

WRS'S COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL CONSUMPTION

Palm oil is an edible vegetable oil and is extremely versatile. It is an important part of everyday human life, with an estimated 50% of all consumer goods using palm oil. Palm oil can be found in most processed food products (particularly snack foods), cleaning products, shampoos and cosmetics. Oil palm is also the most efficient oil-producing plant, with nearly nine times more oil produced per unit of land than other oil-producing plants.

Wildlife Reserves Singapore Group (WRS) recognizes that unsustainable oil palm plantation development and expansion is often associated with deforestation, widespread threats to biodiversity, significant greenhouse gas emissions and violations of Indigenous people's rights.

Given the efficiency of palm oil production and its ubiquitous use, WRS believes that boycotting of the palm oil industry is not effective. WRS recognizes that the palm oil industry plays an important role in employment and economic growth for countries. Moving away from palm oil is likely to drive the demand for less productive vegetable oils, hence potentially contributing to more damaging impacts. Consumption of palm oil and its derivatives is widespread across the globe. WRS trusts that ensuring the consumption of certified sustainable palm oil can help minimise the negative impact of palm oil plantations on wildlife and their habitats.

The Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) serves as a third-party certification scheme and a global standard for sustainable palm oil through which certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO) can be achieved.

WRS is committed to ensuring that the palm oil used, is grown and processed in a responsible and sustainable manner, hence guaranteeing the protection of habitat for wildlife threatened by unsustainable palm oil production. WRS has become a RSPO member and will strive to ensure that 100% of the palm oil used in our premises are certified sustainable from segregated sources by 2022. WRS is also a member of the Singapore Alliance for Sustainable Palm Oil and shall work with other Alliance members to advocate for the production, trade and usage of sustainable palm oil through education and awareness activities for businesses and consumers.

In order to achieve our commitment, we shall:

- Document the use of palm oil and palm oil derivatives in all our operations on WRS premises. This includes:
 - i. quantifying the volume of palm oil used as cooking oil by end of 2017,
 - ii. identification of all food products used and sold in our parks that include palm oil derivatives as an ingredient (E.g. Mayonnaise, Bakery products, etc.) by end of 2018,
 - iii. identification of all non-food products used and sold in our parks that contain palm oil derivatives used as an ingredient (E.g. Hand wash, Cleaning detergents etc.) by end of 2019.
- Ensure that 100 % of the cooking oil consumed in WRS will be certified sustainable from segregated sources by 2017 and maintain the status over the years.
- As part of our green procurement policy, share our palm oil commitment with our suppliers for both food and non-food products that contain palm oil and its derivatives as ingredients, to enquire on their suitability as RSPO members and usage of certified sustainable palm oil in their products by end 2019.
- Inform our suppliers (for food and non-food products that contain palm oil and its derivatives as ingredients) who are not certified sustainable, that WRS intends to source from sustainable sources by 2022. Subject to market availability and ease of procurement of products containing sustainable palm oil, WRS shall make changes in the products used in our operations.
- Continue communicating with our visitors and engage with a broad spectrum of audiences and stakeholder groups, to raise awareness about sustainable palm oil and facilitate change towards certified sustainable palm oil in Singapore.

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