

Indo Agricultural Services Worker



- I am a native Indonesian farmer who works for a large palm oil plantation.
- I have poor working conditions that include: no health care benefits, poor accommodations and unfair wages.
- This job allows me to take care of my family.

Indo Agricultural Services Manager



- I run a large palm oil plantation.
- Expanding the size of my plantation and making money are my greatest concerns.
- I produce a product that the RSPO calls unsustainable palm oil.

Hostess Food Company



- We make desserts that the American public loves to eat.
- These products contain unsustainable palm oil because we have not invested the time and money to become certified.
- We are receiving pressure from our consumers to use sustainable palm oil.

American Consumer



- I am the mom of a middle class family with four children and a tight shopping budget
- I recently heard about palm oil being in many of the foods that I eat but do not know much about it
- My son asked me to download the App from Cheyenne Mountain Zoo for a responsible shopping guide

The “Orangutan Project” & Ecotourism Guide



- I am a wildlife biologist who protects orangutans in the wild
- I also run an ecotourism company with native guides to let guests explore the Indonesian wilderness
- My guides support their families by working for my company.

What is PALM OIL?

- Edible vegetable oil found in many foods and bath products
- Introduced crop to the Asian rainforests of Borneo and Sumatra
- The most widely produced edible oil whose demand is rapidly increasing





MALAYSIA

Sumatra

INDONESIA

Borneo

**PAPUA
NEW
GUINEA**

**Irian
Jaya
New Guinea**

AUSTRALIA

0 200 400 km
0 200 400 mi

Impacts on Local People



- Native people often lose their land to large palm oil manufacturers
- Conditions for many local mill and plantation workers and their families are not regulated

Rainforest Wildlife and Biodiversity

- Indonesia is facing the highest rate of tropical rainforest loss in the world
- This habitat is the only place where many endangered species live
- Timber profits motivate companies to farm high conservation value rainforests instead of existing degraded land



Should we BOYCOTT?



- Oil palms are the most productive type of all the edible oil crops
- There will always be a demand for edible oil and if grown properly palm oil could be the best choice
- Palm oil is a huge part of the economy of Indonesia and Malaysia

What is Sustainable Palm Oil



Sustainable VS. Non-Sustainable Palm Oil

OUTCOMES	SUSTAINABLE	NON-SUSTAINABLE
Clear-cutting rainforest		X
Harming wildlife		X
Ensuring plantation employees and their families are treated responsibly and fairly	X	
Getting HVC (High Conservation Value) assessments done on their land	X	
Using land as productively as possible; harvesting all fruit and quickly replacing dead plants	X	
Using pesticides safely	X	
Monitoring greenhouse gas emissions & disposing of waste responsibly	X	

Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO)



- A multi-stakeholder group formed in 2004

- **OBJECTIVE:** Promote and regulate the global use and growth of sustainable palm oil

QUESTIONS?

