





Roots of Sustainability14-15Palm Oil TourNovember 2024

Location: Surat Thani Province, Thailand



Discover the Roots of Sustainability in Thailand on an immersive two-day tour in the national model city for sustainable palm oil, Surat Thani Province. Explore how smallholders in the Kanchanadit District are transforming palm oil cultivation through innovative, sustainable harvesting techniques. From visiting local plantations and the Surat Thani Oil Palm Research Centre to engaging directly with smallholders, industry and government leaders, you'll gain firsthand insight into the entire palm oil value chain.

Surat Thani Oil Palm Research Center is a unique destination featuring experimental oil palm plots, a gene bank for oil palm parent plants, and ongoing research on the potential of Surat Thani hybrid oil palm varieties using advanced technology. Visitors can learn about oil palm seedling production and explore a collection of ornamental palm species from diverse varieties, making it an informative and fascinating stop for those interested in agricultural innovation and biodiversity.



The Lumnam Kadae Pattana Oil Palm Community Enterprise Group, has been RSPO Certified since 2014. Comprising 243 smallholders, the group has increased yields, reduced costs, and implemented sustainable farming practices, including soil and leaf analysis to optimise fertilisation. They've also

fostered community engagement through social projects, such as granting scholarships and promoting sustainable farming education. The group's efforts have led to improved farm management, higher income, and greater productivity for its members.

A special cocktail reception and **welcome dinner and talk** will be hosted by the Governor, the Federation of Thai Industries-Surat Thani, the Surat Thani Palm Oil Farmers Association, and RSPO members in Surat Thani to witness the Declaration of Collaboration in Supporting Smallholders Toward Sustainability by Surat Thani's crushing mills, with valued support from the Thailand Alliance for Sustainable Palm Oil (TASPO).









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Participants

Media and buyers, RSPO Members and any individual or organisation interested in sustainable palm oil. **30** participants only!

Contribution cost

USD 650, inclusive of airfare, accommodation, meals, and ground transfer. All participants will stay at the S22 Hotel. For registration, please use <u>this link</u>. Registrations are open until 31 October 2024 or until spots are filled.

Thursday 14 Nov	ember 2021
07.20 - 08.40	Flight from Bangkok to Surat Thani
07.20 = 08.40 08.40 = 09.30	Head to the Smallholder's Plantation
09.30 – 11.00	Meet Smallholder Palm Oil Plantation of Lumnam Kadee Pattana Oil Palm Community Enterprise Group in Kanchanadit District: Sustainable harvesting and more on-site experiences
11.00 - 12.00	Visit the Surat Thani Oil Palm Research Centre
12.00 - 13.30	Lunch by the sea in the Mangrove forest, Keing Lae Seafood Restaurant
13.30 - 14.00	Head to the Nursery site at Southern Palm Group
14.00 - 15.30	Oil Palm Nursery visit at Southern Palm Group
15.30 - 16.30	Head to the S22 Hotel and Check-in
16.30 - 17.30	Rest period. Depart at 17.30
18.00 – 19.30	Cocktail Reception by the canal
19.30 – 21.00	Special Welcome Dinner and Talk with Governor and Sustainable Palm Oil Leaders (from Farmer to Governor) at Rim Num Room, Wang Tai Hotel, supported by Thailand Alliance for Sustainable Palm Oil (TASPO)
21.00	Head back to the S22 Hotel
Friday 15 November 2024	
07.00 - 08.00	Breakfast at hotel
08.00 - 08.30	Check out and depart at 8.30
09.00 - 10.00	Integrated farming at RSPO Palm Oil Production and FFB Collection Centre at Klong Noi
10.00 - 11.00	Head to Tha Chang
11.00 - 12.00	Visit Rin Tip cooking oil at a palm oil extraction and refinery business group, at the New
	Biodiesel Co.Ltd., a joint venture with the PCE Or Petchsrivichat Enterprise Public Company Limited
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch at Phuenderntang Restaurant
13.00 – 15.00	Visit Wat Phra Borommathat Chaiya Ratchaworawhan in the Chiya National Museum
15.00 – 16.00	Head to the Airport
17.30 – 18.40	Return flight to Bangkok









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ABOUT RSPO

The Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (<u>RSPO</u>) is a global partnership to make palm oil sustainable. Formed in 2004, the RSPO is a multi-stakeholder non-profit organisation that unites members from across the palm oil value chain, including oil palm producers, palm oil processors and traders, consumer goods manufacturers, retailers, banks and investors, environmental or nature conservation non-governmental organisations (NGOs), and social or developmental NGOs.

As a partnership for progress and positive impact, the RSPO facilitates global change to make the production and consumption of palm oil sustainable. To inspire change, we communicate the environmental and social benefits. To make progress, we catalyse collaboration. To provide assurance, we set the standards of certification.

ABOUT TASPO

The Thailand Alliance for Sustainable Palm Oil (<u>TASPO</u>) is made up of the RSPO, the Thailand Environment Institute, and with five founding partner organisations—namely the Palm Oil Refiners Association, the Palm Oil Millers Association, the Biodiesel Producers Association of Thailand, the Oleochemical Producers Trade Association, and the National Farmers Council. TASPO aims to collaborate in strengthening the capabilities and resilience of its members and networks in producing and utilising palm oil sustainably, both in trade and consumption. This commitment ensures that Thailand's palm oil industry is ready to advance toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Thailand's Bio-Circular-Green (BCG) economy model, and international standards. Additionally, it seeks to enhance economic growth, reduce social inequality, maintain ecosystem balance, and respond effectively to climate change, producing concrete outcomes in the future.

