Palm oil in processing companies

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What is palm oil used for?

- More than half the products in the supermarket contain palm oil, i.e.:
  - confectionary
  - ice cream and ready-to-eat meals
  - the base for most liquid detergents, soaps, and shampoos
  - the base for lipstick, waxes, and polishes
- Used as an industrial lubricant
- Used as a cooking oil
- Used as a biofuel
Consumption of palm oil

- Most widely used vegetable oil
- 1970: Yearly palm oil production stood 1 million tons
- 2016: 63 million tons.
- 90% used in food industry

Source: https://www.statista.com/statistics/263937/vegetable-oils-global-consumption/
Why palm oil?

• The most versatile oil

• Smooth and creamy texture

• Odorless

• Natural preservative effect

• The least expensive oil in the world – because it has the highest yield = more effective use of land
> 60 pct. of palm oil in DK is sustainable (=RSPO-certified)

RSPO-certified palm oil:

1) Commitment to transparency
2) Compliance with applicable laws and regulations
3) Commitment to longterm economic and financial viability
4) Use of appropriate good practice by growers and millers
5) Environmental responsibility and conservation of natural resources and biodiversity
6) Responsible consideration of employees, and of individual and communities affect by growers and mills
7) Responsible development of new plants
8) Commitment to improvement
The initiative:
- By the end of **2016**: as a minimum all palm oil covered by Green Palm certificates
- By the end of **2018**: 100 % physical CSPO (segregated or identity preserved)
- Report on progress
- Task force including authorities and WWF
- Disseminate knowledge of sustainable palm oil and the RSPO
- Collect data for progress on the transition to sustainable palm oil

What have we learned?
- Working together with other stakeholders is important
- Boycott is the easy answer – we have to work harder to explain our way
- A challenge to collect data on specific amounts