

# THE PALM OIL INDUSTRY AND WHAT

*Grown only in the tropics, the oil palm tree produces high-quality oil used primarily for cooking in developing countries. It is also used in food products.*

Malaysia ships about 85 percent of the palm oil it produces overseas annually. They had been comfortable relying on the sustainability of demand for an oil that is used for cooking and as an ingredient in items that include soaps, shampoos, snack foods, pizza, bread and biofuel. While demand for palm oil used in EU biodiesel accounts for a fraction of global supply, palm oil producers in Malaysia and Indonesia worry that the law could spur calls for regulation of the oil's usage in food. Soil erosion Erosion occurs when forests are being cleared to establish plantations, and can also be caused by planting trees in inappropriate arrangements. Indonesia, for example, increased production from In response, a backlash against palm oil has developed: last April, the supermarket Iceland pledged that it would cut palm oil from all its own-brand foods by the end of Fourth, again because it is cheap, it has been widely adopted as cooking oil in Asian countries. Of articles identified and scanned, we included 40 peer-reviewed articles and eight articles from the grey literature Fig. Third, it has replaced more expensive oils in home and personal care products. Tellingly, Iceland found it impossible to fulfill its pledge. Oil palm production also leads to an increase in human-wildlife conflict as populations of large animals are squeezed into increasingly isolated fragments of natural habitat. Channels Marketing Marketing of palm oil does not occur in the traditional sense. Tree of Plenty The abundant oil from the fruit of oil palms can be found under different ingredient names in everything from cookies to soap to lipstick. It is often labeled as palm shortening and is used as a replacement ingredient for hydrogenated fats in a variety of baked and fried products. Follow these simple tips to recognize, avoid and combat palm oil: Enjoy a home-cooked meal: Use your imagination: why not try almond-coconut-pear biscuits? IPPA said, "where we raise our money and get support is immaterial". For millennia humans have boiled and pounded their fruit to extract cooking oil, burned their seed-kernel shells for heat, and woven their leaves into everything from roofs to baskets. Both small- and large-scale producers participated in the industry. According to Malaysia's Plantation Industries and Commodities Minister Bernard Dompok, significant expansion of palm oil is no longer possible, therefore Malaysian farmers are now focusing on increasing production without expansion. Malaysia and Indonesia , which together produce about 85 percent of the world's palm oil, had been largely passive in response.