

Mars statement

Mars only uses palm oil suppliers that are members of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) and we are working towards a goal of using 100% Certified Sustainable Palm Oil (CSPO) by 2015. We are making good progress, and by the end of 2010 we aim to source up to 20% of our European volumes as CSPO.

Additionally we are looking at ways to reduce our usage of palm-based products – for example we aim to reduce European palm oil volumes by over 25% from 2008 to 2010.

Panorama Questions

1. How much palm oil do you use in your products?

Mars currently uses approximately 0.2% of global palm oil yields. We are taking steps to reduce this. In fact by the end of 2010 we anticipate that our European palm oil volumes will be reduced by over 25% compared with 2008.

2. How much of that volume is from a sustainable source?

Mars only uses palm oil suppliers that are members of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) and our aim is to use 100% certified palm oil, originating from sustainable sources by 2015.

We have started to purchase CSPO. By the end of 2010 we aim to source up to 20% of our European volumes as CSPO.

We recognise the scale of the challenge ahead – for example in the UK we use 13 different palm based products, 12 of which are currently unavailable to source as CSPO. We are working together with our suppliers to move this forward as soon as possible.

3. Who do you source your palm oil from?

Mars uses a number of major palm oil suppliers, all of whom are members of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO).

4. Do you source your palm oil via a middle trader or directly from palm oil companies? If you source it through a middle trader, do you know which palm oil companies supply them?

At present we buy from palm oil processors and not directly from plantations. We only use palm oil suppliers that are members of the RSPO and have been in ongoing contact with them, and our entire supply chain about ways that we can achieve our 2015 CSPO ambition.

5. To avoid any confusion, question 5 has not been reproduced here because it contained references to some specific organisations not referenced in Panorama: Dying for a Biscuit.

6. What are your plans with regard to the use of sustainable palm oil?

Mars aims to use 100% certified palm oil originating from sustainable sources by 2015. This ambition is publicly available on our corporate [website](#). We are on the road to achieving this goal – we have already begun purchasing quantities of CSPO, and by the end of 2010 we aim to source up to 20% of our European volumes as CSPO.

Additionally we are looking at ways to reduce our usage of palm-based products – for example we aim to have reduced European palm oil volumes by over 25% from 2008 to 2010.

a. Have you set a deadline for when your products will contain only sustainable palm oil?

Yes. Mars aims to use 100% certified palm oil, originating from sustainable sources by 2015.

b. Have you bought any green palm certificates? If so, when did you buy them and how many?

No.

c. Are you a member of the RSPO?

Currently Mars is not a member; however all of our suppliers are members of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO).

d. When was the last time you updated the RSPO about your actions?

We have an ongoing dialogue with the RSPO and its members.

7. Do your products that contain palm oil state that on the label? If not, why not?

Our labelling complies with EU labelling legislation.

8. Which of your products contain palm oil or palm kernel oil?

Our chocolate contains very small amounts of palm oil.

9. We understand that the following products contain palm oil or palm kernel oil. If this is not the case please can you clearly state NO next to the product listed.

Galaxy - YES

Maltesers- YES

Mars - YES