

## Top 10 Facts About Cargill and Palm Oil



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1. Cargill is the #1 importer of palm oil into the U.S.
2. Palm oil plantation expansion is a leading driver of rainforest destruction in Indonesia.
3. Indonesia is the third largest greenhouse gas emitter in the world after China and the U.S, with 85% of its emissions from rainforest destruction.
4. Indonesia's rainforests are home to endangered species like orangutans and Sumatran tigers, which cannot survive in palm oil plantations. There are only around 400 Sumatran tigers left in the wild.
5. The U.S. Department of Labor has added Indonesian and Malaysian produced palm oil to its Red List of products produced by child and forced labor.
6. Cargill palm oil supplier KLK has been accused of selling palm oil harvested by slave laborers.
7. Cargill palm oil supplier IOI Group refuses respect the customary land rights of the Indigenous community of Long Teran Kanan.
8. Seven acres of rainforest are lost every minute in Indonesia.
9. Cargill's 2020 palm oil commitments are still nine years away. At current deforestation rates, Indonesia will lose 40 million more acres of irreplaceable rainforest by 2020.
10. Cargill employees have the right to demand accountability. Tell your CEO Greg Page you want Cargill to be a real sustainability leader. Help get rainforest destruction and human rights abuses out of the commodities that Cargill produces and trades.



**Learn more about Cargill and palm oil at: [www.ran.org/cargill](http://www.ran.org/cargill)**

### References:

- Indonesia lost on average 1.5 million hectares per year of forest between 2000-2009. [http://news.mongabay.com/2011/0913-redd-plus\\_agency.html](http://news.mongabay.com/2011/0913-redd-plus_agency.html)
- 1 hectare = 2.47 acres. Therefore, 1.5 million hectares = 3.7 million acres
- 3.7 million acres/year = 10,150 acres/day = 423 acres/hour = 7 acres/minute