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This month CPET has been engaging with members of the animal feed sector, looking at issues around sourcing sustainable palm oil in the animal feed supply chain. A 2011 Defra mapping exercise (which used 2009 data) showed that animal feed manufacture accounts for 20% of the palm oil and 83% of the palm kernel meal imported into the UK. It is difficult to influence the palm kernel meal supply chain, as it is a by-product of palm oil, and because palm oil is usually sold in blends to manufacturers it is difficult to trace. However, the AIC Feed Executive Committee confirmed that their companies (mostly compounders) purchased GreenPalm Certificates for all new palm oil contracts procured from autumn 2014, which represents a significant portion of the animal feed industry and a positive step forward.

***BIAZA Runs Campaign on Sourcing Sustainable Palm Oil***

In 2014 the British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums (BIAZA) ran a press and public engagement campaign called '[Read Your Palm Oil](#)' to raise awareness on the use of unsustainable palm oil, coinciding with EU changes to food labelling regulation. Because over 22 million people from a wide range of demographics visit BIAZA zoos and aquariums every year (over one third of the entire UK population), BIAZA zoos and aquariums are a valuable resource for public engagement on palm oil.

BIAZA has also established a Palm Oil Subgroup that aims to provide resources and support for zoos and aquariums to establish their own palm oil policy. As large tourist and visitor attractions with spending of over £500 million annually both on and offsite, BIAZA members also have significant opportunities to influence their supply chains, especially in catering and retail products, cleaning products and animal feeds.

BIAZA aims to help their members to ensure unsustainable palm oil is removed from their supply chains, and offers guidance on sourcing sustainable palm oil through their procurement policy guidelines. Further resources are available on their [website](#).

Case Study – VOLAC Sources 37% Segregated PFAD

Volac International Ltd supplies high quality nutritional products to the agricultural industry. One of their key product areas is rumen-protected fats, including the Megalac product, which they

manufacture at their factory in Liverpool. Volac's fat products are based on palm fatty acid distillate (PFAD), a derivative of palm oil. Palm-based rumen-protected fats make an important contribution to improving production, fertility and overall efficiency on dairy farms.

Volac's policy is to source PFAD only from members of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO). Their aim is to source only physical quantities of fully traceable, certified-sustainable PFAD for use in their products. Given the nature of the palm oil supply chain, this has been quite a challenge. At present they source almost 40% of their PFAD raw material from segregated RSPO-certified sustainable sources and plan to increase this volume as soon as adequate and acceptable quality supplies are available in the supply chain. Volac works closely with New Britain Palm Oil who established a new refinery near to their factory in 2011 dedicated to processing palm oil that can be traced back to an identifiable and sustainable source.

CPET Presentation on CSPO at the Advisory Committee on Animal Feedingstuffs

CPET gave a presentation this month at a meeting of the [Advisory Committee on Animal Feedingstuffs \(ACAF\)](#). ACAF was set up in 1999 to advise on the safety and use of animal feeds and feeding practices, with particular emphasis on protecting human health and with reference to new technical developments and new feed materials and products. A UK-wide committee made up of independent experts who were appointed by UK Agriculture Ministers and the Food Standards Agency (FSA), ACAF is now considering endorsing sustainable palm oil use in animal feed in the UK.

CPET Free 1-hour webinar on Sourcing Sustainable Palm Oil

CPET hosted a 1-hour free webinar on February 20th based on the 5-step leaflet on sourcing certified sustainable palm oil that we created with the Food and Drink Federation.

The leaflet, which is available [here](#), explains why sourcing sustainable palm oil matters and provides a 5-step framework for businesses to implement a sustainable palm oil roadmap. The 5 steps guide businesses through understanding and mapping palm oil use, identifying impacts, risks and opportunities in the supply chain, making a commitment to source sustainable palm oil, developing a roadmap, and implementing, tracking and reviewing the roadmap.

The webinar, which lasted approximately one hour and consisted of a live presentation followed by a Q&A session, was well attended. CPET will be holding further free webinars. To register for one or for more information please email cpet@efeca.com.

CPET is developing similar leaflets with the British Hospitality Association (BHA) and the Sustainable Restaurant Association (SRA). Please get in touch if you would like to discuss creating a 5-step leaflet on sustainable palm oil for distribution to your network. We can also provide bespoke webinars and workshops with greater detail on sourcing sustainable palm oil.

CPET website

The CPET website moved in 2014, and is now available [here](#). The main palm oil pages can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

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