



Palm oil policy

Background

Palm oil and its derivatives are used in a wide range of products. It is used as an ingredient in food like chocolate and bread, as well as cosmetics, medicines and detergents.

However, its increased popularity has been linked to deforestation, particularly in areas of sensitive eco-systems or where cultivation is on high peat soils which can incur high greenhouse emissions. As such, ensuring the palm oil used in Asda brand products is sustainably sourced is a priority for us.

Approach

The environmental issues with palm oil are not something that we can solve on our own. As part of the Walmart family we engage with global industry forums to promote sustainable palm oil production. These include; The Tropical Forest Alliance 2020, The Consumer Goods Forum and the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm oil (RSPO).

At Asda we are committed to sustainable palm oil use, that's why any palm oil used in our own brand products will be sustainably sourced in accordance with the principles of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil by the end of 2015. This target was achieved was by December 2014.