

Olam response to Greenpeace Report: Still Cooking the Climate

Olam's [Sustainable Palm Oil Policy](#) stipulates that we expect all of our suppliers to comply with our NDPE Policy¹, and implement our [Supplier Code](#) or the RSPO standard as soon as they become a supplier. We do not own or operate any mills or plantations in Asia and therefore we are highly selective and dependent on our suppliers to drive this positive change, as they are the ones interfacing directly with suppliers to their mills and are therefore in a better position to influence best practices. Currently we have 14 suppliers, of which 13 are RSPO members and the other has their policy fully aligned with the Olam Supplier Code.

For our part, are committed to verifying the supply chains of our suppliers with the support of our technical partners, against time bound targets. This includes tracing oil supplies to mill origins and risk assessment of those mills by the World Resources Institute and Proforest. We have achieved 86% traceability up to the mill exceeding our target of 50% by the end of 2017. See our Roadmap in the Annex of our [Sustainable Palm Oil Policy](#).

The World Resources Institute (WRI) has mapped 1,100 mills co-ordinates provided by our suppliers. WRI and Proforest have also conducted a risk assessment, from which Proforest is developing a strategic plan for Olam to engage with high risk third party suppliers. If any supplier is found to be non-compliant, they are investigated, corrective actions are sought and, if they continue to be non-compliant, we will cease trading with them – see our [Grievance log](#) for the companies under investigation.

Following the above steps and being selective about our suppliers in line with our Olam policy, we have reduced our supplier base from 48 in 2014 to 14 suppliers today.

We recognise the valuable role that NGOs play in holding the industry to account but we also ask them to recognise the depth of the challenge, and the time and resources required to drive change through the supply chain. We will use the findings of Greenpeace's report to assess whether we can improve our policy or its application, and will be engaging with Greenpeace.

In the meantime, we highlight that the [ZSL SPOTT palm oil company ESG transparency assessments](#), which covers 125 sustainability indicators in depth, gives Olam a score of 77.9% in 2017, which is #7 in the overall ranking.

¹This includes upholding our Commitment to Forest Conservation to preserve high carbon stock and high conservation value forests; no burning during land clearance; no development on peatland; and no exploitation. See [Sustainable Palm Oil Policy](#)