

Palm Oil Program in India

IDH convenes multiple stakeholders towards building responsible sourcing practices thus increasing the uptake of sustainable palm oil in India, EU and China. We link this to responsible production in Indonesia, Malaysia, Nigeria as well as Colombia.

We also work on policy frameworks through our initiatives the European Sustainable Palm Oil and the Verified Sourcing Areas approach to strengthen sustainable supply chains.

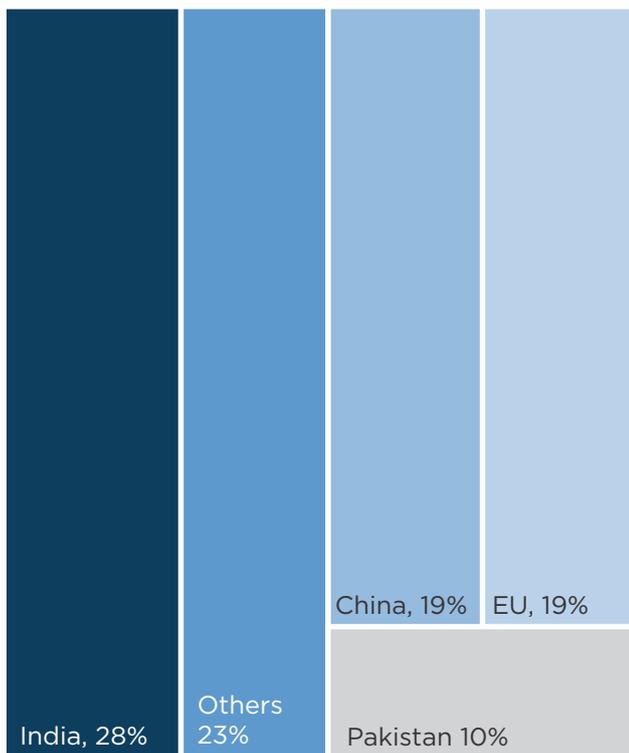
Palm oil is linked to climate change caused by global deforestation and peatland destruction, associated with significant biodiversity loss, air pollution, and labour rights.



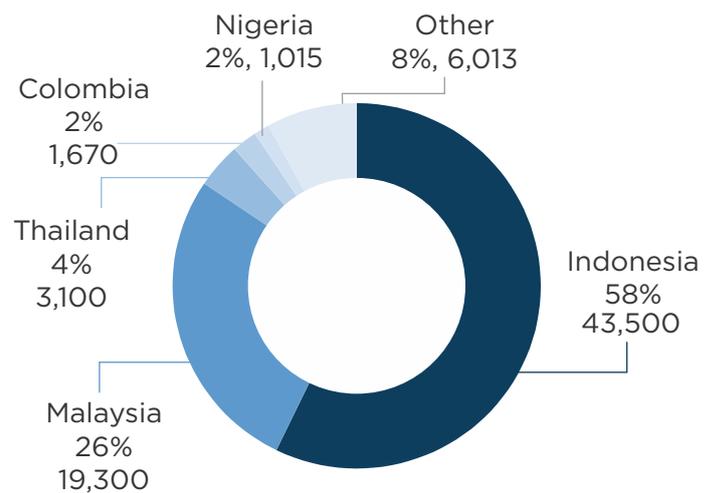
Global Trade

- The edible oils production market has grown rapidly in the last 5 years increasing from 176 MMT in 2015 - 16 to 207 MMT in 2019 - 20.
- Palm oil share in the global edible oil mix was 37% in 2019.

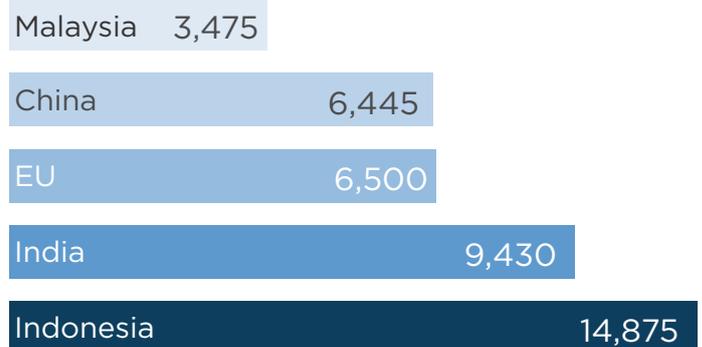
Palm Oil Imports - 2020*



Palm Oil Production** - 2020*



Palm Oil Consumption** - 2020*



*Source: Global Market Analysis, USDA

**All Quantity in '000 Metric Tonnes

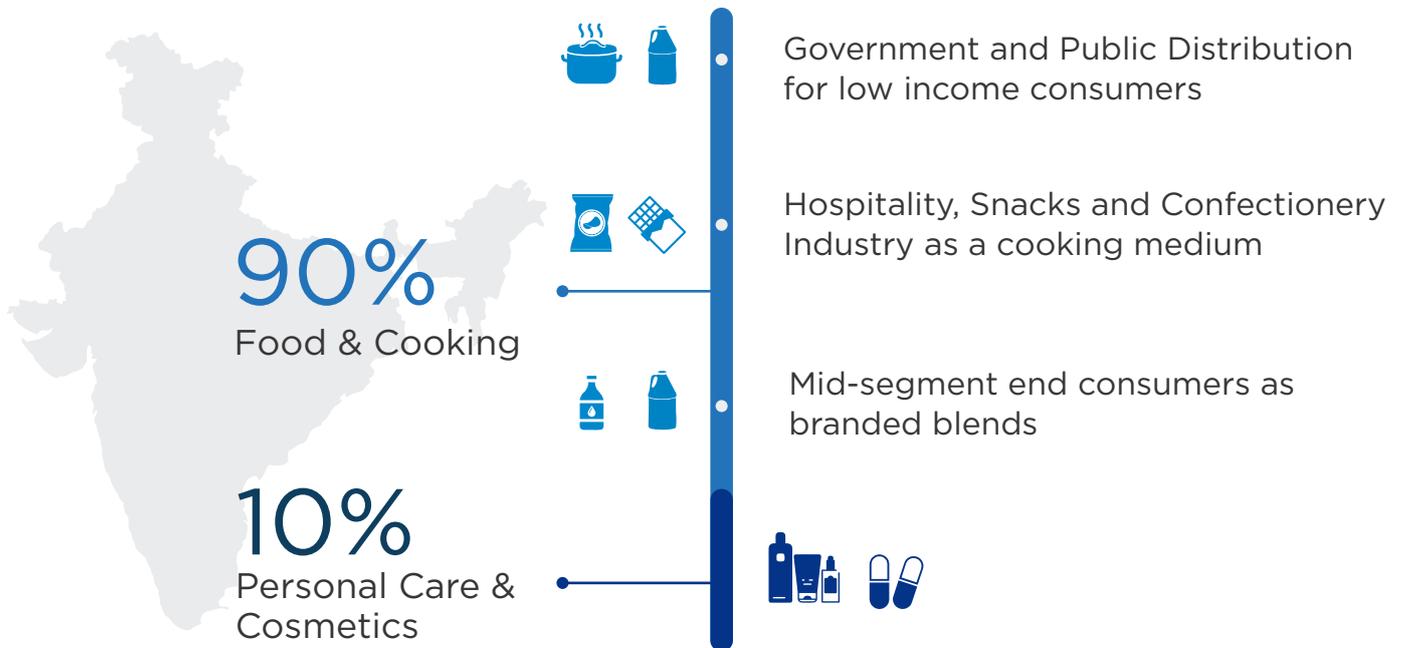


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India is well placed to further strengthen South-South Cooperation while providing regional stewardship for the trade of responsibly sourced commodities including palm oil.

Palm Oil Market in India*

Palm oil is used in India for:



- India is the world's largest importer of palm oil and consumes 13.5% of global production.
- Annual consumption in India at 10 MMT significantly exceeds domestic production, which stands at <0.3 MMT.
- Consumption has been growing at 2.28% CAGR over last five years.
- India is currently importing palm oil and its derivatives mainly from Indonesia and Malaysia (global deforestation hotspots).

*Source: Oilseeds and Products Annual 2019, USDA.

In India IDH's engagements work towards achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The Palm Oil Program works on SDG 12.



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Our Intervention in India

- Convening large palm oil buyers operating in India to build reporting and disclosure.
- Remaining inclusive and standard-neutral.
- Working towards influencing demand in the short term and encouraging responsibly sourced supply in the long term.
- Monitoring the uptake of responsibly sourced/sustainable palm oil.
- Building engagement with the Government of India.

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Program Focus

Convening

Convening market and policy stakeholders

Monitoring

Confidential disclosure on import volumes and commitments

Linking global perspectives to the Indian value chains

Market Linkage

Linking buyers to responsible palm oil suppliers

Introducing VSAs to Indian buyers

Commit to support sustainable palm oil in India

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