



SUSTAINABLE, CLIMATE-FRIENDLY PALM OIL PRODUCTION AND PROCUREMENT

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Global demand for palm oil has risen in recent years. Producer countries like Indonesia and Thailand have responded by expanding oil palm cultivation—which frequently leads to ecological problems and social injustices. The project works with stakeholders in partner countries to encourage the take-up of sustainable and climate-friendly cultivation practices among smallholders, to increase yield per unit area and achieve certification to international standards. Educational programmes are benefiting smallholders, oil mills and the government in both countries. In Indonesia, stakeholders in one pilot region are developing a land usage plan with protected areas as well as areas suitable for oil palm cultivation. To boost demand for products using certified palm oil in Germany, the project is also developing procurement guidelines for pilot municipalities. The project is also targeting consumer platforms in order to raise awareness about sustainably produced palm oil. /

State of implementation/results

- * Indonesia: *
- Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Planning are reviewing the nationwide use of the training modules developed by the project. They serve to prepare smallholders for certification according to the Indonesian ISPO and the international RSPO sustainability standard.
- The project was able to contribute a section on sustainability in the palm oil sector to the draft Indonesian Green Recovery Strategy.
- The four project communities in East Kalimantan have designated 9,000 ha as protected areas in spatial planning, of which 993 ha were previously designated for oil palm plantations. The palm oil smallholder cooperatives in these communities manage 2,700 ha.
- With the support of the project, an increasing amount of data on land use and palm oil production can be viewed on the website of the

PROJECT DATA

Country/Countries:

Indonesien, Thailand

Implementing organisation:

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

Political partner(s):

- Ministry of Agriculture - Indonesia
- Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives - Thailand

Implementing partner(s):

- Deutsche Umwelthilfe e.V.
- Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Department of Agriculture - Thailand

BMU grant:

€ 5,200,000

Duration:

09/2018 till 09/2022

Website(s):

<http://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/79826.html>
<http://www.duh.de/palmoel-aber-richtig/>





East-Kutai administrative district:
data.kutaitimurkab.go.id

- * Thailand : *
- Through the project's own training programme TOPSA, more than 3,000 smallholder plantation owners are trained by 320 trainers in ecologically sustainable and climate-friendly oil palm cultivation. In addition, they learn to increase yields, conserve resources and save greenhouse gases with the i-PALM app developed for palm oil producers.
- On 3 December 2020, palm oil processing companies were reminded of their responsibilities at a business forum in Bangkok. The 12 largest palm oil processing companies in Thailand agreed to meet consumer demand for sustainable palm oil. To further raise awareness among consumers, the project and the RSPO continue to work with the companies.
- * Germany: *
- Hanover is the first model municipality with the goal to consider only sustainably certified palm oil in public procurement. Other municipalities are supported by the Deutsche Umwelthilfe (DUH) and can register. They can use a declaration on sustainable palm oil and rainforest protection to quickly and purposefully commit to the procurement of sustainable palm oil products and to communicate this effectively. Citizens have been informed about the sustainable consumption of palm oil products since September 2020: [www.duh.de/...](http://www.duh.de/)
- DUH created videos on sustainable palm oil and rainforest protection after a project visit. These can be seen on DUH's social media channels.
- On 2 November 2020, DUH, together with the Forum Nachhaltiges Palmöl (FONAP) and the German Pet Food Association, organised a round table on "Sustainable palm oil in animal feed". Approaches were discussed to use only deforestation-free palm oil from sustainable cultivation in animal feed from 2021 onwards.

