

**E-mail newsletter of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil**

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**Sustainable palm oil now fully traceable to certified plantations**

In March, the third of four simple entry points for purchasers of sustainable palm oil became available. After GreenPalm's **Book & Claim** system and the **Mass Balance** System managed by Utz Certified went online last year, the newly launched **Segregated** system gives purchasers of RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil additional options to update clients and customers on the palm oil that is used within their products. The Segregated system gives traders, manufacturers and retailers a 100% guarantee that the palm oil that they bought came directly and exclusively from RSPO-certified producers. They are free to repeat such assurances to their own clients and consumers.



In the Book & Claim and Mass Balance systems, sustainable palm oil may have been mixed with conventional palm oil somewhere in the supply chain. While total amounts of certified oil are accounted for, no firm claims can be made about the actual content of a particular product.

More info on RSPO's online purchasing systems can be found with [Utz Certified](#) and [GreenPalm](#). General info can be found in RSPO's comprehensive set of [fact sheets](#).

**Supply of sustainable palm oil continues to grow**

By late April 2009, 32 palm oil mills, with many plantations and smallholders supplying them, were certified to comply with RSPO's Principles & Criteria. With that, the combined annual production capacity of RSPO-certified sustainable crude palm oil and palm kernel oil reached a level of 1,43 million tonnes, which means that per month approximately 120,000 tonnes of sustainable palm oil is now available for purchase through three purchasing schemes (see above). More than 30 percent of the available sustainable palm oil is currently produced on Sabah, the Malaysian part of the island of Borneo. Approximately 28 percent is coming from Papua New Guinea, with the remainder coming from the Malaysian Peninsula and the Indonesian island of Sumatra. Many additional palm oil production sites are scheduled to be assessed for their compliance to RSPO's environmental and social criteria this month. Up-to-date information on all certifications and assessments can be found on [RSPO's website](#).

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