SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL COALITION FOR INDIA
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What is Palm Oil

- Oil palm, *Elaeis guineensis* Jacq., is a tropical, perennial crop mainly cultivated for its vegetable oil, which is composed of both palm oil and kernel oil.
- Palm oil is derived from the mesocarp, whereas kernel oil is derived from the endosperm or kernel.
- Both vegetable oils from oil palm are constituents of many foods, oleochemicals, medicinal and health products, household products, and industrial products.

Source: https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/agricultural-and-biological-sciences/palm-oils
Why Palm Oil

- Most commonly and widely produced, consumed and traded edible oil
- Is a key constituent of most daily consumable products
- Cultivation of conventional palm oil is associated with environmental and social issues such as
  - Deforestation
  - Destruction of species habitat
  - Violation of human rights
Typical Products containing Palm Oil

1. Cooking oil
2. Pizza dough
3. Instant noodles
4. Shampoo
5. Ice cream
6. Detergents
7. Lipsticks
8. Chocolate
9. Cookies
10. Soap
11. Packaged bread
Palm Oil Consumption in India

Consumption by Year

Share of Imports by Country of Origin

Source: http://www.tradestat.commerce.gov.in/eidb/default.asp
Sectoral Consumption

Household vs Non-household
- 40% Household consumption
- 60% Non-household consumption

Edible vs Non-edible
- 13% Edible use
- 87% Non-edible use

Sector-wise Consumption
- 40% Household consumption
- 13% Food services
- 11% Snacks & namkeen
- 4% Non edible (cosmetics & toileteries)
- 13% Biscuits/bakery (artisnal + industrial)
- 13% RTE/RTS food (pickle, desserts, dairy, etc.)
- 18% Chocolates
- 1% Ice cream

Source: TransGraph
1. Unsustainable production and cultivation of palm oil has impacts (environment, social, economic along with biodiversity and ecosystem loss)
2. Creation of sustainable value chains
3. Push towards Responsible Consumerism
4. Push from investors on ESG integration and disclosures
5. Dependency of India on palm oil imports is high – India is the largest importer of palm oil and second largest consumer of palm oil
Challenges for promoting Sustainable Palm Oil

- Price sensitivity
- Use of unbranded palm oil in India
- Presence of conventional supply chains in India
- Lack of awareness amongst supply chain actors on sustainable palm oil
- Dependency on existing technology for production and supply of palm oil
- Increased South – South collaboration within the value chain
- Addressing the concept of shared responsibility
Sustainable Palm Oil Coalition for India (I-SPOC)

WE ARE

• Business-led, multi-stakeholder sustainability initiative
• Promoting sustainable sourcing, trade and consumption of palm oil and its derivatives along the supply chain
• Supported by global standards and leading sustainability organisations and businesses

WE BUILD

• Multisector industrial dialogue on sustainable palm oil
• Sustainable trade partnerships that discuss challenges & opportunities (principle of ‘shared responsibility’)
• Dialogue for supportive policy, regulatory environment
• Capacity on sustainable sourcing strategies and actions

STEERING COMMITTEE

SECRETARIAT
Members of I-SPOC

- AAK Kamani
- ARHAA
- CDP
- Cheyenne Mountain Zoo
- Colgate-Palmolive
- ECube
- Ferrero
- Galaxy
- Gar Agribusiness and Food
- Haldirams
- HSBC
- Hindustan Unilever Limited
- IDH Sustainable Trade Initiative
- IHPCA
- L’Oréal
- Manorama Industries Limited
- Marlecha
- Nava Bharat Ltd.
- Rabobank
- Jubilant FoodWorks
- Reckitt
- P&G
- RBL Bank
- ZSL
- Godrej
- Preferred by Nature
- Actus ESG
- IOM 70 Years
Governance Structure

- Steering Committee
  - 8 Members = 4 Founding Members and 4 Other Members
  - I-SPOC Secretary

- Working Group
  - Government Policy and Domestic Production
  - Supply Chain and End Users
  - Financial Institutions

- Members
Working Groups

GOVERNMENT POLICY & DOMESTIC PRODUCTION

SUPPLY CHAIN AND END USERS

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
Our Journey so far....

- September 2018 – I-SPOC launched in Delhi
- AAK and HUL joined the coalition as Steering Committee Members
- CDP joined as a member
- Haldirams joined as a member

2018

- May 2019 – First Members’ Meeting in Mumbai
- September 2019 – I-SPOC completes one year
- November 2019 – Second Members’ Meeting in Delhi
- Manorama Industries, Karnataka Chemical Industries, Ecube, Loreal, Ferrero, P&G, Galaxy Surfactants, Colgate Palmolive, Navabharat, Rabobank joined as members

2019

- May 2019 – First Members’ Meeting
- September 2019 – I-SPOC completed one year
- November 2019 – Second Members’ Meeting in Delhi
- Manorama Industries, Karnataka Chemical Industries, Ecube, Loreal, Ferrero, P&G, Galaxy Surfactants, Colgate Palmolive, Navabharat, Rabobank joined as members

2020

- April 2020 – Third Members’ Meeting
- September 2020 – I-SPOC Celebrated 2 Years
- December 2020 – Fourth Members’ Meeting
- Arhaa Foods, GAR, Reckitt, RBL Bank, Preferred by Nature, IHPCIA joined the coalition as members
- IDH joined the coalition as a Steering Committee Member

2021

- May 2021 – Fifth Members’ Meeting
- June 2021 – 1st Open Day session
- September 2021 – 2nd Open Day session
- November 2021 – I-SPOC Capacity Building Workshop
- December 2021 - Sixth Members’ Meeting
- Arhaa Foods, GAR, Reckitt, RBL Bank, Preferred by Nature, IHPCIA joined the coalition as members
- IDH joined the coalition as a Steering Committee Member

2022

- May 2021 – Fifth Members’ Meeting
- June 2021 – 1st Open Day session
- September 2021 – 2nd Open Day session
- November 2021 – I-SPOC Capacity Building Workshop
- December 2021 - Sixth Members’ Meeting
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- IDH joined the coalition as a Steering Committee Member

- New Age ESG and Climate Action Pvt Ltd joined as a member
- 7th members meeting held in March 2022

- ZSL, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo joined as members

- 7th members meeting held in March 2022
Representation at events

- November 2019 – Representation at RT 17
- November 2019 session at ISS – CEO Panel Discussion on Sustainable Palm Oil
- January - September 2020 – New members added and Working Group Meeting
- October 2020 – Sustainable Palm Oil Dialogue
- October 2020 – Public Consultation: Youth for Sustainability (YfS)India Alliance
- December 2020 – Launch of Biennial Report and Business Guide

- November 2019 – Representation at RT 17
- November 2019 session at ISS – CEO Panel Discussion on Sustainable Palm Oil
- January – March 2021 - New Members Added (total members – 29)
- March – September 2021
- Working Group Meetings and Stakeholder consultations
Join I-SPOC
Commit to Sustainable Palm Oil

Be Part Of The Movement To Promote Dialogue & Actions Towards Sustainable Palm Oil In India

India continues to be one of the largest consuming market for palm oil and in the unique position to drive responsible sourcing globally.
I-SPOC convenes a unique platform bringing together the front-runners of global sustainability, important national stakeholders (refiners, processors, traders and producers) in palm oil value chain and other ecosystem actors (civil society, financial sector and government agencies).
To Become A Member You Must

• Be a committed stakeholder in the palm oil supply chain in India
• Have an interest in the uptake of responsible sourcing practices
• Be inspired to make an Institutional commitment or strategy on Sustainability/Sustainable Sourcing/SDGs
• Believe in the principle ‘shared responsibility’
Contact us

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