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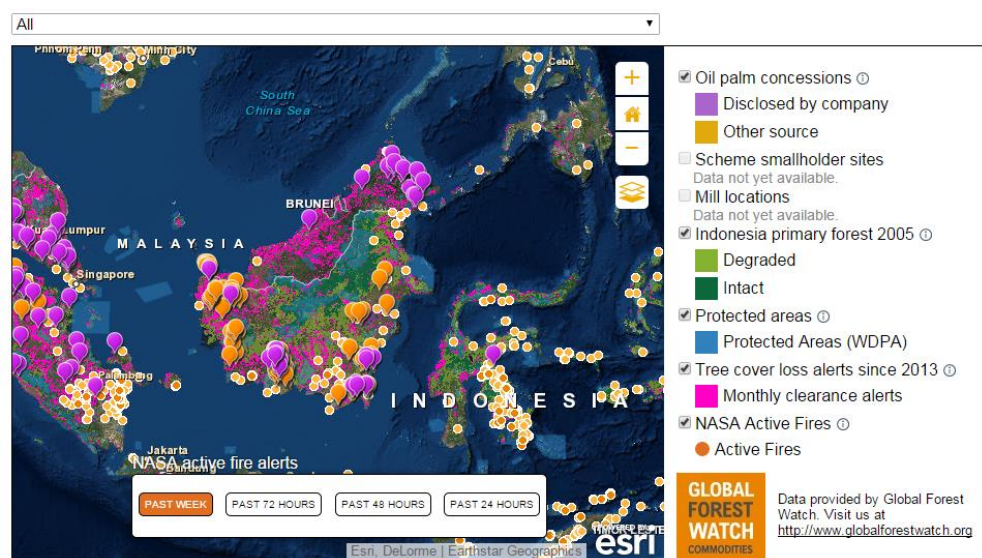
UK reports progress towards 100% sustainable palm oil target

The second Annual Assessment of Consumption of Sustainable Palm Oil produced in November 2014 by CPET showed an increase from 155,000 metric tonnes in 2009 to 321,661 metric tonnes in 2013 in purchases of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO) supported by Roundtable for Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) approved supply chain mechanisms. This figure includes both imports of Segregated and Mass Balance CSPO (excluding derivatives and finished goods) as well as palm oil supported by purchases of GreenPalm certificates by UK companies. Collectively, the estimated proportion of CSPO palm oil imports is either 55% or 71%, depending upon the baseline trade data used. Work is now underway for the 2014 update report to be published in October 2015. This will indicate how close the UK is to achieving its 2015 target to source 100% sustainable palm oil. Contact us for more information about the upcoming analysis.

***ZSL launch online Sustainable Palm Oil Transparency Toolkit (SPOTT)***

Last month ZSL launched their online Sustainable Palm Oil Transparency Toolkit (SPOTT), a dynamic and interactive resource that combines satellite-mapping technology with in-depth performance

assessments on 25 of the largest publicly listed palm oil grower companies, allowing stakeholders to monitor company activities with increased transparency. SPOTT, which is available [here](#), is designed to provide guidance for the Environmental and Social Governance (ESG) process undertaken by



investors, manufacturers and other industry stakeholders. It aims to facilitate responsible investment, reduce deforestation and save endangered species by helping oil palm growers to improve their practices on the ground and by rebuilding trust in the supply chain. CPET and ZSL are working together to share information and expertise on sustainable palm oil; a new page introducing CPET's work will be available on ZSL's Sustainable Palm Oil Platform website soon.

UNEP signs agreement to promote sustainable palm oil

The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and the RSPO have signed an agreement to increase awareness of certified sustainable palm oil production in an effort to shift the global market away from unsustainable supplies. The agreement commits UNEP and the RSPO to a framework of understanding to promote the transition to a sustainable palm oil market as well as actions to increase awareness of the value of sustainable production, including as a contribution to the achievement of the post-2015 development agenda. It will support national and regional efforts to shift to a sustainable supply of palm oil, a commitment already made by the governments of Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and the United Kingdom (UK). UNEP press release here: <http://forests-l.iisd.org/news/unep-signs-agreement-to-promote-sustainable-palm-oil/>

Results of Live Palm Oil Debate

On November 18th, Guardian Sustainable Business hosted a Live Online Palm Oil Debate with a panel of experts from Wilmar, M&S, Verité, Solidaridad, Greenpeace, WWF, CDP, the Malaysian Palm Oil Council, the RSPO and members of the public. The debate addressed the role of businesses in producing sustainable palm oil, whether certification bodies such as the Roundtable for Sustainable Palm Oil are doing enough to prevent deforestation, and the role of the consumer in pressuring companies to clean up their supply chains. You can read the debate [here](#) and view an interactive visual story about the impacts of palm oil [here](#).

CPET Palm Oil Engagement

Apart from the publication of the second Annual Assessment of Consumption of Sustainable Palm Oil, CPET have been working with stakeholders from both the private and public sectors to support sustainable palm oil sourcing. In the previous newsletter, we launched a 5-step leaflet for sourcing CSPO that produced for the Food and Drink Federation, which will be modified for other audiences. We will also be hosting webinars on sustainable palm oil sourcing for members of the FDF as well as other interested parties; please get in touch for information on how to participate.

New Website

Our new website is available at www.gov.uk/government/groups/central-point-of-expertise-on-timber. Palm oil pages can be found on <https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/making-sustainable-development-a-part-of-all-government-policy-and-operations> and <https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/sustaining-and-enhancing-trees-forests-and-woodland/supporting-pages/using-sustainably-produced-palm-oil>.

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