



# Palm Oil Program in India

**IDH convenes and collaborates with key policy, industry and civil society stakeholders in the palm oil sector in India, the largest import market for the commodity.**

**We build a case for responsible sourcing in markets like India, the EU and China to drive sustainable practices in key production geographies of Indonesia and Malaysia, among others.**

**Our policy engagements aim to create a level playing field for the palm oil industry on sustainability and strengthen government-to-government collaboration on sustainable trade.**



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# Palm Oil Market in India

India is the world's largest importer of palm oil and consumes **11% of global production**.

Annual consumption in India at **8.9 MMT** significantly exceeds domestic production, which stands at **0.3 MMT**.

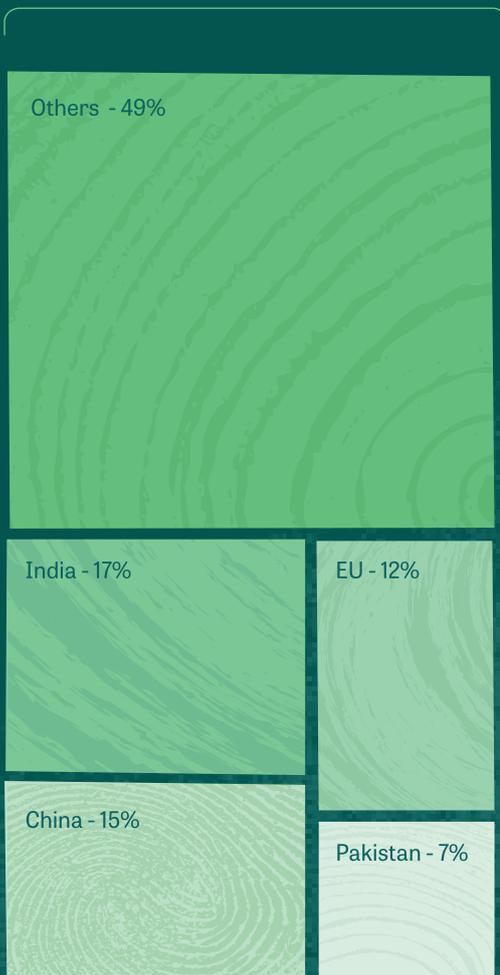


India is currently importing palm oil and its derivatives mainly from **Indonesia and Malaysia**, global deforestation hotspots.

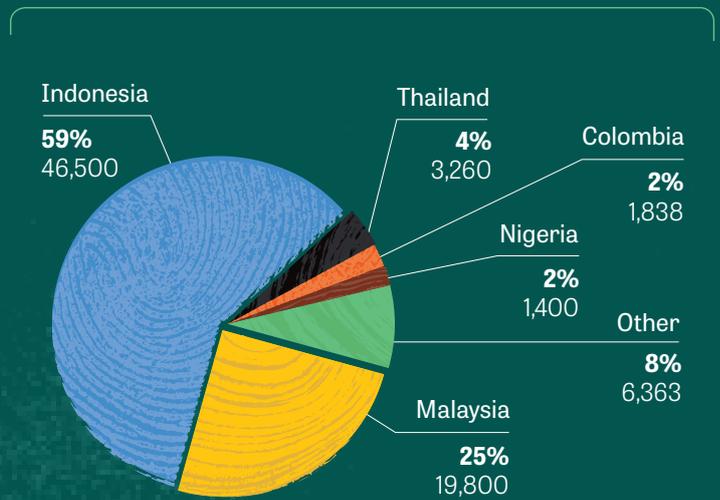
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# Global Trade Palm Oil

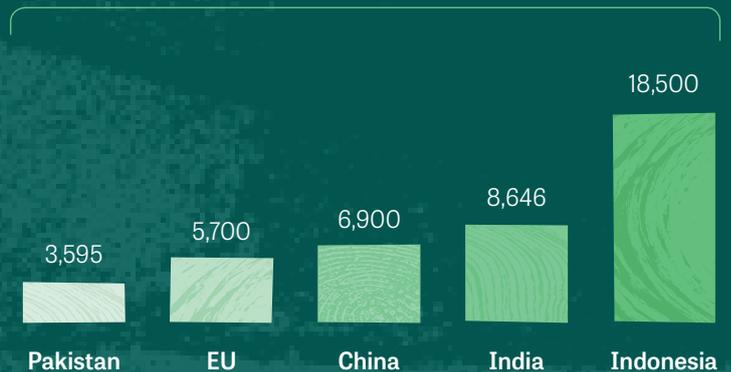
## Imports



## Production



## Consumption



Sources: USDA 2022, SEA India 2021, FAO

IDH's Markets program in India has been working with key market stakeholders and government departments involved in the trade of edible oils and working on sustainability issues within the supply chain, especially imports from high deforestation risk geographies.

IDH is building out high-level policy engagements with multiple union ministries and departments, including



### Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India

The IDH Markets team had a fruitful discussion with Ms Leena Nandan, then Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India on India's ecological footprint through its imports and the need for responsible sourcing.



### Directorate General of Foreign Trade

IDH hosted a first of its kind public and private stakeholders consultation on responsible sourcing of edible oils in India where Shri Hardeep Singh, Additional Director General of Foreign Trade delivered the keynote address.



### NITI Aayog

IDH is working with key importers and NITI Aayog's trade and commerce team to build policy recommendations feeding into national development priorities for the various departments of the Government of India.

Presently, the Markets team is working in collaboration with key departments on policy briefings and papers focussed on imports, trade and production of palm oil to build out a minimum sustainability criteria for the import of palm oil into the country, as a strong foundation to help shape the domestic production agenda. We bring our expertise in sustainable trade of palm oil, having worked in the EU market and production geographies of Indonesia and Malaysia to advise on progressing India's commitments on SDGs, regional trade and reducing the country's ecological footprint.



## Program Focus

### CONVENING

- Market and policy stakeholders
- Working to refine understanding of Minimum Import Criteria
- Building commitments for responsibly sourced palm oil

### MONITORING

- Import volumes and commitments for responsibly sourced palm oil
- Linking global perspectives to the Indian value chain

### MARKET LINKAGE

- Link buyers to sustainable palm oil suppliers
- Introduce SourceUp to Indian buyers

**Commit to support  
sustainable palm oil  
in India**

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