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Olenex offering RTRS certified soybean oil

As a European market leader in refined vegetable oils and fats, Olenex is committed to responsible sourcing. Despite not being a producer of agricultural commodities, we recognize that we fulfil an important role in supporting the industry’s progress towards sustainable development, particularly in our role as a connection between farmers and consumers. In this regard, Olenex offers a comprehensive portfolio of high quality sustainable and certified products. One of these products is RTRS certified soybean oil.

The **Roundtable on Responsible Soy (RTRS)** is a multi-stakeholder sustainability certification standard that certifies soybean production and soybean products in the supply chain. RTRS certified soybean production follows environmentally responsible, socially equitable and economically viable farming practices. Under RTRS, expansion of soybean production goes along with a zero deforestation commitment. RTRS has aligned its standards with various other corporate No-Deforestation policies stipulating that High Conservation Value areas (HCVs) cannot be converted into plantations after June 2016.

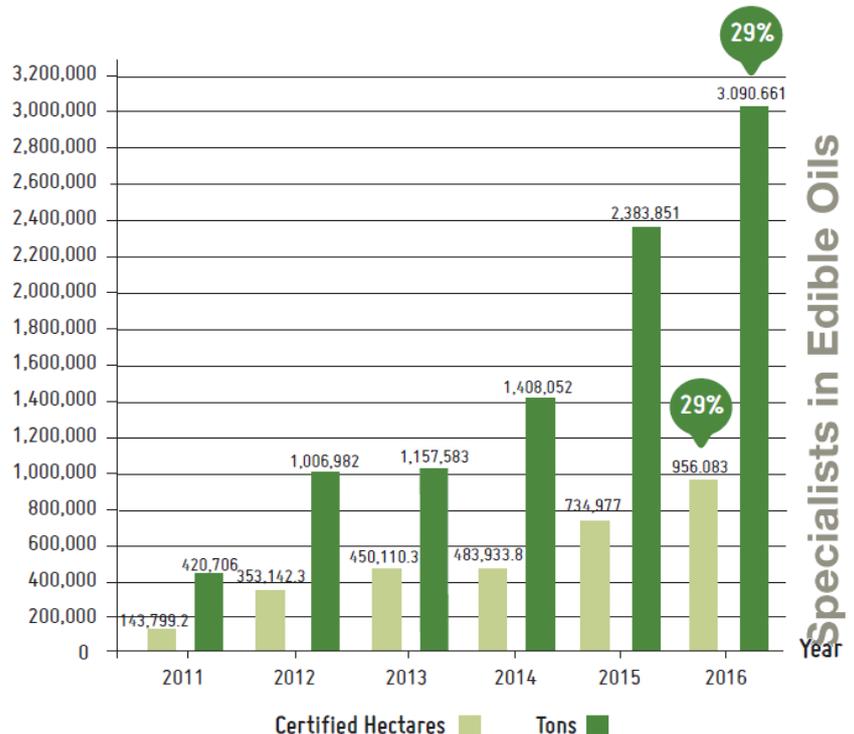
The RTRS Trading Platform is a marketplace for farmers and co-operatives to sell RTRS credits from their certified responsible production. Purchasing credits directly supports the agri-ecological and social commitment of producers who have decided to adopt RTRS production standards.

Olenex parent company and soybean oil supplier ADM is member of the Round Table Responsible Soy and supports the process of changing the paradigm towards responsible soybean production. Together with ADM, Olenex is ready to connect farmers and co-operatives with Olenex customers via the RTRS credits trading platform.

RTRS CREDIT TRADING



Certified Hectares and Tons



Supply chain insight

Consolidating palm oil production with wildlife conservation

Over recent decades, wildlife in tropical regions suffered from land use changes including unsustainable expansion of palm oil plantations. Wilmar, Olenex's joint venture parent company and major supplier for sustainable palm oil, is engaged in several wildlife conservation initiatives on its own plantations and beyond. This is a selection of three initiatives:

Palm Oil NGO (PONGO) Alliance

Orang-utans are a critically endangered species, whose population has more than halved over the past 50 years due to poaching, illegal logging and intensive agriculture. Today, the largest population of orangutans on the planet lives on the island Borneo.



PONGO, an alliance of several major palm oil producers and nature conservation organisations, has a mission to support the proper management of orang-utans and other wildlife within plantations. The health and survival of orang-utans depends ultimately on having year-round access to their staple foods of diverse fruits and nutritious leaves.





One of the biggest challenges of PONGO Alliance is to set in motion a general move away from separating orangutans and plantations, and from automatically taking orang-utans out of plantations on the assumption that they will do better somewhere else. PONGO Alliance believes that the time has come to seek ways to allow free-ranging orang-utans to live and breed in plantation landscapes which incorporate patches and corridors of original and restored forests.

"The PONGO Alliance's approach is to engage with all stakeholders on the ground, including palm oil companies, local governments and communities to implement best management practices for the protection of orang-utans and wildlife in the oil palm landscape."

Ginny Ng Siew Ling
Conservation Lead, Wilmar
International



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More on PONGO Alliance:

[PONGO Alliance on Facebook](#)

[PONGO Alliance Statement on Survival of Orang-utans in Oil Palm Landscapes](#)

[World's largest palm oil companies team up with NGOs in Borneo to save 10,000 orang-utans found on non-certified palm oil concessions.](#)

Wilmar's Honorary Wildlife Wardens

In late 2017, Wilmar staff from the Sustainability and Environment departments participated in a training as Honorary Wildlife Wardens in Sabah, a region on the Island of Borneo, Malaysia. Twelve of the total participants are existing Honorary Wildlife Wardens while the others are new recruits.



Wilmar's Honorary Wildlife Wardens in Sabah

All participants had to undergo the training to understand the responsibilities and the powers of Honorary Wildlife Wardens as gazetted under the Sabah Wildlife Conservation Enactment 1997. The training includes a mock roadblock scenario and evidence collection and concluded with an examination. As of January 2018, a total of 32 new Wardens have been appointed and 12 of the old Wardens were re-appointed.

Palm oil sustainability news

MPOCC and Wilmar help over 260 suppliers attain MSPO certification

Wilmar and the Malaysian Palm Oil Certification Council (MPOCC) are joining hands to assist all of Wilmar's suppliers in Malaysia to obtain the Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) certification by the end of 2019. [Learn more](#)



Providing a safe place for workers' passports

Recognising that passport retention is a key indicator of forced labour, Wilmar is providing locker facilities for workers to safekeep their passports. Wilmar is currently in the process of rolling out this initiative to all its plantations in Malaysia. [Learn more](#)

Winners and losers from the proposed ban on palm oil

Gernot Klepper, professor at the *Kiel Institute for the World Economy* and Chairman of the ISCC Board analyses potential effects of a palm oil ban voted for by the European Parliament. [Learn more](#)

Decent rural living initiative

Wilmar and other major palm oil companies announced an initiative with *Forum for the Future* to address human and labour rights. The initial focus of the *Decent Rural Living Initiative* will be on Indonesia, and the first workshop took place in May 2018. [Learn more](#)

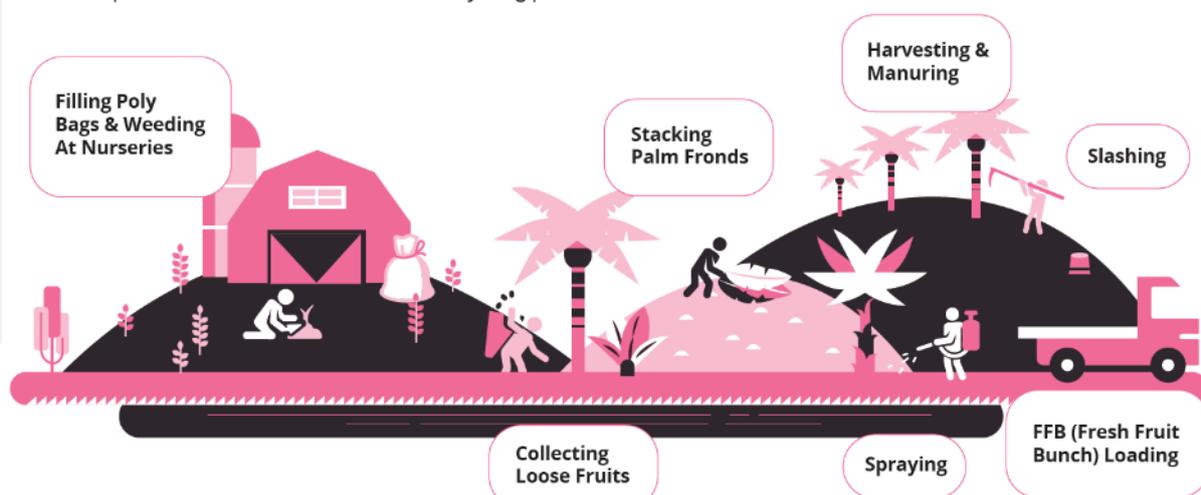
Children in the plantations of Sabah

At least 60,000 Indonesian children and an unknown number of Filipino children live around oil palm plantations across Sabah, Malaysia ([UNICEF 2015](#)).

While these issues are structural and require policy intervention, it is believed that the business community has a role to play. With this belief, The Forest Trust (TFT) organised a stakeholder consultation on Sep. 5, 2017 in Sandakan, Sabah together with its members – Nestlé, Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) and Wilmar. [Learn more](#)

Key workshop findings

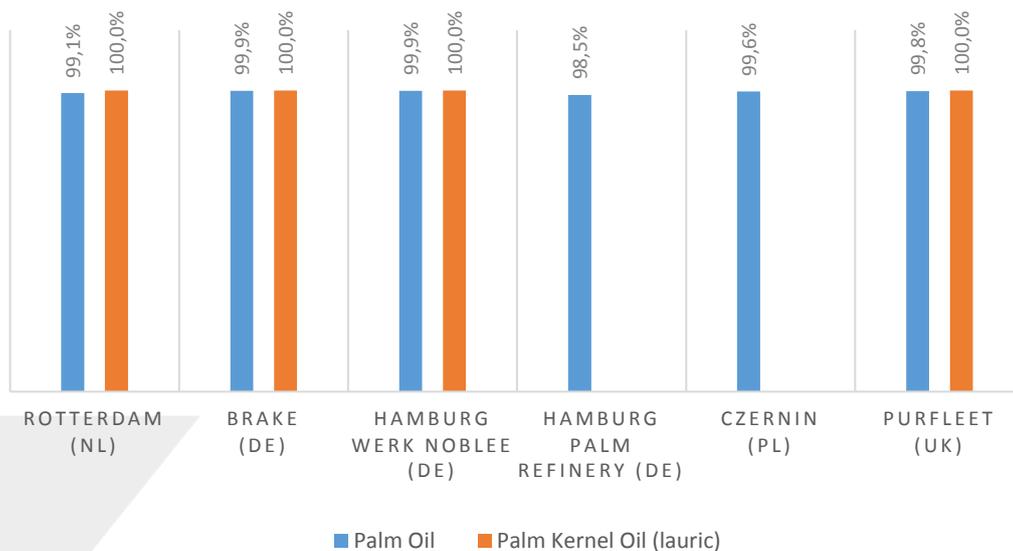
Participants shared that some children and young persons are involved in:



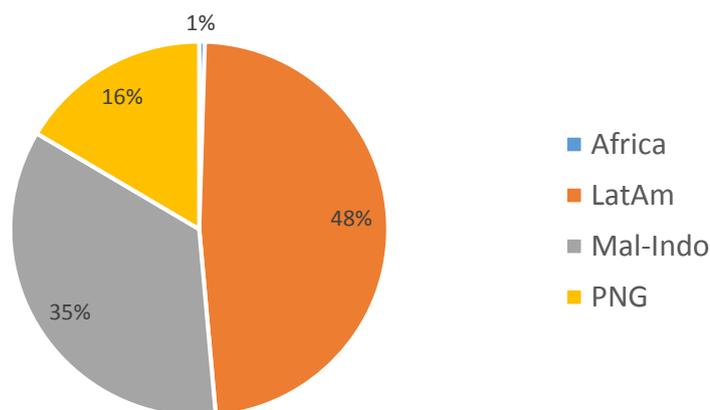
Palm oil traceability update

Olenex is committed to responsible sourcing of palm oil that is delinked from deforestation and exploitation, through the development of a traceable and transparent palm oil supply chain. Each quarter Olenex updates its traceability results. Individual reports with a list of palm oil mills in the supply chain of each refinery are available from the [Olenex sustainability website](#).

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