

Annual Report 2018 Sustainable Palm Oil

Sustainable palm oil is a key food ingredient to help feed the world, to help protect biodiversity and to improve the socio-economic development of smallholders.



Progress report on the use of certified sustainable palm oil in food and animal feed in the Netherlands, according to the principles and criteria of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) or equivalent.



other countries

"After the RSPO revised the criteria for sustainable palm oil at the end of

2018, a code of conduct for shared responsibility was adopted in 2019. In

this way we promote cooperation in the palm oil supply chain. The aim

is not only to increase the production of sustainable palm oil, but also to

and retailers, are required to purchase more sustainable

palm oil every year.

increase demand. All partners in the supply chain, including food producers

Head of European Operations Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil

Inke van der Sluijs

All palm oil that enters the Netherlands is traceable to the palm oil mill in the country of origin.

All this palm oil meets the so-called NDPE requirements *, which means that:

1. no deforestation has taken place;

- 2. it has not been grown on peat land;
- 3. labor and human rights are respected.

"The palm fruit is indispensable from global food production. Sustainable production of palm oil is of great importance. It is good to see what steps the palm oil industry has already taken. I support and embrace this. At the same time, it is important to continue to look for opportunities for improvement, which is why I encourage companies to look ambitiously at their own sustainability standards. "



Marjolijn Sonnema Director General Agro and Nature Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality

* NDPE stands for No Deforestation, No Peat, No Exploitation

Use of sustainable palm oil in the Netherlands



Share of sustainable palm oil per sector



Our ambition: 100% sustainable palm oil The Netherlands

Next steps:

- Including sustainable palm oil in specific tenders now that this is part of the Dutch government's Public Procurement.
- Expansion of objectives for sustainable palm oil to the Out-of-Home, Foodservice and Home & Personal Care sectors.
- Working together with other (international) initiatives on 100% sustainable palm oil in Europe.

Dutch Alliance for Sustainable Palm Oil

The Dutch Alliance for Sustainable Palm Oil (DASPO) is a partnership of nine industry associations, supported by IDH, The Sustainable Trade Initiative. The DASPO is an initiative of MVO - The Netherlands Oils and Fats Industry.





RSPO Principles & Criteria 2018

7 PRINCIPLES

for growers to be RSPO certified



Principle 1. Behave ethically and transparently

Principle 2. Operate legally and respect rights

Principle 3. Optimise productivity, efficiency, positive impacts and resilience



Principle 4. Respect community and human rights and deliver benefits

Principle 5. Support smallholder inclusion

Principle 6. Respect workers' rights and conditions



Principle 7. Protect, conserve and enhance ecosystems and the environment

Trading systems:

- Segregated: sustainable palm oil from different certified sources that is kept separate throughout the supply chain.
- Mass Balance: sustainable palm oil from certified sources that is administratively monitored throughout the supply chain.
- Book & Claim: a certificate that represents a certain amount of palm oil that is sustainably produced somewhere in the world.

Sustainable palm oil is the solution

The oil palm is the most efficient vegetable oil crop in the world and palm oil is an important ingredient in products that billions of people around the world use every day. Unfortunately, palm oil production is still associated with deforestation, environmental pollution or socio-economic problems. Palm oil-free products are sometimes recommended as a 'solution'.

Like many NGOs and scientists, DASPO members are convinced that boycotting palm oil is not a solution. If we replace palm oil with alternative fats or oils, more land is needed, which means more deforestation and loss of biodiversity can occur. Making palm oil production more sustainable is the best solution and can only be tackled jointly and globally.