



Commitment 'Dutch Alliance Sustainable Palm Oil'

The members of the 'Dutch Alliance Sustainable Palm Oil' (DASPO) want to contribute to a more sustainable produced palm oil. The DASPO is the successor of the Dutch Task Force Sustainable Palm Oil.

To achieve this ambition, all DASPO members commit themselves to:

- 1. Maintain the commitment towards the level of 100% sustainable palm oil¹ processed in the Netherlands and destined for the Dutch market.**
- 2. Stimulate their members to use physical sustainable palm oil, palm kernel oil, fractions and derivatives in RSPO (Identity Preserved, Segregated and Mass Balance) or -equivalent to process or buy for the Dutch market.**
- 3. To plea for, and stimulate the continuous improvement of certification systems for sustainable palm oil such as the RSPO or -equivalent in line with relevant developments.**

1. Maintain level of 100% sustainable palm oil

The DASPO members hold to their previous commitment of the Task Force Sustainable Palm Oil from 2010: '100 percent sustainable palm oil processed in the Netherlands and destined for the Dutch market by the end of 2015'. The percentage of sustainable palm oil realized will be presented mid-2016.

2. More physical, certified sustainable palm oil

The DASPO members believe it is important to make physical, certified sustainable palm (kernel) oil and their derived products mainstream. Market developments play an important role in achieving this. The DASPO members aim to increase the share of physical, certified palm oil by stimulating the demand for Identity Preserved, Segregated or Mass Balance trading models as much as possible.

¹ All RSPO approved trading models or -equivalent.

3. Improvement of certification standards

The members of the DASPO acknowledge and support the work of certification systems such as the Round Table Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) or –equivalent and use these standard as a baseline. The DASPO pleads for the continuous improvement of these standards according to relevant, new insights. Currently, DASPO members agree to have the following criteria included:

- the protection of *High Carbon Stock (HCS)* areas²
- the protection of peat lands and the use of *Best Management Practices* (RSPO, 2012) at all existing peat land plantations
- the support of sustainable palm oil production by (independent) smallholders to prevent them from being excluded from a sustainable palm oil supply chain.

The members of the DASPO also support initiatives that contribute to greater transparency and traceability in the palm oil supply chain, with the aim to further improve the sustainability of the palm oil production.

Way of working

The DASPO members will work on the above by:

- stimulating a dialogue and cooperation between companies and external stakeholders
- involving other, relevant sectors with the commitment
- providing companies and sector organizations with the relevant information and support
- working together with similar initiatives in Europe.

DASPO members choose to have an open communication on sustainable palm oil. The DASPO will also keep on monitoring its progress annually.

Finally, the members of the DASPO will evaluate their commitment every year. All DASPO members are open for relevant input and knowledge from external stakeholders.

Secretary

The DASPO secretariat is coordinated by MVO – The Netherlands Oils and Fats. The secretariat will also be the spokesperson of the DASPO.

² The DASPO accepts scientifically funded and independently recognized definitions of High Carbon Stock (HCS). HCS is so far defined by a framework developed by Greenpeace and TFT in association with Golden Agri-Resources and SMART. The HCS Steering Group is currently working on a definition on behalf of the signees of Sustainable Palm Oil Manifesto. The DASPO aims to harmonize the HCS definition that will be endorsed and recognized by the RSPO.

Members of the Dutch Alliance Sustainable Palm Oil

Dutch Bakery and Confectionary Industry (VBZ)

Dutch Convenience Food Association (AKSV)

Dutch Food Retail Association (CBL)

Dutch Food Industry Federation (FNLI)

Dutch Potato Processors' Association (VAVI)

International Margarine Association for the Countries of Europe (IMACE-NL)

MVO – The Netherlands Oils and Fats Industry

The Dutch Feed Industry Association (Nevedi)

The Association of Dutch Producers of Edible Oils and Fats (Vernof)

IDH, the Sustainable Trade Initiative is partner of the Dutch Alliance Sustainable Palm Oil

