

Internal Hotspot Monitoring Weekly Report for 2023

Week 1 – October 2023

02 October – 08 October 2023
Malaysia & Indonesia



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RSPO Principles & Criteria 2018

Related Criteria

There is **no use of fire for pest control** unless in exceptional circumstances

7.1.3

Criteria 7.1

The unit of certification **does not use open fire for waste disposal.**

7.3.3

Criteria 7.3

The unit of certification **establishes fire prevention and control measures** for the areas directly managed by the unit of certification

7.11.2

Criteria 7.11

RSPO ISH Standard 2019

Related Criteria

Smallholders complete training on best management practices (BMPs) for peat. The group has an **action plan to minimise risk of fire**, to apply BMPs for planting on peat and manage water systems in the certification unit.

4.4 MSA

Criteria 4.4

Smallholders **implement** the group's **action plan based on BMPs**, including **fire** and water management, and monitoring of subsidence rate for existing planting on peat.

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Fire is not used on the oil palm plot **for preparing land** or for **pest control**, nor open fire for **waste management** on the farm.

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Criteria 4.6



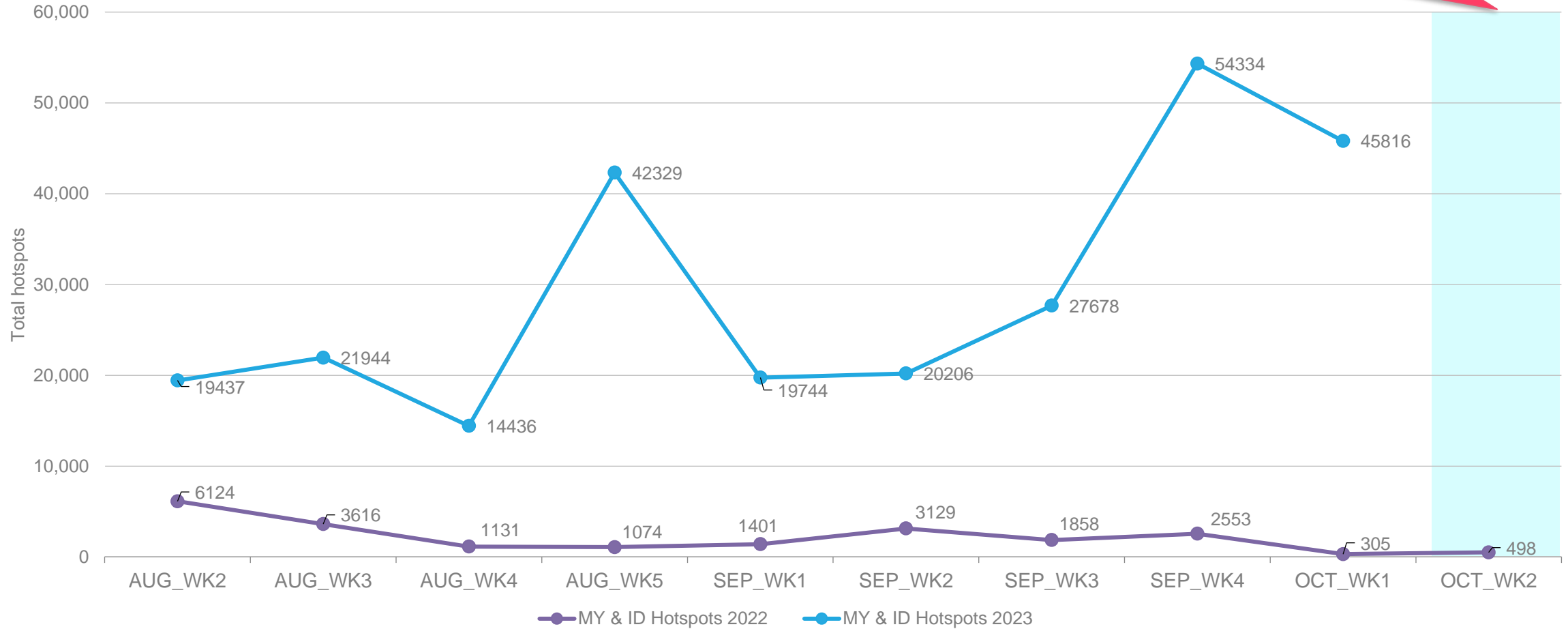
Weekly Analysis

Comparison to 2022 trend
Comparison to previous 10 weeks

Comparison to 2022: All hotspots



The number of hotspots for next week (October 2023: week 2) is predicted to be **increase** in the region as compared to 2022 hotspot trend and forecasted

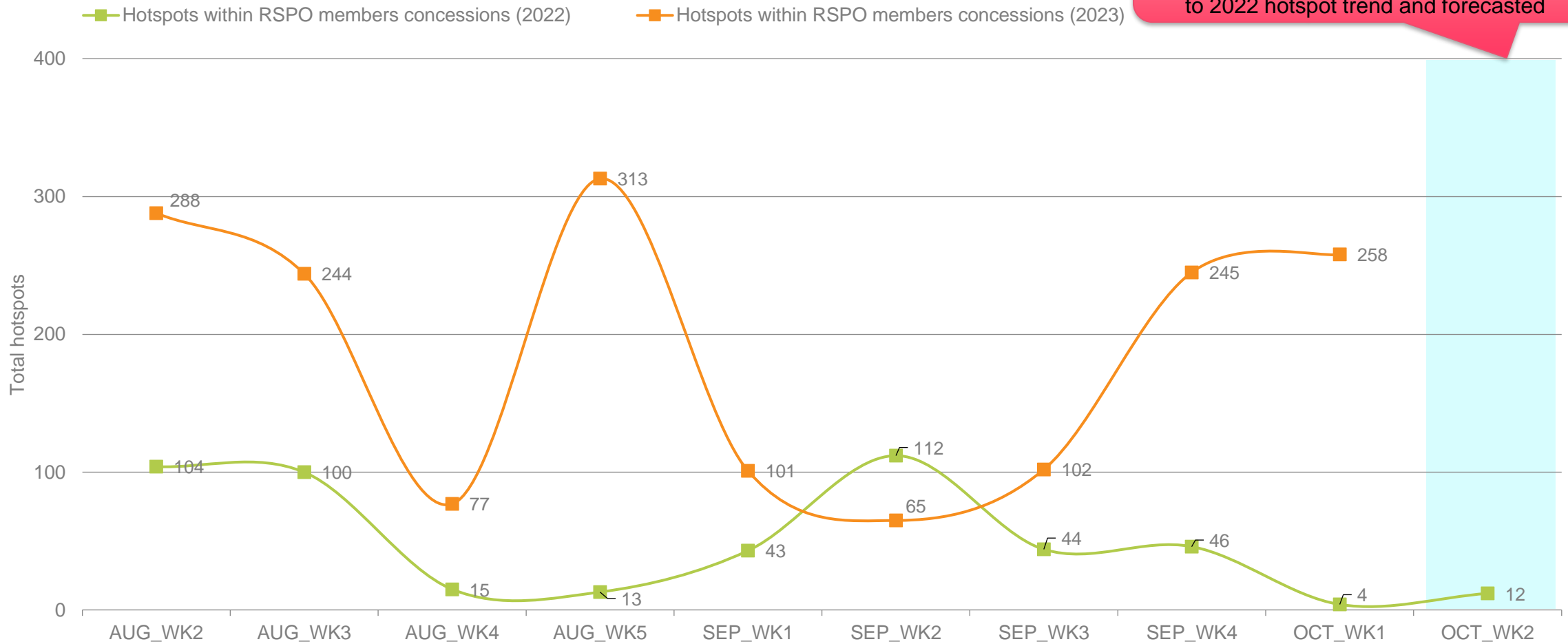


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Comparison to 2022: Hotspot within RSPO Members Concessions



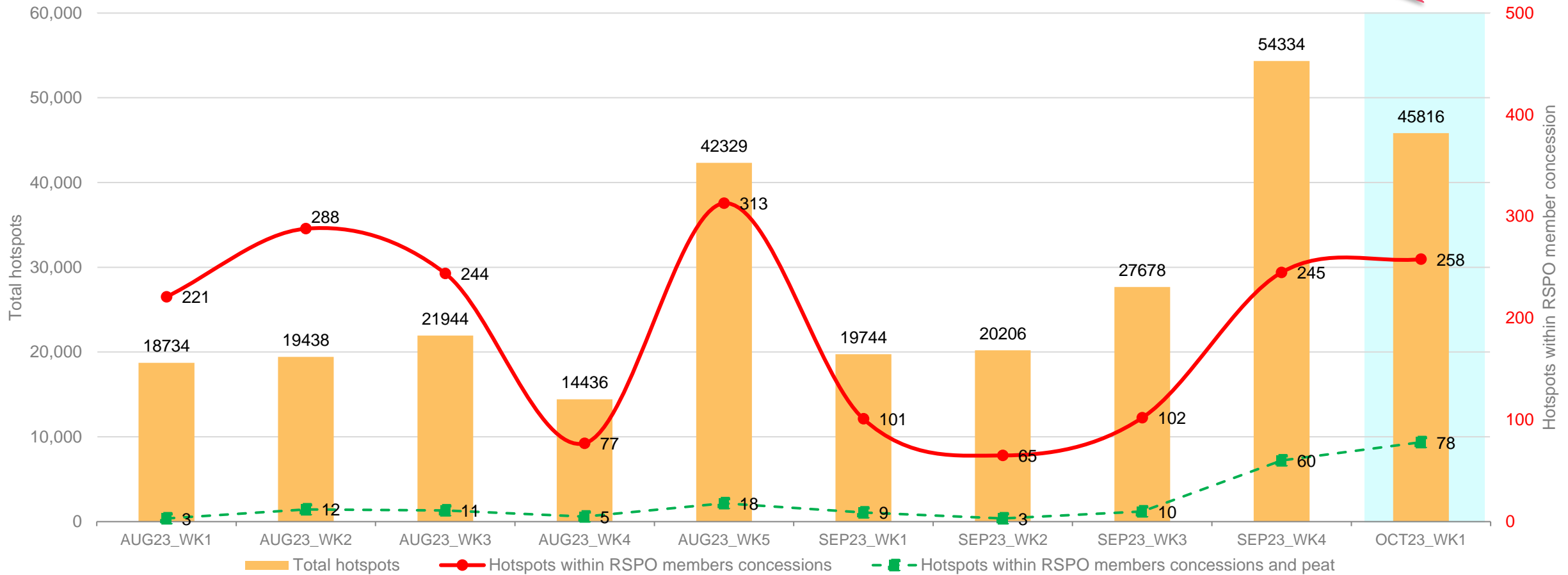
The number of hotspots within RSPO member is expected to be **higher** for next week (October 2023: week 2) as compared to 2022 hotspot trend and forecasted



Weekly trend from last 10 weeks



Lower in hotspot count than previous week



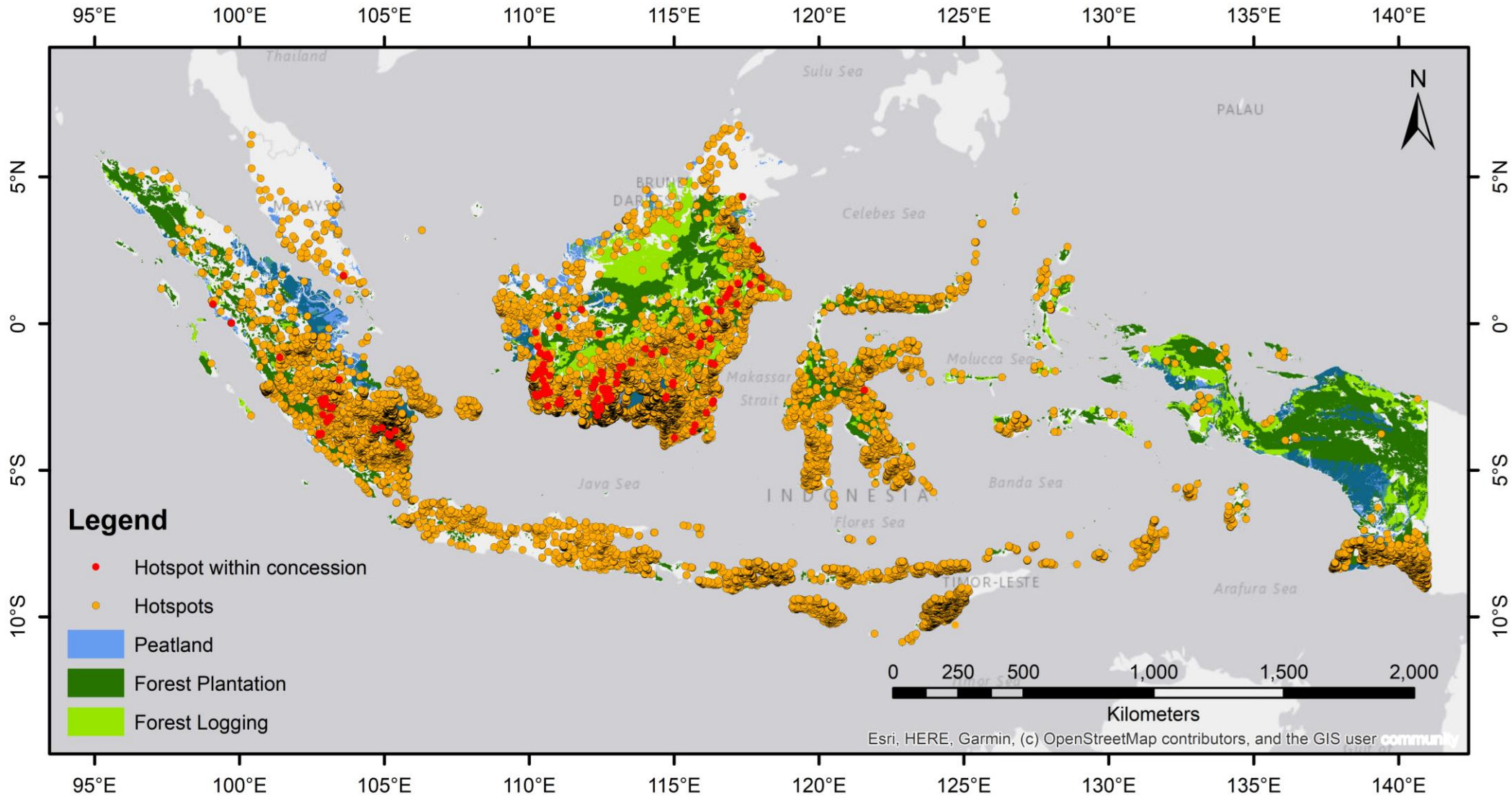


Weekly Hotspot Map

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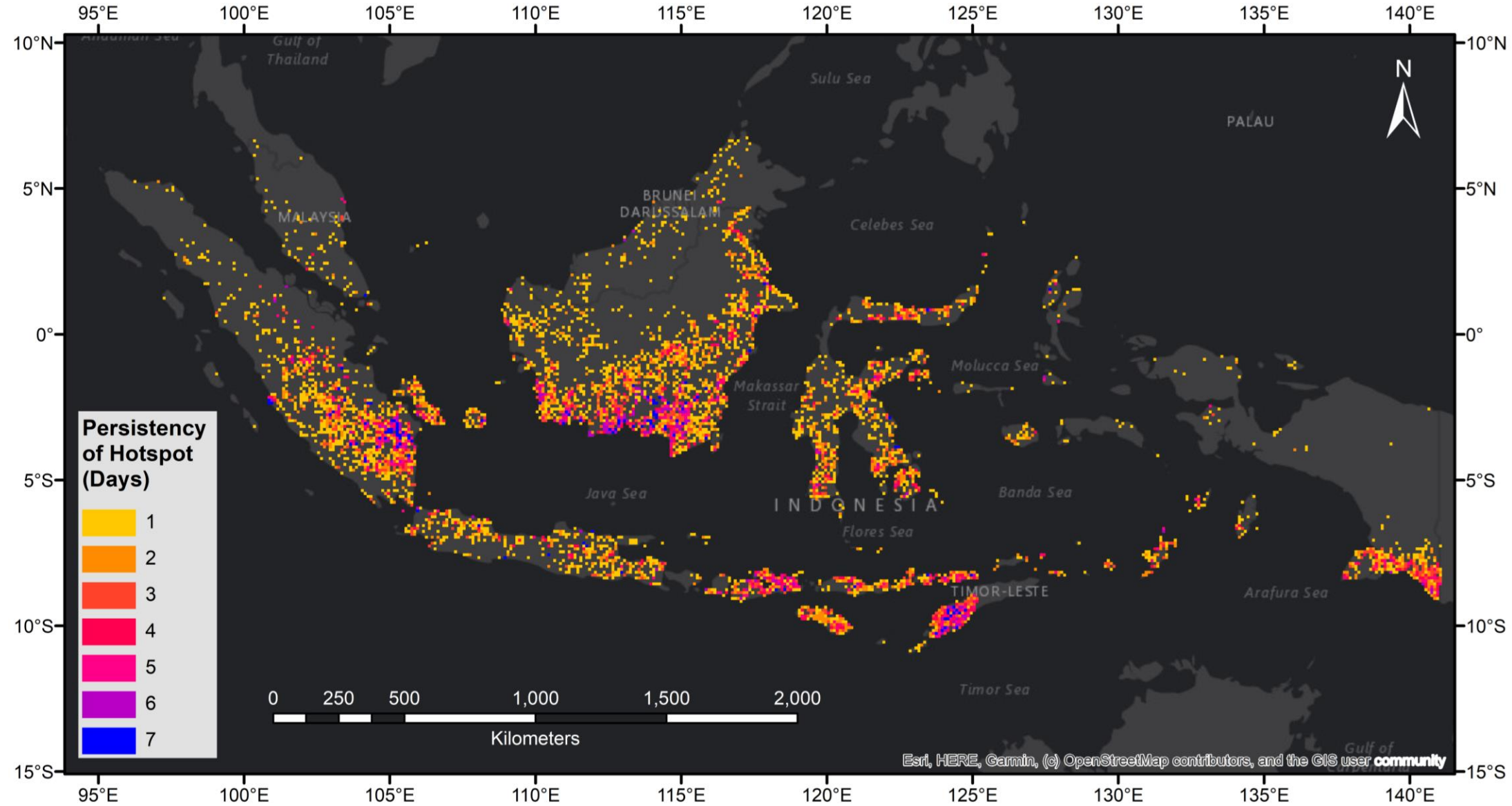
Hotspot Distribution by Peatland & Landuse Map



DATA	SOURCE
Hotspots	NASA FIRMS (https://firms.modaps.eosdis.nasa.gov/active_fire)
Peatland	World Resources Institute. "Peat lands". Accessed through Global Forest Watch on 17/11/2022. www.globalforestwatch.org
Forest Plantation	"Wood fibre concessions." Accessed through Global Forest Watch on 17/11/2022. www.globalforestwatch.org
Forest Logging	"Managed forest concessions." Accessed through Global Forest Watch on 17/11/2022. www.globalforestwatch.org



Hotspot Persistency Map



Each grid represents the number of days hotspots were detected within the 10km X 10km grid between 02 October 2023 – 08 October 2023

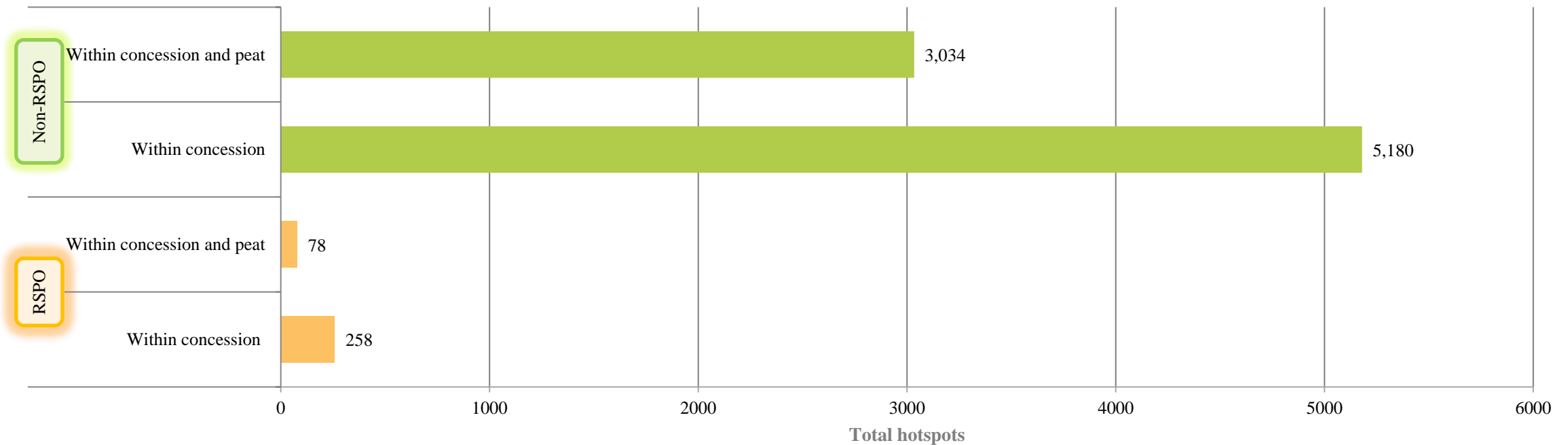
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Week 1 - October 2023 Hotspot

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RSPO vs non-RSPO comparison



Non-RSPO oil palm concession location data was derived from oil palm concessions dataset accessed through Global Forest Watch on 17/11/2022. www.globalforestwatch.org. The website states that this layer is a compilation of concession data from various countries and sources. The quality of these data can vary depending on the source. This layer may not include all existing concessions in a country, and the location of certain concessions can be inaccurate.

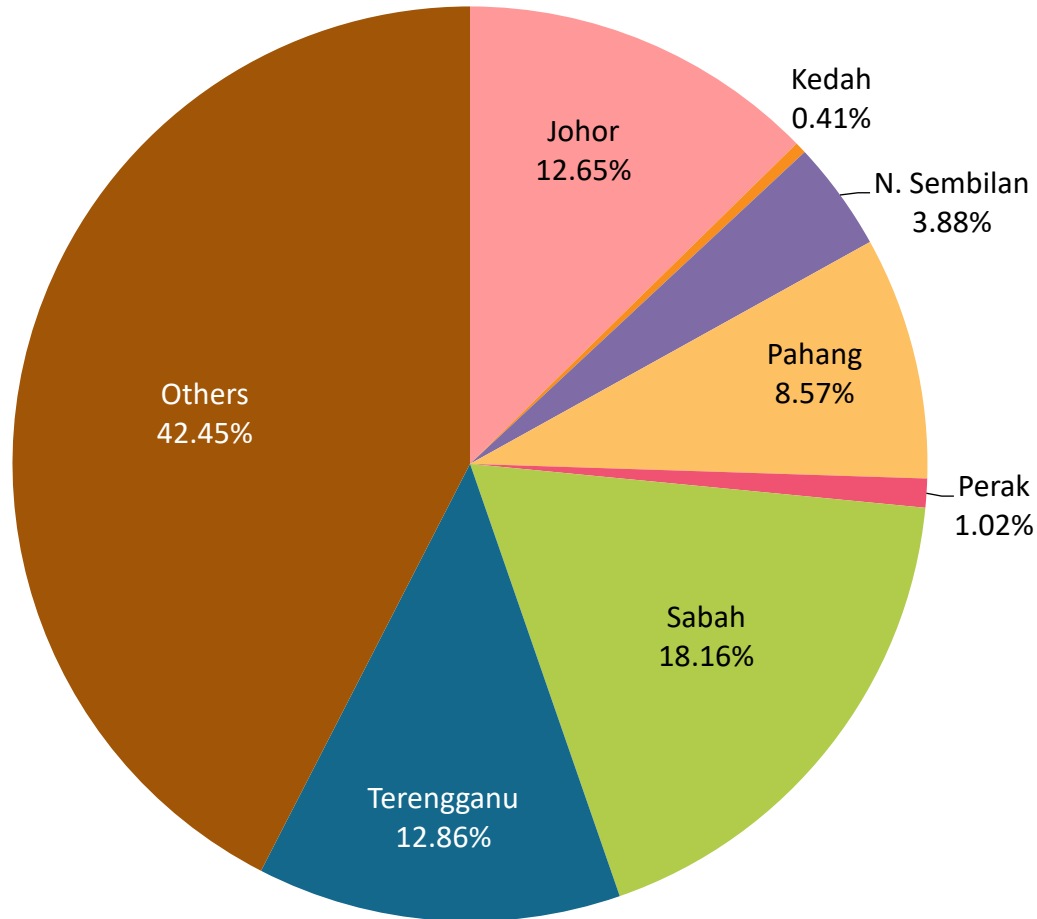
As such the data probably overstates the extent of oil palm plantations in some cases, as there are many licenses granted and the oil palm plantation has not been developed. In other cases, it may understate the extent of plantations as it does not take into account smallholders. Nevertheless, this appears to be the best data available of ALL oil palm in Indonesia.

The RSPO concession boundary data was overlaid with this data in the GIS and RSPO concessions were “clipped” out of this data, leaving only “non-RSPO” concessions.

Non-RSPO*: ~19,000,000 ha

RSPO: ~ 4,800,000 ha

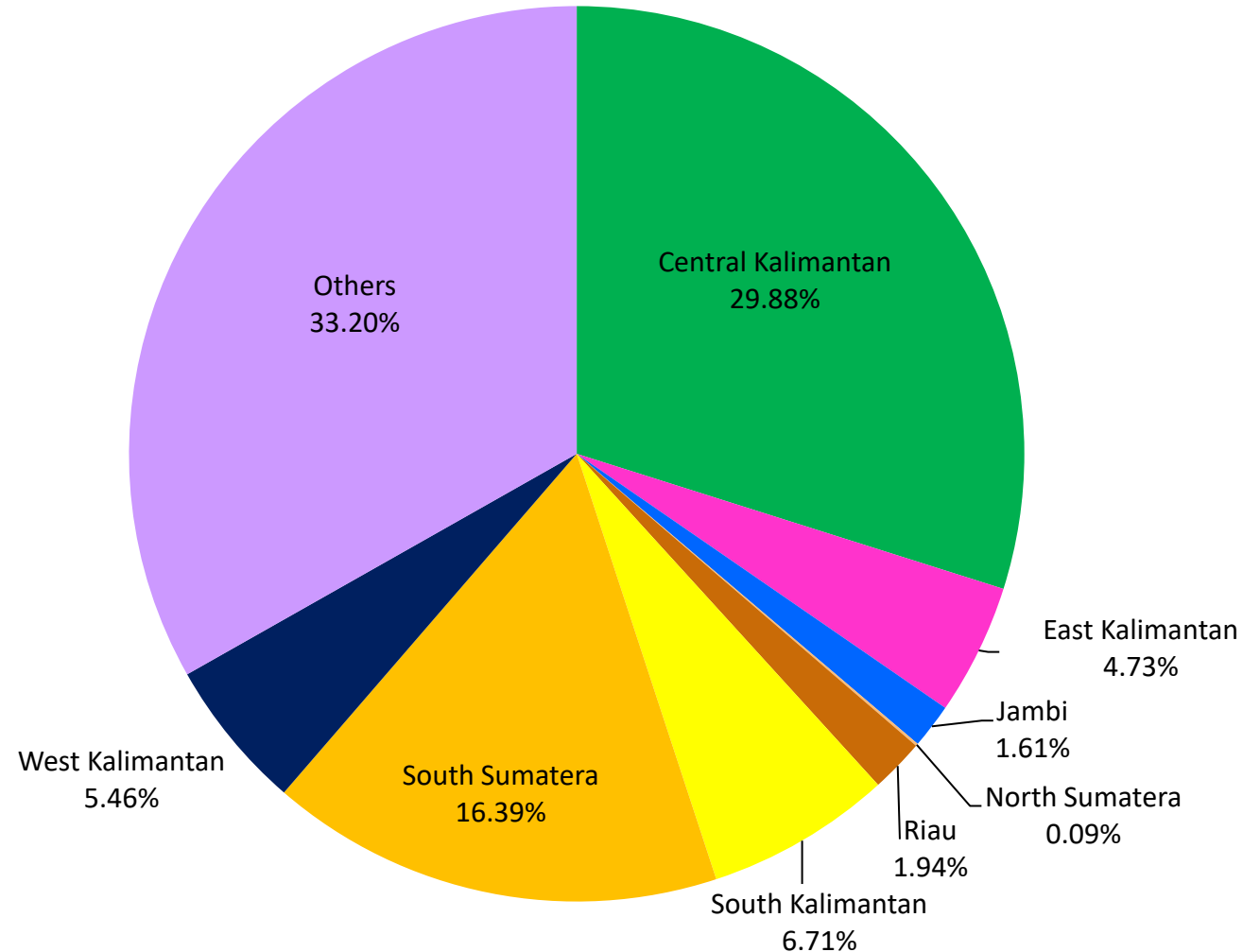
Distribution of Hotspots by State in Malaysia



STATE	TOTAL
Johor	62
Kedah	2
N. Sembilan	19
Pahang	42
Perak	5
Sabah	89
Terengganu	63
Others	208
Total	490

Distribution of Hotspots by Region in Indonesia

REGION	TOTAL
Central Kalimantan	13543
East Kalimantan	2142
Jambi	731
North Sumatera	40
Riau	879
South Kalimantan	3040
South Sumatera	7430
West Kalimantan	2474
Others	15,047
Total	45,326



Hotspots in RSPO members (State/Province)



No. of Member/s	Date of Acquisition	District / Regency	State / Province	Country	No. of Hotspots	Total no. of Hotspots		
1	2-Oct-23	East Kotawaringin	Central Kalimantan	Indonesia	2	21		
		Katingan			1			
	3-Oct-23	Ketapang	West Kalimantan		6			
	4-Oct-23	Katingan	Central Kalimantan		5			
	5-Oct-23				1			
	6-Oct-23	Ketapang	West Kalimantan		1			
	7-Oct-23				2			
1	2-Oct-23	Ketapang	West Kalimantan	Indonesia	2	8		
	3-Oct-23				2			
	4-Oct-23				1			
	5-Oct-23				West Kutai		East Kalimantan	1
	6-Oct-23				Ketapang		West Kalimantan	1
	7-Oct-23				1			
1	2-Oct-23	Ketapang	West Kalimantan	Indonesia	1	8		
	4-Oct-23	Kapuas	Central Kalimantan		1			
		Sanggau	West Kalimantan		1			
	5-Oct-23	Kapuas	Central Kalimantan		2			
	6-Oct-23	Kulai	Johor		Malaysia		1	
	7-Oct-23	Kapuas	Central Kalimantan		Indonesia		1	
1	2-Oct-23	Seruyan	Central Kalimantan	Indonesia	2	27		
		East Kotawaringin			6			
	3-Oct-23	Sintang	West Kalimantan		6			
	4-Oct-23	East Kotawaringin	Central Kalimantan		1			
	5-Oct-23	Seruyan	Central Kalimantan		4			
		Ketapang	West Kalimantan		1			
	6-Oct-23	Ketapang	West Kalimantan		1			
		Seruyan	Central Kalimantan		1			
7-Oct-23	East Kotawaringin	Central Kalimantan	1					
		Ketapang	West Kalimantan	1				
				2				

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1	2-Oct-23	Ketapang	West Kalimantan	Indonesia	2	27
		Seruyan			3	
		East Kotawaringin	Central Kalimantan		1	
		Gunung MAS			2	
	3-Oct-23	Seruyan	Central Kalimantan		3	
		Ketapang	West Kalimantan		1	
	4-Oct-23	Musi Rawas	South Sumatra		1	
	5-Oct-23	Mesuji	Lampung		1	
		Ketapang	West Kalimantan		1	
		Kapuas Hulu			1	
		Seruyan	Central Kalimantan		2	
	6-Oct-23	Gunung MAS			1	
		Mesuji	Lampung		2	
		East Kotawaringin	Central Kalimantan		1	
	7-Oct-23	East Kutai	East Kalimantan		1	
Mesuji		Lampung	1			
Musi Rawas		South Sumatra	1			
Ketapang		West Kalimantan	1			
8-Oct-23	Kotabaru	South Kalimantan	1			
1	2-Oct-23	Ketapang	West Kalimantan	Indonesia	1	2
3-Oct-23	Ketapang	West Kalimantan	Indonesia	1		
1	2-Oct-23	East Kotawaringin	Central Kalimantan	Indonesia	1	6
	3-Oct-23				1	
	4-Oct-23				2	
	8-Oct-23	West Kutai	East Kalimantan		2	
1	2-Oct-23	East Kotawaringin	Central Kalimantan	Indonesia	4	25
	3-Oct-23				14	
	4-Oct-23	Ketapang	West Kalimantan		3	
	5-Oct-23	East Kotawaringin			1	
	6-Oct-23	North Barito	Central Kalimantan		1	
	7-Oct-23				1	

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1	2-Oct-23	Empat Lawang	South Sumatra	Indonesia	1	5
	4-Oct-23				1	
	6-Oct-23				2	
	7-Oct-23				1	
1	2-Oct-23	Ketapang	West Kalimantan	Indonesia	1	12
	3-Oct-23				2	
	4-Oct-23	Kutai Kartanegara	East Kalimantan		1	
	5-Oct-23	South Solok	West Sumatra		1	
		Ketapang	West Kalimantan		1	
	7-Oct-23	Kotabaru	South Kalimantan		1	
	8-Oct-23	East Kutai	East Kalimantan		1	
1	2-Oct-23	Ogan Komering Ilir	South Sumatra	Indonesia	1	30
		Ketapang	West Kalimantan		4	
	5					
	3					
	5-Oct-23	Ogan Komering Ilir	South Sumatra		2	
	6-Oct-23				1	
	7-Oct-23	Ketapang	West Kalimantan		4	
	8-Oct-23	Ketapang	West Kalimantan		7	
1	2-Oct-23	Seruyan	Central Kalimantan	Indonesia	3	16
	3-Oct-23	Paser	East Kalimantan		3	
					Berau	
	4-Oct-23	Seruyan	Central Kalimantan		1	
		East Kutai	East Kalimantan		1	
	5-Oct-23	Berau	East Kalimantan		1	
	6-Oct-23	Seruyan	Central Kalimantan		1	
	7-Oct-23	Seruyan	Central Kalimantan		2	
8-Oct-23	East Kutai	East Kalimantan	1			

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1	2-Oct-23	North Musi Rawas	South Sumatra	Indonesia	2	20	
	3-Oct-23				3		
	4-Oct-23				3		
	5-Oct-23				1		
	6-Oct-23				2		
	7-Oct-23				4		
	8-Oct-23	Musi Rawas	1				
	8-Oct-23	North Musi Rawas	4				
1	2-Oct-23	East Kotawaringin	Central Kalimantan	Indonesia	1	15	
	3-Oct-23				1		
	4-Oct-23				1		
	5-Oct-23	East Kotawaringin			1		
	5-Oct-23				Ogan Komering Ilir		3
	6-Oct-23	East Kotawaringin			South Sumatra		1
	7-Oct-23	Ogan Komering Ilir			Central Kalimantan		1
	8-Oct-23	West Pasaman			South Sumatra		4
	8-Oct-23				West Sumatra		1
1	3-Oct-23	Musi Rawas	South Sumatra	Indonesia	1	5	
	5-Oct-23				1		
	6-Oct-23				2		
	8-Oct-23				1		
1	3-Oct-23	East Barito	Central Kalimantan	Indonesia	1	4	
	6-Oct-23				1		
	7-Oct-23	Tanah Laut			South Kalimantan		1
	7-Oct-23	Penajam North Paser			East Kalimantan		1
1	3-Oct-23	Muaro Jambi	Jambi	Indonesia	3	3	
1	3-Oct-23	East Kutai	East Kalimantan	Indonesia	1	3	
	4-Oct-23				1		
	4-Oct-23	Sekadau			West Kalimantan		1
1	3-Oct-23	Kutai Kartanegara	East Kalimantan	Indonesia	1	4	
	5-Oct-23				2		
	8-Oct-23				1		

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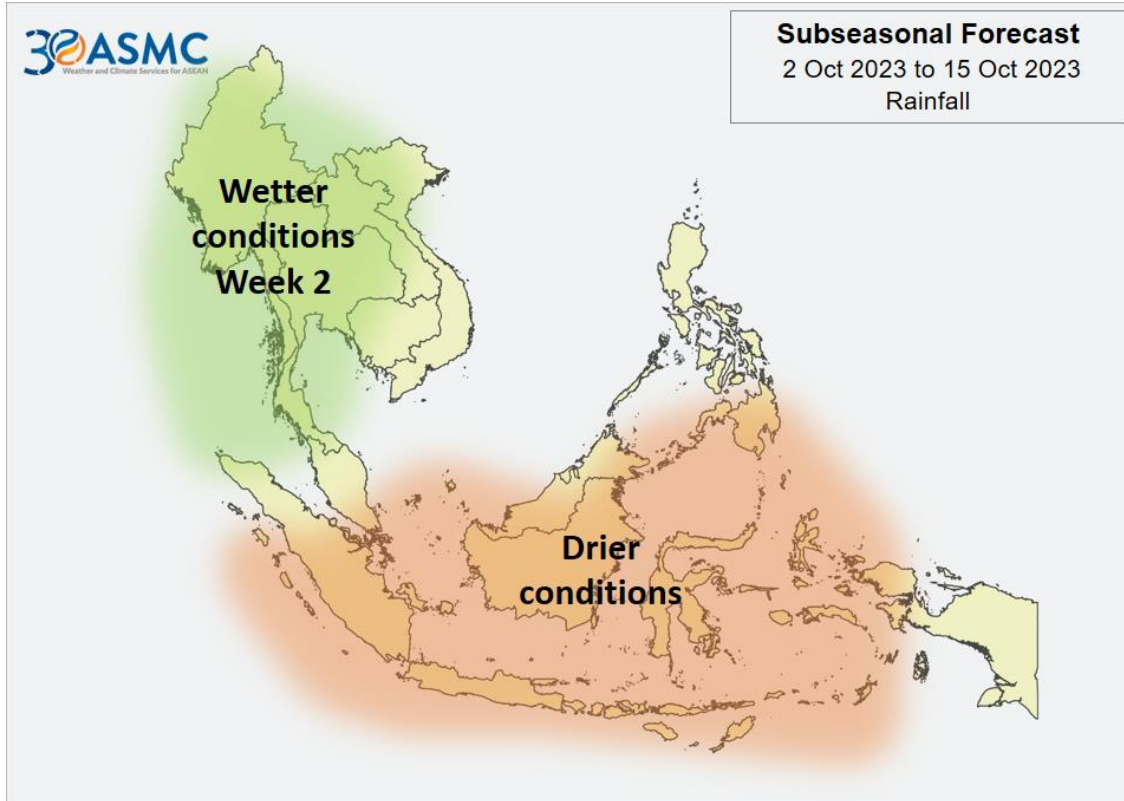
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1	3-Oct-23	Bulungan	North Kalimantan	Indonesia	1	10
		Katingan	Central Kalimantan		1	
	4-Oct-23	West Kutai	East Kalimantan		2	
		Katingan	Central Kalimantan		1	
	6-Oct-23	West Kutai	East Kalimantan		1	
	7-Oct-23				1	
	8-Oct-23	Bulungan	North Kalimantan		1	
	1	3-Oct-23	West Kotawaringin		Central Kalimantan	
1	4-Oct-23	Sekadau	West Kalimantan	Indonesia	1	1
1	4-Oct-23	Morowali	Central Sulawesi	Indonesia	1	2
	7-Oct-23	Tanah Bumbu	South Kalimantan		1	
1	5-Oct-23	Tawau	Sabah	Malaysia	1	1
1	6-Oct-23	Ketapang	West Kalimantan	Indonesia	1	1
1	7-Oct-23	Mandailing Natal	North Sumatra	Indonesia	1	1
26				Total Hotspots		258



ASEAN Weather Outlook

Source: The ASEAN Specialised Meteorological Centre

Regional Weather & Haze Outlook



Alert Level

- LEVEL 0** Stay vigilant.
- LEVEL 1** Dry season for the Southern ASEAN region.
- LEVEL 2** Increasing risk of transboundary haze in Kalimantan. Escalating hotspot activities with moderate to dense smoke haze observed over 2 or more consecutive days; dry weather persisting; and prevailing winds blowing smoke haze from the hotspots towards neighbouring ASEAN countries.
- LEVEL 3** High risk of severe transboundary haze in the region. Significant and persistent hotspot activities with widespread moderate to dense smoke haze observed over 2 or more consecutive days; dry weather persisting; and prevailing winds blowing towards ASEAN countries.

In recent days, prevailing dry weather conditions over the southern ASEAN region have resulted in an escalation in hotspot and smoke haze activities. Based on satellite surveillance, moderate smoke haze was observed to emanate from clusters of hotspots detected in the western and southern parts of Kalimantan. Transboundary haze was observed to drift northwards from the hotspot clusters in West Kalimantan into western Sarawak in East Malaysia.

The prevailing dry weather conditions are forecast to continue over Kalimantan in the coming days, with the prevailing winds likely to blow from the southeast or southwest. Under these conditions, the hotspot and smoke haze situation could worsen with an increased risk of transboundary smoke haze occurrence.

The weather remained dry for much of the southern ASEAN region, except for parts of northern Sumatra, Peninsular Malaysia and northern Borneo, where there were shower activities. Moderate smoke haze continued to be observed over the southern parts of Sumatra and Kalimantan drifting towards the northwest. Several air quality stations in the area reported Unhealthy to Very Unhealthy levels.

In the coming days, **dry conditions** are forecast to persist over **Java**, the **Lesser Sunda Islands**, **Sulawesi**, the **southern parts of Kalimantan** and the **southern and central parts of Sumatra**. **Hotspot and smoke haze** situation over areas experiencing prolonged dry conditions **may escalate**, particularly in the **southern parts of Kalimantan** as well as the **southern and central parts of Sumatra**. There is also an **increased risk of transboundary smoke haze** occurrence in the southern ASEAN *region*.

Alert by RSPO: Transboundary Haze (Level 2)

For the following week, RSPO Secretariat would like to recommend the following measures to Members:



Dry Season Area

(Many parts of Southern ASEAN Region; especially at Java, Lesser Sunda Islands, Sulawesi and southern part of Sumatra and Kalimantan)

- Please alert to the Fire Danger Rating System (FDRS) indicator board especially in the fire prone area
- Supply appropriate well-maintained fire mitigation tools (fire extinguisher, fire truck)
- Establish of fire break (wide road, vacant land) within the planted area
- Inform workers and communities about the fire drill procedure
- Minimize outdoor activities and stay hydrated if the haze season occurred
- If haze occurred, wear respirator mask if outdoor activities is necessary.



Integrated Fire Management
Training conducted by PT Austindo
PT Austindo Nusantara Jaya Agri

Wet Weather Area

(as forecast for over Northern ASEAN region)

- High risk of surface runoff in the estate area which may result in erosion and landslide
- Stay vigilant of water level and keep informed on local news of the flood in high-risk area
- Tendency for the formation of road potholes, which may necessitate additional maintenance and repair costs.
- Stay inside during thunderstorms and blizzards. Stay off the landline phone and computer during a storm.
- Wear appropriate rain gear for employees working in the rain

Background image:
Fire fighting in action conducted by Daabon Group



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