

SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL - GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Biodiversity

The variety of life that can be found on Earth (plants, animals, fungi and micro-organisms) as well as to the communities that they form and the habitats in which they live.



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This is an assurance to the customer (consumer) that the standard of palm oil production is sustainable



Consumer

A person who buys goods (like those containing palm oil) for personal use



Conservation

The protection by humans of plants, animals, habitats and structures.



Deforestation

Woods or forests are destroyed by cutting trees and not replanting them



Endangered

Something that is in danger of becoming extinct.



Environment

The surroundings on Earth are called the environment. This includes living and non-living things.



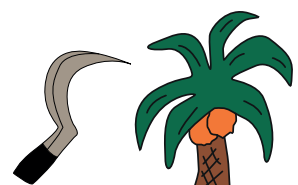
Extinct

A particular animal or plant becomes extinct when there are no more individuals of that species known to be alive anywhere in the world.



Harvesting

The process of gathering of a crop, such as the bunches of ripe fruits from the oil palm tree.



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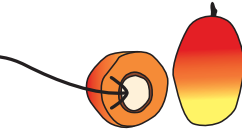
Habitat

The natural home or environment for a particular species (variety) of plant or animal.



Kernel

The softer, usually edible part of a nut, seed, or fruit stone contained within its shell.



Monoculture

The growing of a single crop in a large area.



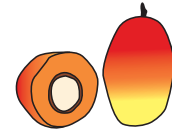
Oil palm plantation

A large farm which is specialised on farming one type of crop, oil palm trees



Oil palm fruit

This fruit grows in bunches on the oil palm tree



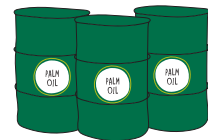
Oil palm tree

A single stemmed fruit-bearing tree which can grow from between 8 and 20 metres tall with an average life of 25 years.



Palm oil

The most widely used vegetable oil around the world.



Pesticides

A substance used for destroying insects or other organisms harmful to cultivated plants or to animals. Pesticides are sprayed on the oil palm trees.



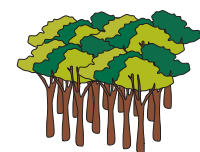
Palm oil products

Food like crisps, crackers, chocolate and household products like shampoo and cosmetics.



Rainforest

A forest that gets a lot of rain.



Slash and burn

The large-scale deforestation of forests for agricultural use.



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Sustainable

Able to be maintained at a certain rate or level



Unsustainable

Not able to be maintained at the current rate or level



Wildlife corridor

A strip of natural habitat (like forest trees) connecting populations of wildlife otherwise separated by cultivated land, roads, etc.

