

HOW DOES MALAYSIAN PALM OIL SUPPORT UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



FELDA provides land to 112,635 families to generate income & create livelihoods

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Palm oil usage in food & non-food sectors create new segments in the industry to boost economy

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Farmers learn machinery & skills to increase efficiency in production through training & courses

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Utilization of palm oil biomass & by-products as feedstock (R&D) for industrial applications



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Shift to Agroforestry (mixed-species tree planting of fruit & rubber trees) in palm oil plantation to minimize the losses of forest biodiversity

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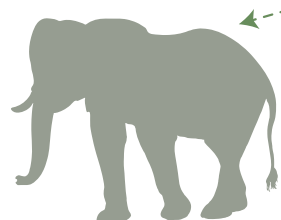




MALAYSIAN PALM OIL AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



What the Malaysian Palm Oil industry has contributed towards Malaysia's Sustainable Development Goals ?



Protecting the abundant wildlife
such as the Bornean Pygmy elephant in the Sabah Rainforest.

Reducing global warming

Palm oil plantation is more efficient carbon sink than a tropical rainforest.

a study has shown :



palm oil plantation
assimilate

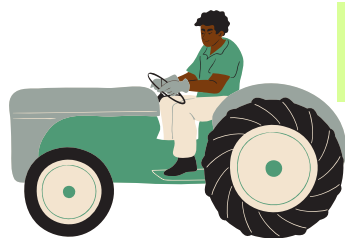
= **44.0**
tonnes of dry matter per
hectare per year

than



rainforest
assimilate

= **25.7**
tonnes of dry matter per
hectare per year

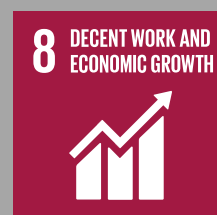


For example, a local farmer, Mr. Thomas Lamit Anak Lutek

Providing farmers with property rights and a fair income.

- farmers were given a hand documentary by SALCRA as proof that they owned his land.
- farmers harvest fresh fruit bunches from their oil palm trees
- farmers sell fresh fruit bunches to the SALCRA mill, which pays them a fair dividend
- SALCRA maintains a reserve fund to cover smallholders' replanting costs.

SDGs that have been met:



How the Malaysian Palm Oil industry can contribute towards Malaysia's Sustainable Development Goals ?



The size of **Malaysian palm oil plantations** was around **5.2** million hectares



- MPO is potentially to create a large-scale production of **graphene** as it can be made from **palm kernel waste**.

Graphene

VS

Metal



200 strength

1

a highly **fire-resistant material** and an **efficient conductor** that may be employed in a variety of industrial areas.



palm oil



biofuel



2

Reducing our reliance on fossil fuel while reaping the benefits of **environmental**

- do not require drilling or milling to produce it.
- It causes **less air pollution** and emits a minimal amount of carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxides when burned, preventing the formation of acid rain.

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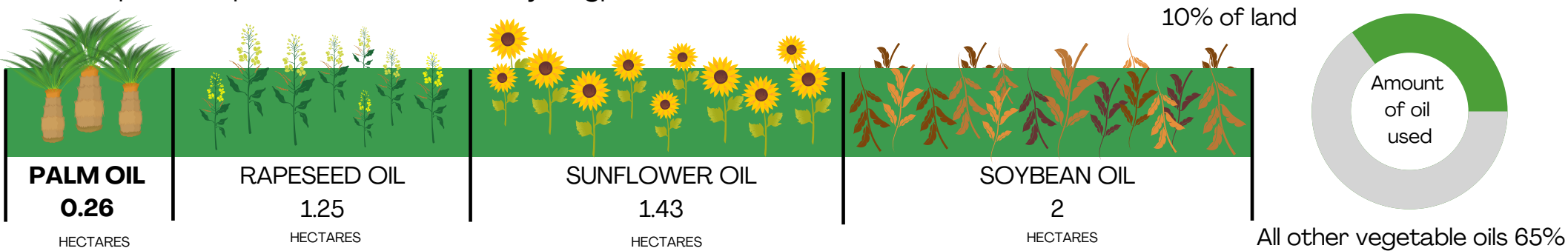
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MALAYSIAN PALM OIL (MPO) INDUSTRY

Land required to produce 1 tonne of major types of oil

PO represents 35% of all vegetable oil used, but only require 10% of land



CONTRIBUTION OF (MPO) TOWARDS THE UNITED NATIONS (UN) SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS)

EMPLOYMENT

Employs around **2.3 million** people in Malaysia (2);

- An increment by **1.2%** of the employment rate recently after COVID-19 (3).

40% of all Palm Oil plantations owned by small farmers (1).

Organized smallholders

FELDA, FELCRA, RISDA.

Independent smallholders

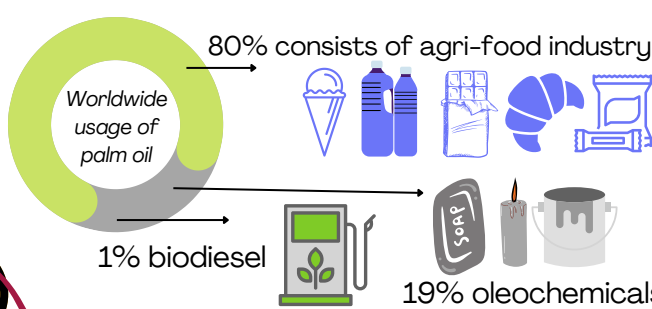
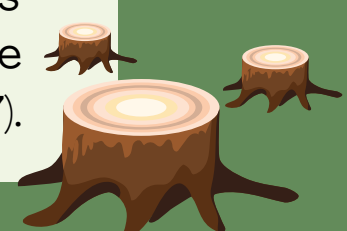
TUNAS under (MPOB)

ECONOMIC

SOCIAL

ENVIRONMENT

RSPO certification reduces illegal deforestation outside of certified supply bases (7).



Increase possibility to access to healthcare, especially for smallholder families (4).

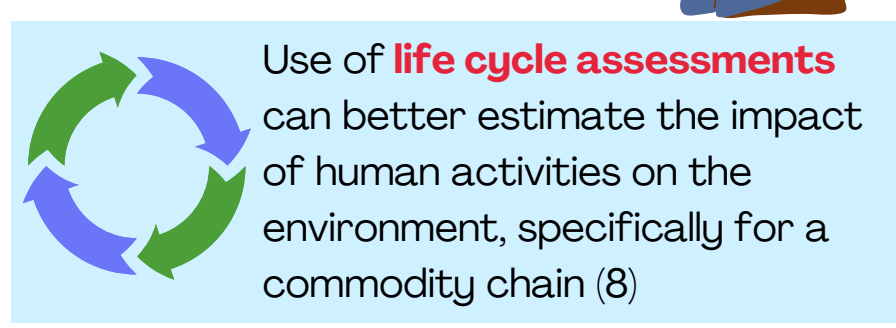
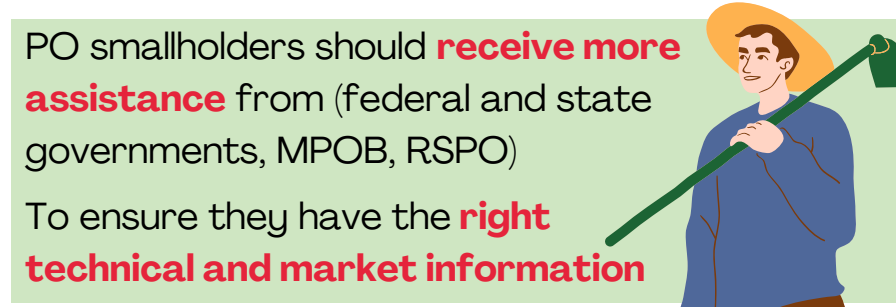
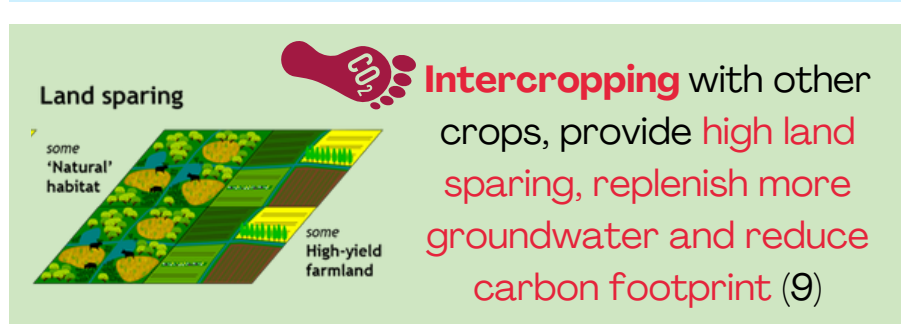
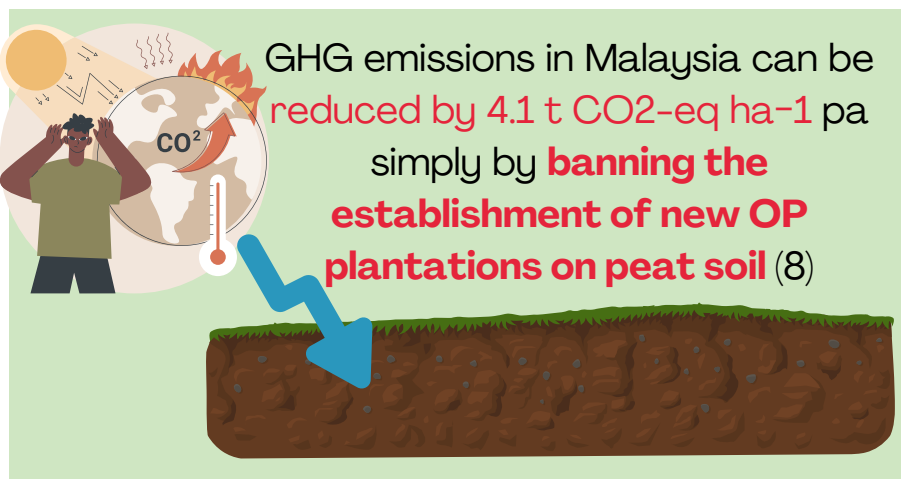


Developing Sustainable Futures



Majority of large palm oil companies in Malaysia are involved in **building schools to provide education for the children** of their workers (5).

FURTHER MPO INDUSTRY POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS MALAYSIA'S SDGS



Abbreviations

PO = Palm Oil, **MPO** = Malaysian Palm Oil, **COVID-19** = Corona Virus Disease 2019, **FELDA** = Federal Land Development Authority, **FELCRA** = Federal Land Consolidation and Rehabilitation Authority, **RISDA** = Rubber Industry Smallholders Development Authority, **TUNAS** = Tunjuk Ajar & Nasihat Sawit, **RSPO** = Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil, **GHG** = Greenhouse Gas, **CO₂** = Carbon Dioxide & **MPOB** = Malaysia Palm Oil Board

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Malaysia Palm Oil ^[1-3]

2nd
Largest
Producer

110
Billion MYR 2022
Revenue Forecast

26%
Global
Production

34%
Global
Exports

Significant Contributions

1 NO POVERTY



Government Incentives For Rural Farmer ^[4,5]

Oil Palm Integrated Farming Scheme (ITa)
Agro Bank-MPOB Easy Financing Scheme



2.3

million people
employed in palm
oil sector ^[1]

2 ZERO HUNGER



Improved Nutrition Uptake at Affordable Price ^[4,6]

Pro-vitamin A Activity and Fortification
Rich in Tocotrienols (Vitamin E)



300

kcal/pax/day
food supply secured ^[7]

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



Employees Living Conditions Improved ^[8]

Basic amenities are given to employees
Rural Children are exposed to education



76%

of workers
experienced overall
positive change ^[8]

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



Created More Job Opportunity For The Nation ^[1]

Plantation, refinery and supply chains
Attracts foreign investment



2.7%

Malaysia
GDP in 2020 ^[9,10]

Future Outlook

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



Palm Oil Derived Biofuel
B20 Biodiesel Mandate
by end of 2022 ^[11]

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



Sustainable Certification
RSPO ISPO [12,13]
MSPO ISCC

15 LIFE ON LAND



Biodiversity Protection
MPOWCF funding ^[14]



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1 NO POVERTY

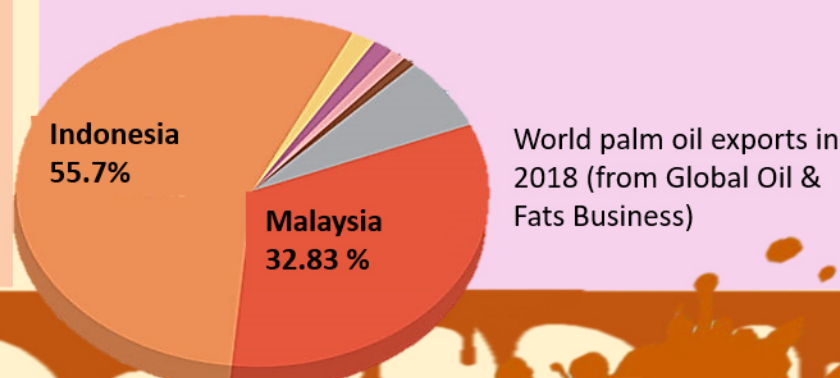
“ **40%** of palm oil cultivated area in Malaysia are possessed or grown by small farmers, who have profited from oil palm agronomy[1] ”

“ Monthly average household income of FELDA smallholders amplified from **MYR1338** (2006) to **MYR3000** (2010), surpassing the national poverty limit[1] ”



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

“ In **2021**, the export revenue of Malaysia palm oil industry products is **RM108.5bn** and expected to increase to **MYR110bn** [2] ”



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

“ **Red palm oil** can be effectively used as regular food to prevent **vitamin A deficiency** [3] ”

“ Palm vitamin E, i.e. tocotrienols, have been explored for their **anti-cancer, anti-thrombotic, and antioxidant effects** [3] ”

More Sustainable Future Potentials :



Waste cooking oil → **Biodiesel**
High triglycerides Transesterification

Palm Fatty Acid Distillate (PFAD) → **Biodiesel**
High free fatty acid content Esterification

Palm oil mill effluent (POME) → **Biogas**
High organic compound Anaerobic digestion



Bio-fertilizer industry

Palm oil mill effluent (POME)
Can be converted into fertilizer via compositing [4]

Activated carbon, semiconductor

Empty fruit bunch actually can be converted to functional carbon-based materials such as activated carbon, carbon nanotubes or graphene for potential applications in wastewater treatment, semiconductor materials and etc [5].

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