

Palm Oil Program in India

IDH convenes multiple stakeholders towards building responsible sourcing practices through our Markets program 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 SourceUp approach to strengthen sustainable supply chains.

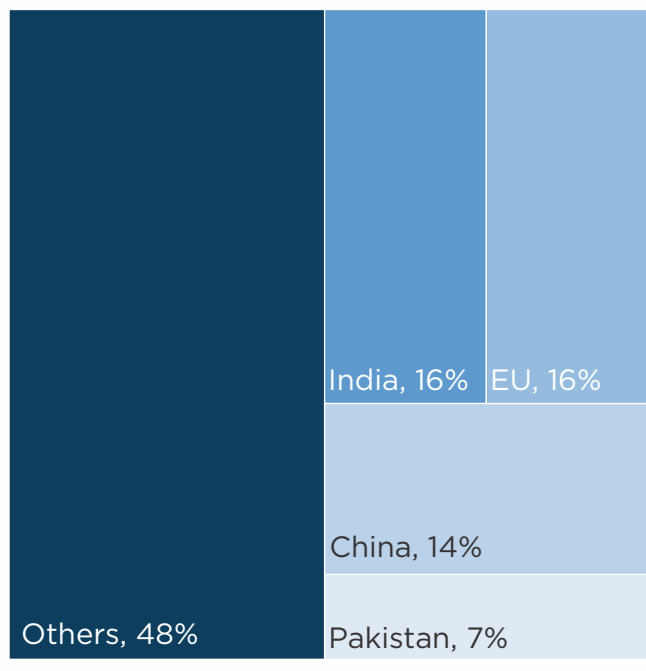
Palm oil is linked to climate change caused by global deforestation and peatland destruction, associated with significant biodiversity loss, air pollution, and labour rights.



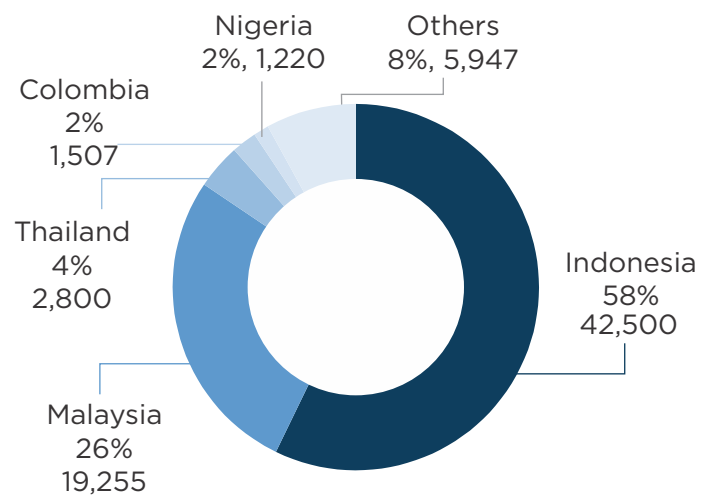
Global Trade

- Major vegetable oils consumed across the globe has increased from 183 MMT in 2017 to 202 MMT in 2020.
- The share of palm oil and palm kernel oil in the global vegetable oil mix production was 40% in 2020.

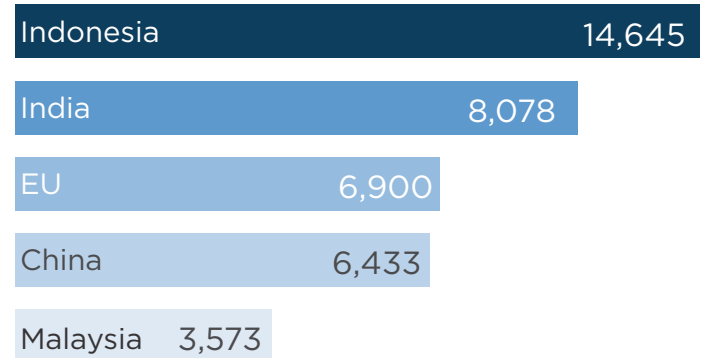
Palm Oil Imports - 2020*



Palm Oil Production** - 2020*



Palm Oil Consumption** - 2020*



*Source: Global Market Analysis, USDA

**All Quantity in '000 Metric Tonnes

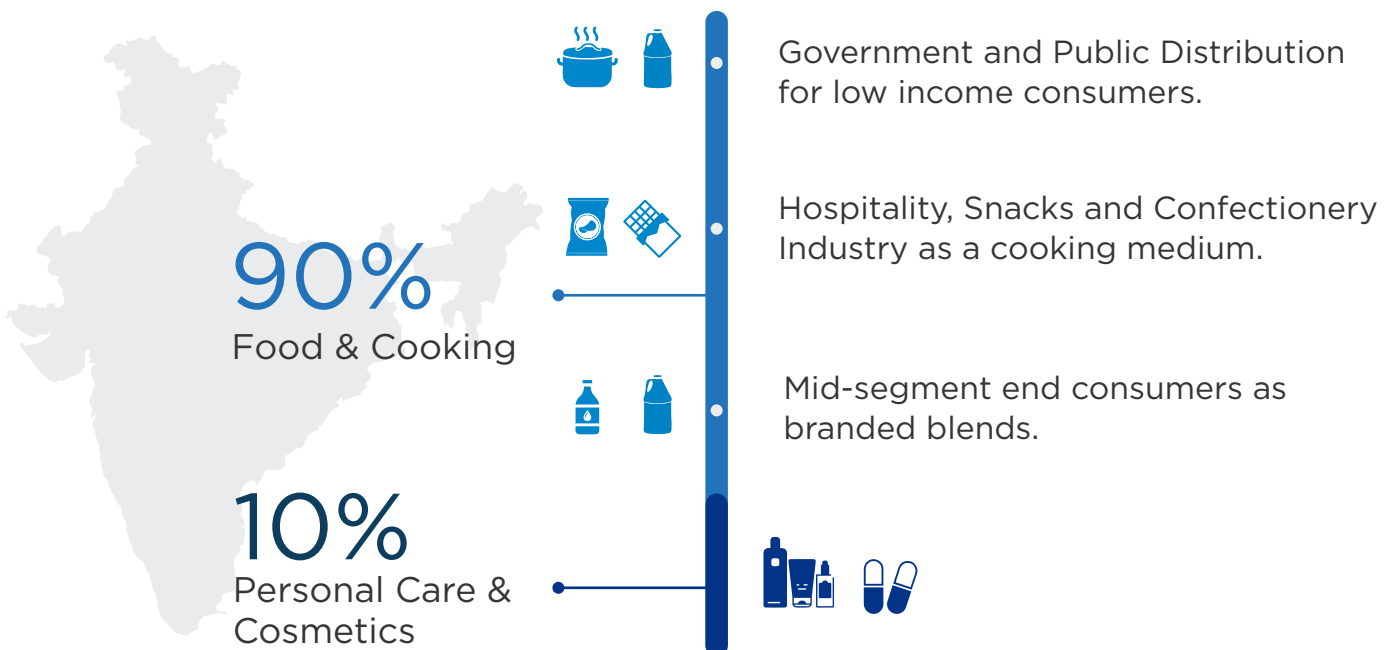


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India is well placed to further strengthen South-South Cooperation while providing regional stewardship for the trade of responsibly sourced commodities including palm oil.

Palm Oil Market in India*

Palm oil is used in India for:



- India is world's largest importer of palm oil and consumes 10% of the total global production.
- Annual consumption in India at 7.4 MMT significantly exceeds domestic production, which stands at 0.7 MMT.
- 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 SourceUp compacts to Indian buyers

Commit to support sustainable palm oil in India

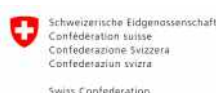
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