



Responsible Sourcing Guidelines: Palm Oil

The following guidelines apply to all countries that Nestlé sources palm oil from.

Nestlé commits that the palm oil it buys will:

- Not come from areas cleared of natural forest after November 2005
- Be derived from plantations and farms operating in compliance with local laws and regulations
- Protect high conservation values
- Support the free prior and informed consent of indigenous and local communities to activities on their customary lands where plantations are developed
- Protect peatlands
- Protect forest areas of 'high carbon' value

Nestlé is working proactively with suppliers in high risk regions to help them comply with these guidelines. It has been carrying out field assessments against these RSGs since 2010.

RSPO certification is the benchmark demonstrating responsibly grown palm oil, and will be accepted as verification of compliance with the first 4 requirements.

Nestlé will work with stakeholders to set a provisional definition of 'high carbon' value, and work with the RSPO to incorporate this into the RSPO criteria. As at February 2011 the provisional definition is for 35 tonnes of above ground carbon.