

EVER WONDER HOW MUCH PALM OIL COSTS?

Answer:
It costs the lives of about 50 orangutans every week, not to mention a lot of other wildlife.



Their mothers shot, knifed, beaten or burnt to death.

In the time it takes you to read this report another orangutan may have died as a consequence of the rapacious drive by the multi-national palm oil companies to get rich(er) – quicker, and damn the cost to the environment.

In February 2007 the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) raised the alarm to an unprecedented level with a new report, "Last Stand of the Orangutan: A State of Emergency." According to the UN, and no one who has visited Borneo recently would doubt it for a second, "The natural forests of Sumatra and Borneo are being cleared so fast, up to 98 per cent may be destroyed by 2022".



When it is an ingredient, these companies mention palm oil specifically. Most companies just say 'vegetable oil' - and this is not good enough. Consumers have a right to know if the palm oil in products they may wish to buy is contributing to the destruction of rainforests and the slaughter of orangutans, as well as other wildlife. Insist on knowing if it is palm oil from Indonesia or Malaysia, and is it 'Orangutan Friendly'.

If you can, just for a moment, think of all those wonderful wildlife films and photos you have seen from Borneo, and now imagine how, if you do nothing to stop it, in less than 15 years all but 2 per cent will have been destroyed. Mammals, birds, insects – all natural life wiped out and replaced with oil palm plantations.

In your home right now there are likely to be any number of products you consume every day, which contain palm oil from Borneo (Indonesia and Malaysia) and Sumatra, tainted with the blood of slaughtered orangutans - thousands of them.

Given a choice most people in the world would not want to eat biscuits and other foods which include palm oil that has cost the lives of thousands of orangutans and the destruction of millions of hectares of rainforest. They would no more do this than they would buy tuna which is not dolphin-friendly. The time has come for the public to demand "Orangutan Friendly" palm oil from Indonesia and Malaysia.

It's not difficult and the criteria are already in place. What's required now is the motivation from large retailers to insist their suppliers meet the criteria laid down by the Round Table on Sustainable Palm Oil.

No one is seeking a ban on the use of palm oil. The industry itself knows that millions of hectares of cleared land already exist on which new plantations can be grown.

The truth of the matter is, many companies supplying palm oil for your food are really looking for a quick profit from cutting down the rainforest and selling the wood. Great Britain, Australia and China are amongst the most enthusiastic importers of such hardwood – often without even knowing if it has been cut down legally; 73 per cent of all logging is illegal and National Parks are no longer sacrosanct with 37 out of 41 suffering from illegal logging.

Large, household name retailers like Tesco are scarcely blameless – they have known about the alarming state of affairs in Borneo and Sumatra for a long time. If they and others like them tell their suppliers they only want "Orangutan Friendly" palm oil in products, they will get what they want and overnight the eating habits of the world could be changed, thousands of orangutans saved along with millions of acres of pristine rainforest.

All it needs now is for you the consumer to be part of the solution, and tell your local supermarket to stock products which contain "Orangutan Friendly" palm oil. If you don't, sadly you will be part of the problem and the scenes you see overleaf will continue until there are no more orangutans or rainforests left for your children and grandchildren to wonder at; and how will you explain to them the situation you see before you today – when you still had time and a chance to make a difference?

SHAME ON THE PA FOR - THE GENOCID

These are some of the people who could easily put an end to most of the forest destruction and killing of orangutans by the palm oil industry.

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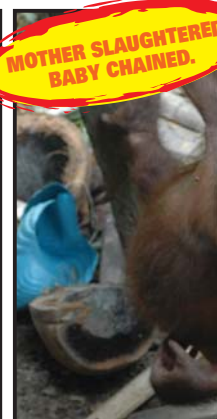


BEFORE UNCARING, CRUEL, GREEDY PALM OIL COMPA

January 25, 2007 : Minister warns comp

*Palangka Raya, Central Kalimantan (ANTARA News) :- Forestry Minister MS Kaban has s
area which hosts the habitat for about 1,600 orangutans in Katingan district, Central Kalim
the area," The minister said if not seriously reprimanded, Makin Group*

THESE FIVE BABY ORANGUTANS HAD THEIR MOTHERS AT LEAST 50 ADULTS ARE S



At least 50 orangutans die each week
All these babies will have seen their mothers slaughtered eit

The supermarket companies listed (left & right) could quickly put a stop to this. They are the ones who supply them they only want "Orangutan Friendly" palm oil in food, then they will get it. Producing "Oran

PALM OIL INDUSTRY DESTRUCTION OF ORANGUTANS

FORESTS ONCE STOOD



COMPANIES WIPED OUT PRACTICALLY EVERY LIVING THING.

Many for posing threat to 1,600 orangutans

WWF strongly warned the Makin Business Group for planning to open an oil palm plantation in an orangutan habitat. "We have given the company a warning and asked it to save the life of orangutans in its plan could lead to the extinction of thousands of orangutans in the area."

KILLED BY THE PALM OIL INDUSTRY IN JANUARY 2007.
ORANGUTANS SLAUGHTERED EACH WEEK.



... as a result of the palm oil industry.
... with guns, machetes, wooden stakes and even set on fire.

... to sell food to you, which is already tainted with the blood of thousands of orangutans. If they tell their
... "Orangutan Friendly" palm oil is not rocket science and it will save orangutans as well as millions of trees.

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Why not spend a few minutes expressing
in an email to these companies your wish
for "Orangutan Friendly" palm oil in the
products you buy? If you don't tell them,
how else will they know of your concern?

They have the financial influence to insist on
"Orangutan Friendly" palm oil from Indonesia
and Malaysia. All we ask in the IMMEDIATE
FUTURE is for the above companies to set an
example to the world. Those companies who
do switch to "Orangutan Friendly" palm oil
are likely to be in great demand in future.

It is now up to you to decide whether
or not to help save orangutans – they are
unable to help themselves.

THE KILLING HAS TO STOP - NOW.

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS BECAUSE EVERY WEEK ANOTHER 50 ORANGUTANS MAY BE SLAUGHTERED BY OIL PALM COMPANY EMPLOYEES.

"Know where your palm oil is coming from! Save orangutans - insist on only Orangutan Friendly palm oil in your food. If you don't, thousands more will be slaughtered - until there are no more left." Dr. Biruté Mary Galdikas



The orangutan population is now down to Sumatra (7,300) and Borneo (45-69,000). At the present rate of killing there will be none left by 2026. The palm oil industry can be held largely accountable for this genocide. They have the blood of thousands of orangutans on their hands.

No one is calling for a ban on palm oil. It is a very useful natural resource used in food products and increasingly as a biofuel.

What we want is “**Orangutan Friendly**” palm oil from Indonesia and Malaysia

WHAT DON'T WE WANT?

More slaughtering of innocent orangutans like this mother and baby.



If you don't insist on “**Orangutan Friendly**” palm oil, they could be next.

What is “**Orangutan Friendly**” palm oil?

For those involved in producing, trading in or selling palm oil in any form, it is really simple: Conform to the standards laid down by the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil. <http://www.rspo.org>. If manufacturers and retailers were to source palm oil from only those suppliers who independently adhere to the criteria laid down by the RSP to determine sustainability, this would be an excellent start and the majority of plantation owners would quickly conform. As can be seen, time has almost run out for orangutans.



“Let us remember, always, that we are the consumers. By exercising free choice, by choosing what to buy, what not to buy, we have the power, collectively to change the ethics of the business of industry. We have the potential to exert immense power for good – we each carry it with us, in our purses, cheque books, and credit cards.” Jane Goodall, “A Reason for Hope”

**No more rainforests and no more orangutans. Is this a price you are prepared to pay for your palm oil?
NO MORE DEFORESTATION. NO MORE SLAUGHTERING OF THE INNOCENTS.
NO MORE ORANGUTAN ORPHANS.**



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