



Sourcing Sustainable Palm Oil

find the supply chain model that helps your company reach its sustainability goals

With growing pressure to reach net zero emissions, science-based targets, NDPE compliant supply chains, among others, the landscape in which businesses operate is rapidly evolving. It is growing more imperative to show how your company aligns with sustainable actions in order to gain or maintain market share. In addition to market pressures, governments and regulators are increasingly accelerating similar efforts in various policies, turning compliance from voluntary to mandatory.

Given these developments, being a member of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) and utilising RSPO Certified supply chains is a crucial step in showing your stakeholders that you can provide positive impacts and assist with compliance. Independent third party certification assures that RSPO Member organisations who produce or physically handle RSPO Certified products meet the RSPO Standards.

Certification provides assurance that the RSPO Member has committed to and complied with sustainability requirements, and can make this claim on their certification status and communicate this throughout the supply chain. To become RSPO Certified, organisations are required to demonstrate compliance with the applicable RSPO Standards. They must complete a thorough and continued verification process through a systematic annual audit process, as well as maintain and improve their compliance status, reflecting continuous improvement.



At the top of the supply chain, oil palm plantations and schemed smallholder plantations are certified against the RSPO Principles and Criteria (P&C) and independent smallholder plantations, against the RSPO Independent Smallholder Standard (ISH). Certified Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB) from these plantations are processed by RSPO certified palm oil mills. The flesh of the fruit is processed into Certified Sustainable Palm Oil (CSPO) products, while the palm kernels go to a RSPO certified crusher and are further processed to become Certified Sustainable Palm Kernel Oil (CSPKO) products and Certified Sustainable Palm Kernel Expeller (CSPKE) products. All of these certified raw materials or semi-finished products are sold further downstream according to the RSPO Supply Chain Certification Standard through models such as RSPO Mass Balance (MB), Segregated (SG) and Identity Preserved (IP).

Oil Palm Products

Products produced from the oil palm, including its fruit and kernels. Depending on the context, the phrase 'oil palm products' in this document can also refer to products such as (crude) palm oil, shells, palm kernels, palm kernel expeller, palm kernel oil (PKO), or products derived thereof, palm fatty acids (PFAD), palm kernel fatty acids (PKFAD), olein, stearin, or other products that are derived from the fractionation of palm oil and palm kernel oil.



Each actor in the supply chain has a role to play to maintain the chain of custody of certification up until the product is packaged and ready to be delivered to the end user. Alternatively, CSPO, CSPKO, and CSPKE can also be sold as RSPO Credits. RSPO Credits can be used to offset volumes that were sourced conventionally and thereby incentivise certified sustainable palm oil producers.

Every RSPO supply chain model offers different benefits and varying levels of traceability to suit the needs of your company and stakeholders.

Our Factsheets on the Supply Chain Models aim to help your organisation decide which supply chain model is best suited for achieving your goals, while ensuring that you contribute to a more resilient, future proof, and sustainable palm oil sector.



Segregated and Identity Preserved Supply Chain Models

the added value of traceability for transforming supply chains



Mass Balance Supply Chain Model

the meeting point between traceability and market access



Book and Claim Supply Chain Model

Sustainability at scale with RSPO Credits

Once you have made your choice, you can find additional information in the **RSPO Supply Chain Certification Standard**, or **contact your local RSPO representative** for more information.



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