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Should We Boycott Palm Oil?

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OIL PALM
(*Elaeis guineensis* Jacq.)

Scientific classification

Kingdom: Plantae

Division : Tracheophytes

Class : Angiosperms

Order : Monocots

Family : Arecaceae

Genus : Elaeis

Species : guineensis

OIL PALM
(*Elaeis guineensis* Jacq.)

1875 – Introduced in Malaya as an ornamental plant

1917 – Established 1st commercial oil palm plantation, Tennamaram estate

2021 – Most popular vegetable oil in the world

- Contributes to 30% of the world's supply of oils and fats
  - > 500,000 smallholders depend on it
  - > 3Billion people in the world uses palm oil

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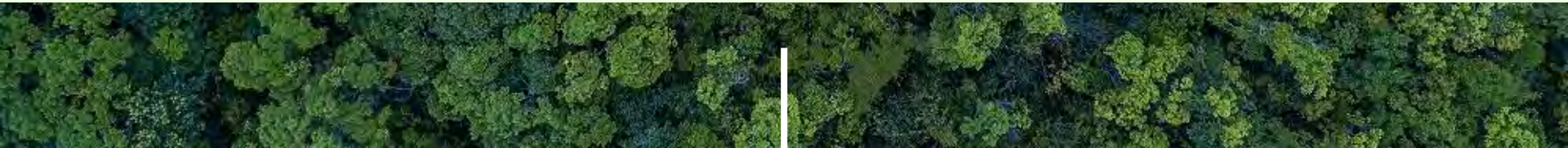
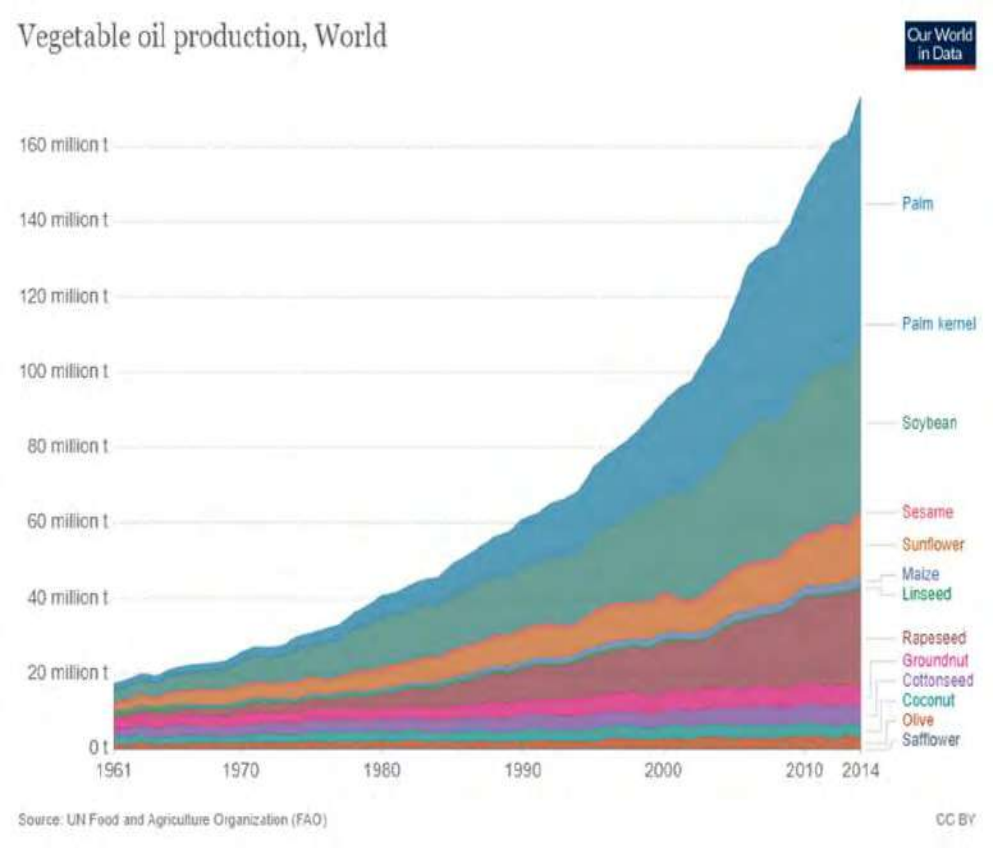
WHY WE USE PALM OIL?



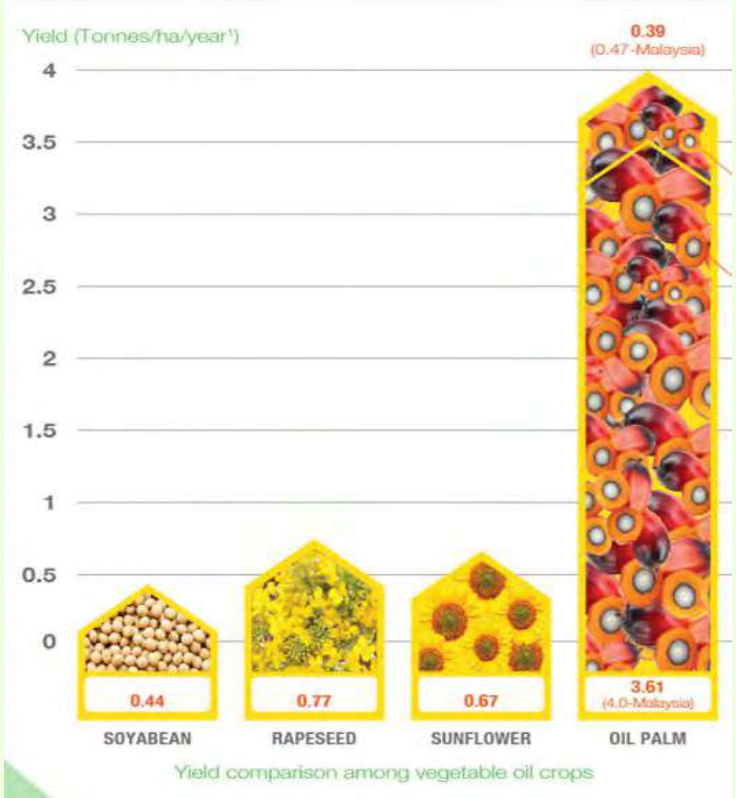
MOST POPULAR VEGETABLE OIL



Palm oil is the most popular vegetable oil in the world accounting for more than 30% of the world's supply of oils and fats.

Due to its productivity and versatility, it is widely used in food and non-food products.

MOST PRODUCTIVE OIL CROP



THE OIL PALM

- Perennial plant with a productive life span of 28-30 years
- Most productive among all oil crops
- Producing about 4.4MT oil/Ha/yr
- Produce 6x more oil than Rapeseed
- Produce 7x more oil than Sunflower
- Produce 9x more oil than Soybean

RURAL POVERTY ERADICATION

Palm Oil Contributes To Rural Development And Income

- The FELDA scheme played a major role in poverty eradication of the rural poor
- World Bank recognised the FELDA initiative as one of the best in uplifting poverty

Negative Impacts of Boycotting Palm Oil

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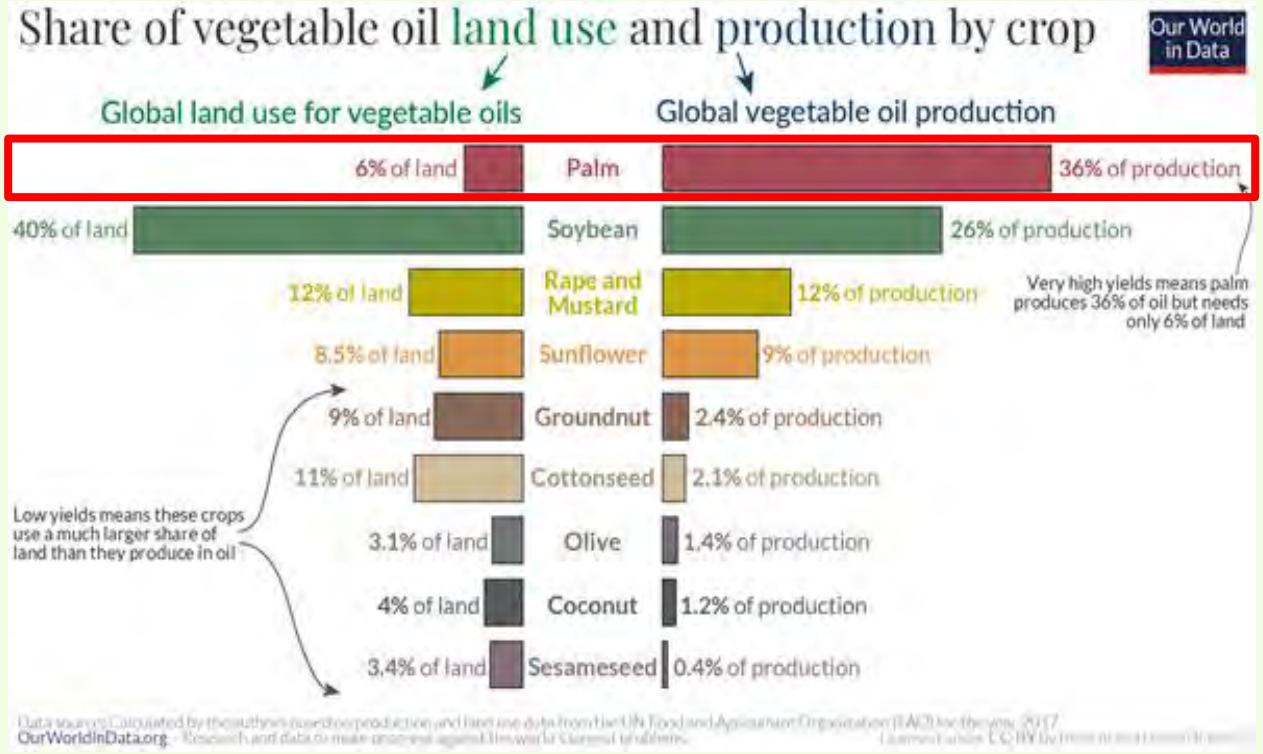

More Agricultural Land is Needed

- More alternative oils will need to be produced to replace palm oil
- More agricultural land is needed to plant these low yielding oil crops

NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF BOYCOTTING PALM OIL

iucn.org/news/secretariat/201806/saying-no-palm-oil-would-likely-displace-not-halt-biodiversity-loss---iucn-report?fbclid=IwA

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Saying 'no' to palm oil would likely displace, not halt biodiversity loss – IUCN report

Tue, 26 Jun 2018

Paris, 26 June 2018 (IUCN) – Banning palm oil would most likely increase the production of other oil crops to meet demand for oil, displacing rather than halting the significant global biodiversity losses caused by palm oil, warned an IUCN report published today.

Shifts Deforestation To Other Regions

- More agricultural land is needed and may contribute to deforestation other regions

Soy → Brazil, Argentina
Rapeseed → Canada, EU
Sunflower → Ukraine, Russia
Maize → US, China

NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF BOYCOTTING PALM OIL

More Trade With Markets Which Don’t Value Sustainability

- Discourages production of Certified Sustainable Palm Oil
- Discourages Sustainability Efforts By The Palm Oil Industry
- Removes incentives to improve production practices
- More conventional palm oil sold to non-sustainable palm oil demanding countries

NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF BOYCOTTING PALM OIL

Deprives Livelihood Of Small Farmers

- Deprives livelihood and income of more than 500,000 small farmers in Malaysia
- More poverty in palm producing countries

NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF BOYCOTTING PALM OIL

Palm fat Is replaced With Artificial Trans-Fat

Palm based food products will be made using Hydrogenated soft oils which produces heart-clogging **artificial trans-fat** which is harmful to human health

NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF BOYCOTTING PALM OIL

Palm oil is unhealthy

Widespread throughout Europe (>2,000 products)

Palm oil is not eco-friendly

'NO PALM OIL' Labels Promotes Negative Sentiments & Spreads Misinformation Among Consumers

SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL IS THE WAY FORWARD

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INDUSTRY GOVERNANCE

Under the Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities (MPIC)

Ministry of Primary Industries & Commodity

Commodities: Oil Palm, Rubber, Timber, Cocoa, Kenaf, Tobacco & Pepper.

Malaysian Palm Oil Board

Research & Licensing Body

Malaysian Palm Oil Certification Council

Sustainability Certification Agency

Malaysian Palm Oil Council

Palm Oil Promotion Agency

THE THREE PILLARS OF SUSTAINABILITY

PEOPLE

Sustainable Livelihood & Poverty Eradication

PLANET

Conserve & Protects Ecosystem for the Next Generation

PROFIT

Competitive, Resilient and Sustainable Economy

SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL IS THE WAY FORWARD

Palm Oil Is The World's 1st Sustainable Vegetable Oil

Malaysia Was The First Country In The World To Produce & Export CERTIFIED SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL

PALM OIL SUSTAINABILITY CERTIFICATION

Global Scheme

National Scheme

RSPO

Roundtable for Sustainable Palm Oil

ISCC

International Sustainability & Carbon Certification

MSPO

Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil

National sustainability certification scheme for oil palm plantations & processing plants.

SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL IS THE WAY FORWARD

The Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) Certification Scheme

National scheme in Malaysia, mandatory for oil palm plantations, independent and organised smallholdings, and palm oil processing facilities to be certified against the requirements of the MSPO Standards.

CONSERVATION EFFORT FROM THE INDUSTRY

The Malaysian Palm Oil Industry initiates and involves in various conservation activities of flora & fauna in collaboration with many organisations including NGOs and Academia.

Sime Darby Yayasan

Genting Plantations

IOI Group

Sawit Kinabalu

Felda

FGV

Wilmar

Nestlé

Hutan

MEME Management & Ecology of Malaysian Elephants

Danau Girang Field Centre

Perhilitan

Sarawak Forestry Corporation Parks & Wild Life

Sun Bear Conservation Programme

BiG

Malaysian Palm Oil Green Conservation Foundation

Wildlife Rescue Unit Sabah Wildlife Department

Wildlife Department Sabah

SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL WILL HELP;

Economic Development

Poverty Eradication

Forest & Wildlife Protection

Quality Product Development

Rural Development & Education

Promoting Sustainable Practices

Support Certified Sustainable Palm Oil and Don’t Boycott Palm Oil

So, in an ideal world, we would save the forests and we wouldn’t need palm oil. But life doesn’t work that way.
Sustainable palm oil is the way forward and the best answer to support people and wildlife.

THANKS!

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