmental and social criteria which companies must comply with in order to produce Certified Sustainable Palm Oil (CSPO). When properly applied, these criteria can help to minimize the negative impact of palm oil cultivation on the environment and communities in palm oil producing regions.

RSPO's vision is to "transform the market by making sustainable palm oil the norm".



“If it’s grown sustainably, palm oil production can benefit local communities, and help to protect valuable species and forests. By using sustainable practices, farmers can increase their income by making more palm oil from less land” – RSPO

Why is this important?

The palm oil supply chain, from the tropics to its use as an ingredient in retail products all over the world, is complex. It can be hard to know exactly where the palm oil in the final product has come from.

To ensure the credibility of the sustainability claim at the end of the supply chain, all organisations that take legal ownership and physically handle RSPO certified sustainable oil palm products need to be supply chain certified.

Transparency and credibility are assured through RSPO Supply Chain Certification and RSPO Principles and Criteria Certification.

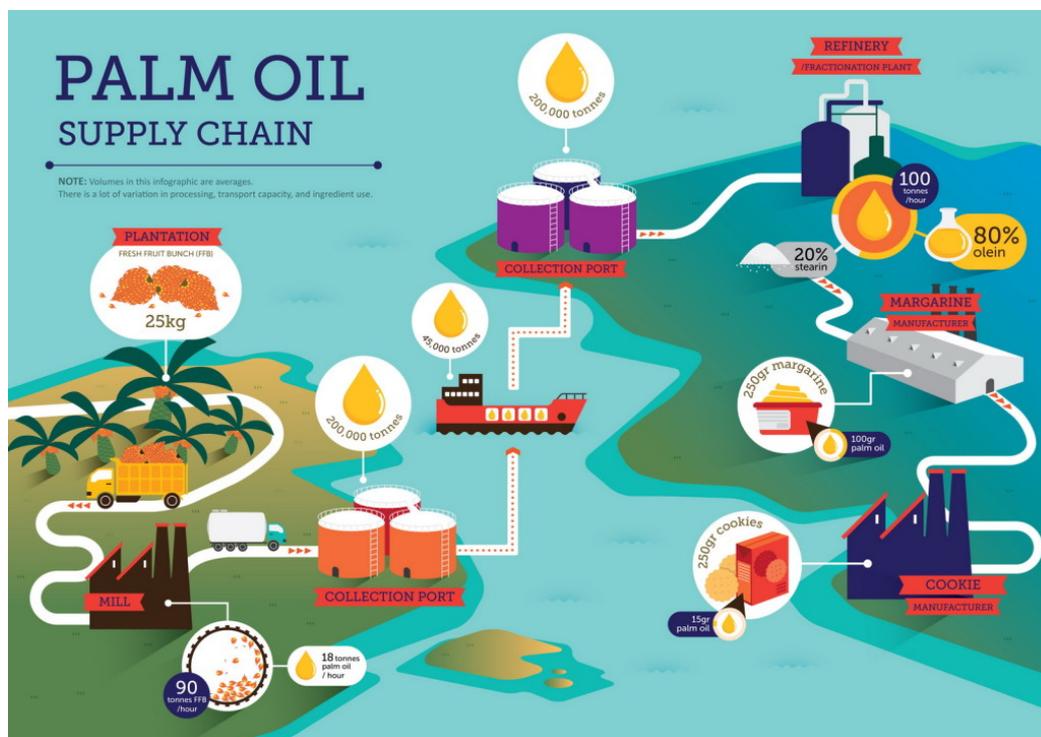


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RSPO & Consumers

As a consumer, how do you know if you’re buying products that contain sustainable (‘good’) palm oil? Look for the RSPO trademark on the things you buy, like food and cosmetics. This is one of the best ways to be sure that you’re buying items that are made with palm oil from certified sustainable palm oil plantation.



Our RSPO Certified Products

Palm Oil