



photo of Chester Zoo

## Progress report on the use of certified sustainable<sup>1</sup> palm oil in food and animal feed in the Netherlands.

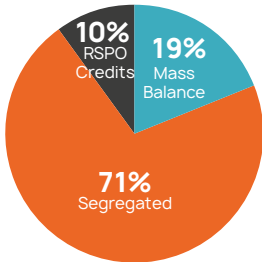
**87% of the palm oil processed for food in the Netherlands for the domestic and export markets was sustainable<sup>2</sup>.**

**65% of the palm oil processed for animal feed in the Netherlands for the domestic and export markets was sustainable<sup>3</sup>.**

**100% of the palm oil processed in food and feed for the domestic market by organizations affiliated with the DASPO was sustainable.**



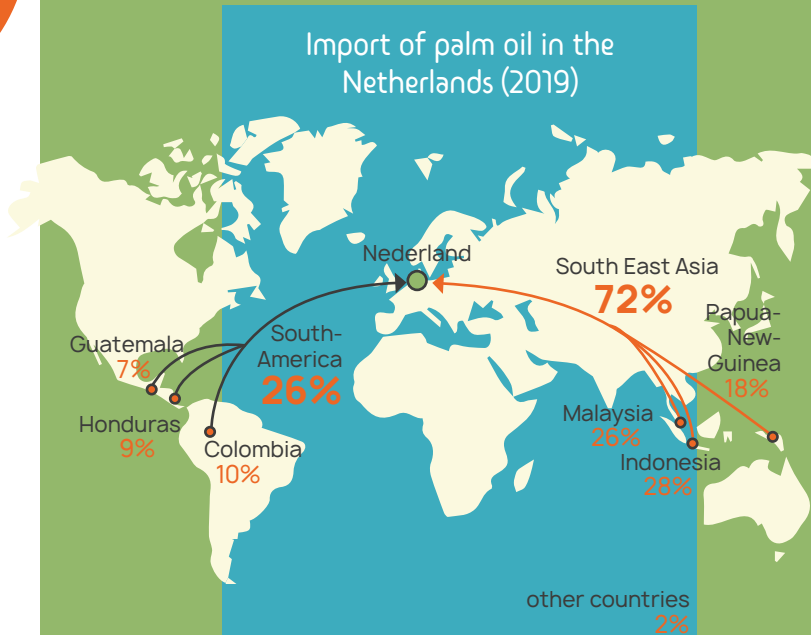
Sustainable palm oil per trade system



**The share of segregated sustainable palm oil has increased by 4%<sup>4</sup>.**



Import of palm oil in the Netherlands (2019)



Source: Eurostat trade data

<sup>1</sup>Sustainable palm oil is defined as being produced according to the principles and criteria of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) or equivalent.  
<sup>2</sup>The percentage sustainable palm oil has decreased when compared to the year 2018. A possible explanation for this is the increase in export to markets with less or no demand for certified sustainable palm oil.  
<sup>3</sup>The use of sustainable palm oil in the feed sector has remained the same when compared to the year 2018. The percentage was 65% (corrected percentage 2018).  
<sup>4</sup>This percentage was 67% (corrected percentage 2018).

### What is sustainable palm oil?

Palm oil certified as sustainable has to meet the principles and criteria of the RSPO:

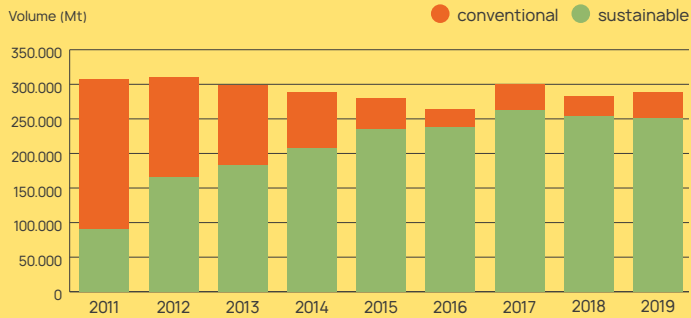
- The production of palm oil must not cause deforestation or damage any HCV or HCS forest. HCV and HCS forests in the managed area must be identified and protected or enhanced.
- It is forbidden to produce palm oil on peat land.
- There are clear requirements relating to labour standards and working conditions
- Protection of rights of vulnerable groups of workers such as migrants and women.
- Provide a decent living wage (DLW).

"According to various research institutes and NGO's, sustainable palm oil is by far the best alternative to provide the growing world population with vegetable fats. In Western Europe – and therefore the Netherlands – people buy on the basis of this sustainability concept. Our concern is that this is partially happening in the export markets outside Western Europe. Unfortunately, non-sustainable palm oil is still imported there. Just as palm oil free products, this has unfortunate effects on the world's biodiversity. Increasing the demand to sustainable palm oil contributes, on the other hand, to the protection of precious ecosystems as the rainforests."



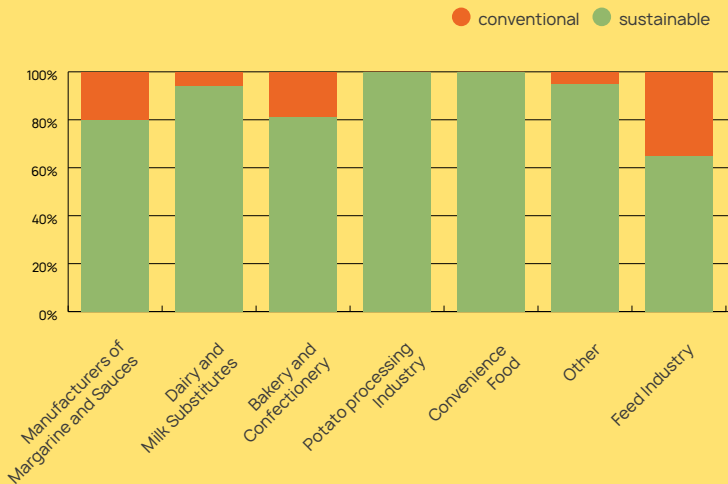
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## Use of sustainable palm oil in the Netherlands



Based on deliveries from refineries and including domestic and export food markets.

## Share of sustainable palm oil per sector<sup>5</sup>



<sup>5</sup> Due to a new methodology in the categorization of the sectors, a one-on-one percentage comparison across these sectors with the 2018's report is not entirely possible. This is not the case for the total conventional and sustainable volumes.

## Towards 100% sustainable palm oil:

- Supply chain actors in the Out-of-Home, Foodservice and Home & Personal Care sectors to step up.
- Working together with other (international) initiatives towards 100% sustainable palm oil in Europe.
- Stimulate the use of sustainable palm oil by raising awareness of its importance.
- Support EU legislation for the import of sustainable and deforestation-free palm oil.

## 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.



For more information, see [www.duurzamepalmolie.nl](http://www.duurzamepalmolie.nl)

## Zoos for sustainable palm oil:

Zoos are key players when it comes to the promotion of sustainable palm oil. Besides being a major force in the conservation of biodiversity worldwide, an increasing number of zoos are committed to supporting the transformation towards 100% sustainable palm oil. Chester Zoo, one of the biggest zoos in the UK, is one of them. Cat Barton (Field Conservation Manager at Chester Zoo) shares with us how Chester is driving change:



### Protection of the orang-utan

**Cat Barton:** "At Chester Zoo, we advocate for the sustainable production of palm oil. We work closely with partners in Malaysian Borneo carrying out research, education and reforestation activities to protect species such as Bornean orangutans. As part of our mission to prevent extinction, we engage with stakeholders in the palm oil supply chain from other NGO's to field partners, international zoos manufacturers and retailers to find solutions to reversing the environmental impact of unsustainable palm oil."

### 'Sustainable Palm Oil City Challenge'

**Cat Barton:** "In 2017 we launched an ambitious major new conservation campaign to make Chester the world's first sustainable palm oil city. Our sustainable palm oil campaign aims to increase demand for sustainable palm oil one city at a time; we wanted to do something innovative and game-changing that could have a significant impact on shaping the future of our planet. We achieved sustainable palm oil city status in 2019, and since then other cities have taken on the project, with Oxford and Newquay being the next in line to achieve the status."

"We believe that increasing demand for sustainable, deforestation-free commodities in our supply chains is vital to protect the future of our ecosystems and biodiversity. We can only do this by working collaboratively and increasing demand for sustainable production systems. The support of cities within the UK and beyond is key. We, therefore, encourage cities in the Netherlands to join us in the sustainable palm oil city challenge".



## What can we do in the Netherlands?

- Keep supporting sustainable palm oil and buy products that use sustainable palm oil.
- Support initiatives in producing countries to protect and restore valuable landscapes together with palm oil suppliers.

## RSPO tradesystems

- **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.