

A photograph of two workers in a palm oil plantation. They are wearing yellow hard hats and are using long-handled tools to process a large pile of palm fruit. The background shows a dirt road and lush green palm trees under a bright sky.

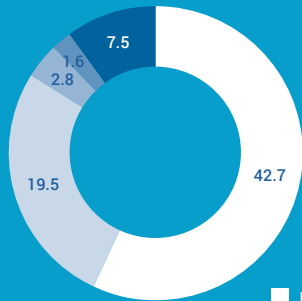
Monitoring sustainable deforestation-free palm oil in Europe

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In 2018 **83%** of the palm oil imported for food in Europe by European refiners was RSPO certified. Only an estimated **60%** was bought as such by the European food industry and retail.

Sustainable deforestation-free palm oil for food in Europe 2018

GLOBAL PALM OIL PRODUCTION

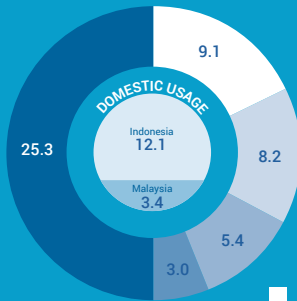


Total: 74.1
in million tonnes

Indonesia: 58%
Malaysia: 26%
Thailand: 4%
Colombia: 2%
Other: 10%

Source: ISTA Mielke Oil World

GLOBAL PALM OIL IMPORTERS



Total: 51.0
in million tonnes

India: 18%
EU: 16%
China: 11%
Pakistan: 6%
Other: 49%

83%

+9%

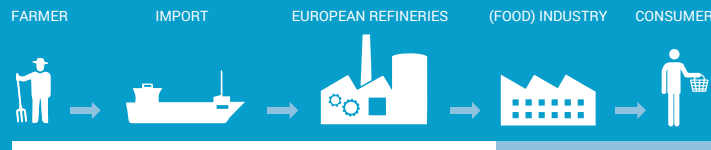


of the palm oil imported for food* into Europe by European refiners was RSPO certified sustainable palm oil

*Including small volumes for feed and oleochemicals

Source: Eurostat

EUROPEAN IMPORT AND USE FOR FOOD, FEED AND OLEOCHEMICALS



Target **100%** sustainable palm oil in Europe by 2020

RSPO, ISPO AND MSPO PRODUCTION AREAS (Mha)



673,821 tonnes
+402,821 tonnes

of palm oil imported into Europe were covered by RSPO credits bought by European companies. **23,230 tonnes** (+15,130) were covered by independent smallholder credits.

Based on RSPO, ISPO and MSPO data.

NATIONAL INITIATIVES PROGRESS



Denmark
65%
(2017)

The Netherlands
89%

Belgium
99%

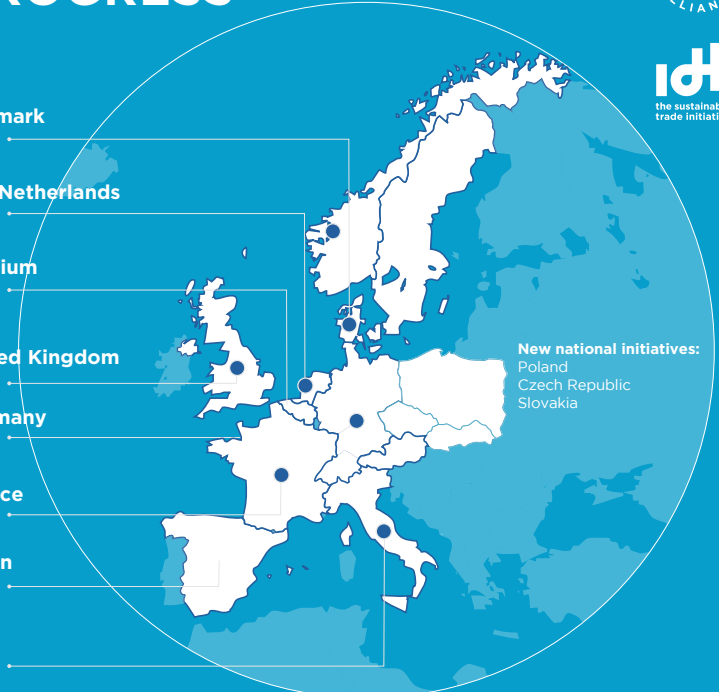
United Kingdom
77%

Germany
85%
(2017)

France
97%

Spain
42%

Italy
64%



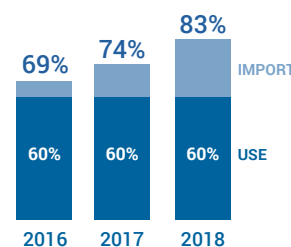
New national initiatives:
Poland
Czech Republic
Slovakia

- Countries with a national sustainable palm oil initiative
- Signatory governments to the Amsterdam Declaration Partnership

An estimated **60%** of palm oil used by the European food industry and retail was RSPO certified*

*excluding credits

PROGRESS IMPORT AND USE IN EUROPE



- **Belgium.** The Belgian Alliance for Sustainable Palm Oil (BASPO) notes for the 16 reporting companies, 99 percent of palm oil is considered sustainably sourced in 2018. The market share of the alliance is estimated to be 15 to 50 percent.
- **Denmark.** A study by the Danish Ministry for Environment and Food and the University of Copenhagen estimates that 65 percent of the palm oil imported into Denmark for food is RSPO certified in 2017.
- **France.** The Alliance for the Preservation of Forests notes by the end of 2018, 97 percent of palm oil purchases by its members were certified to be sustainable. The market share of the alliance is estimated to be 70 percent.
- **Germany.** The Forum for Sustainable Palm Oil (FONAP) reports that 85 percent of total palm oil consumption covering food in Germany in 2017 was sustainably certified.
- **Italy.** The most recent estimates by the Italian Union for Sustainable Palm Oil based on data from Eurostat, members' and other companies' data provided to RSPO indicate that about 64 percent of the total palm oil used in food products in Italy in 2018 was certified to be sustainably sourced.
- **The Netherlands.** The Dutch Alliance for Sustainable Palm Oil (DASPO) reports that 89 percent of the total volume processed by the Dutch food industry in 2018 is sustainably sourced.
- **Spain.** The Spanish Foundation for Sustainable Palm Oil estimates that the use of sustainable palm oil by the Spanish food industry reached 42 percent in 2018.
- **United Kingdom.** An analysis by Efecsa of the four main UK refiners, excluding other import streams, finds that 77 percent of the palm oil in the UK is certified by RSPO.

All data represent 2018 unless otherwise stated

ACTION AND RESULTS

In the yearly sustainable palm oil report, IDH, The Sustainable Trade Initiative and EPOA, the European Palm Oil Alliance publish the facts and figures on sustainable and deforestation-free palm oil import and use in Europe. In this latest edition, we see that European palm oil refiners have been stepping up their efforts to make the palm oil supply chain deforestation-free and more sustainable. In 2018, some **83%** of the palm oil imported for food¹ in Europe was RSPO²-certified. However, an estimated **60%** of palm oil used by the European food industry and retail was RSPO certified, showing a gap between what is imported and actually purchased.

THE WAY FORWARD

By combining our efforts in an action driven coalition, IDH and EPOA will push for sustainable palm oil market transformation in Europe. We aim that in 2020 100% of the palm oil in the food products we manufacture and use in Europe, is deforestation-free and sustainably produced.

With the 2020 goal in mind, we call upon the food industry and retail to step up their action. Deforestation-free, sustainable palm oil is available and 100% deforestation-free sustainable palm oil in food in Europe is possible.

As IDH and EPOA, we will:

- support further improvement of the data of national initiatives and other partners
- improve overall monitoring and transparency
- increase the impact in the field

¹ including small volumes for feed and oleochemicals

² certified by the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil or equivalent



Towards a
sustainable
future.

