



## **Palm Oil Declaration**

Where palm oil is present in our products we aim to source physical sustainable palm oil. By 2024 we will have worked with all our suppliers to ensure that where palm oil is present within our product it will be from sustainable sources.

### **Here is information about Palm Oil – Provided by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF)**

#### **What is Palm Oil?**

It's an edible vegetable oil that comes from the fruit of oil palm trees, the scientific name is *Elaeis guineensis*. Two types of oil can be produced; crude palm oil comes from squeezing the fleshy fruit, and palm kernel oil which comes from crushing the kernel, or the stone in the middle of the fruit. Oil palm trees are native to Africa but were brought to South-East Asia just over 100 years ago as an ornamental tree crop. Now Indonesia and Malaysia make up over 85% of the global supply but there are 42 other countries that also produce palm oil.

#### **What is the problem with Palm Oil?**

Palm oil has been and continues to be a major driver of deforestation of some of the world's most biodiverse forests, destroying the habitat of already endangered species like the Orangutan, Pygmy Elephant and Sumatran Rhino. This forest loss coupled with conversion of carbon rich peat soils are throwing out millions of tonnes of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere and contributing to climate change. There also remains some exploitation of workers and child labour. These are serious issues that the whole palm oil sector needs to step up to address because it doesn't have to be this way.



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