



Sustainable Palm Oil

Belgian Alliance for Sustainable Palm Oil



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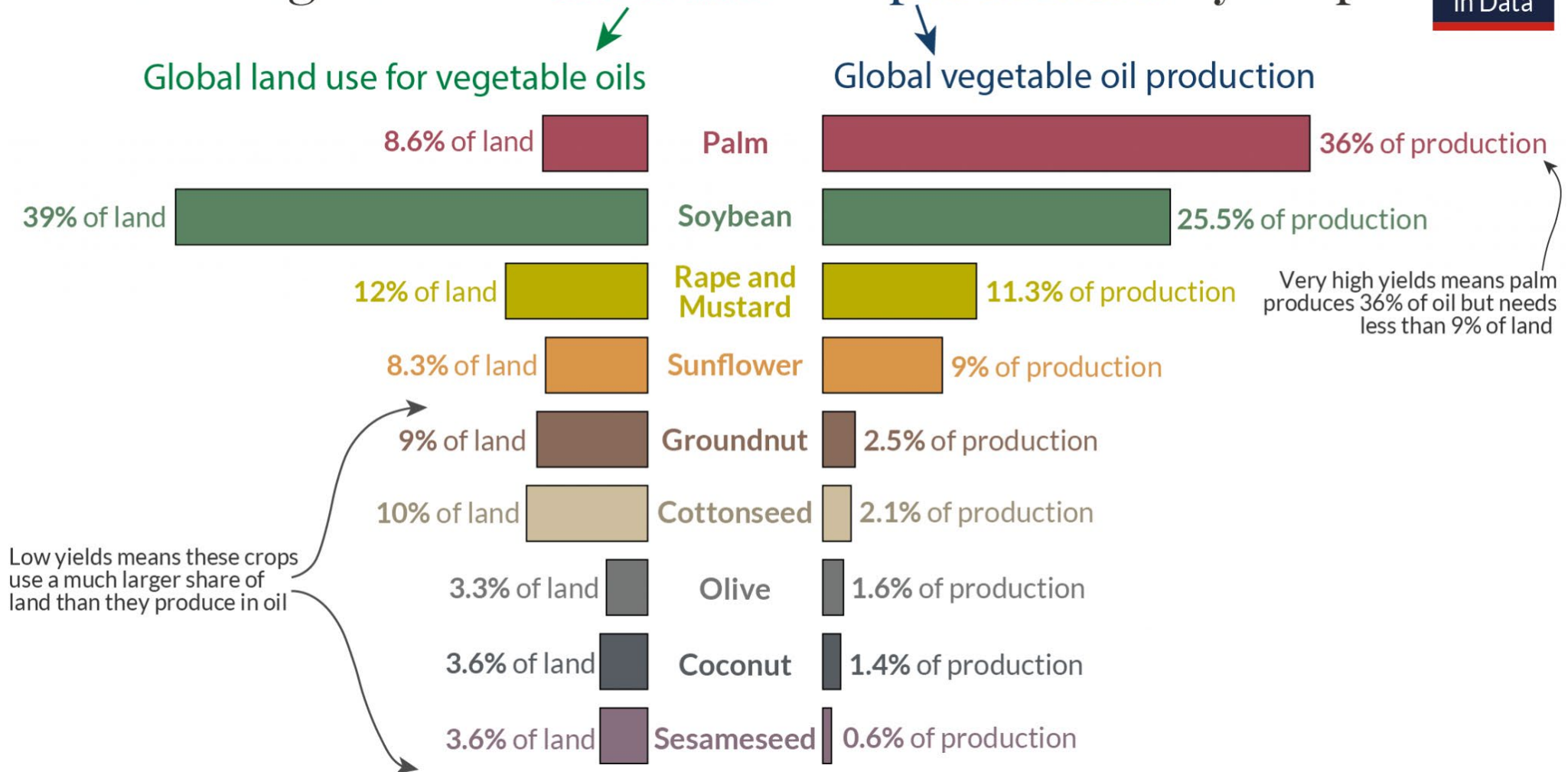


Sustainable palm oil is palm oil that:

- ✓ Does not contribute to deforestation
- ✓ Safeguards biodiversity
- ✓ Preserves peatlands, regardless of their depth
- ✓ Reduces greenhouse gas emissions by following best practices
- ✓ Respects workers' rights as well as local populations and communities, and applies the principle of free, informed and prior consent



Share of vegetable oil land use and production by crop

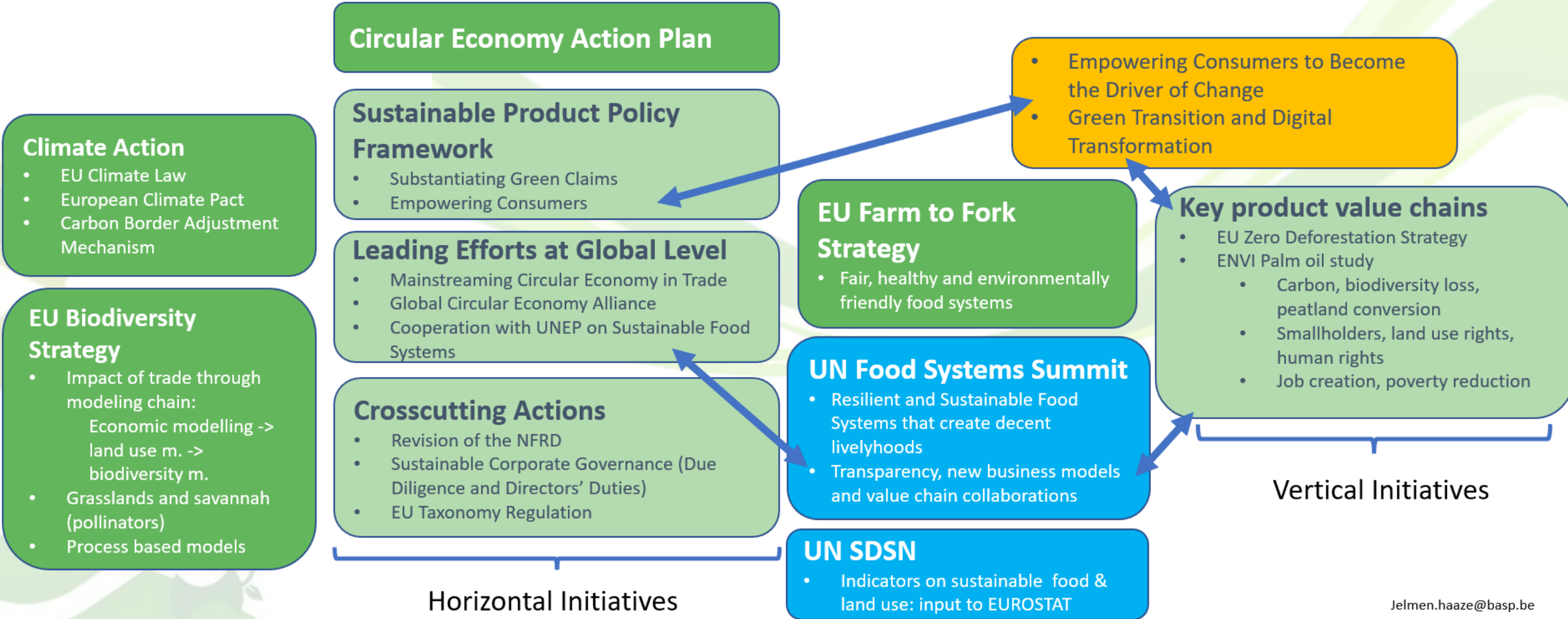


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Coordinated position with:

- DETIC, the Belgian-Luxembourgish Federation for Cosmetics, Detergents, Glues and Mastics;
- National Palm Oil Alliances from The Netherlands, Germany, Italy, Spain and the French Alliance for the Preservation of Forests;
- Fediol, Caobisco, Imace;
- RSPO, the Roundtable for Sustainable Palm Oil;
- Indonesia (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Coordinating Economic Affairs, Embassy in Brussels);
- Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB);
- Colombia (Embassy in Brussels);
- Fedepalma;
- Golden Agri Resources, Wilmar;

And in their private capacity,

- Dupito Dorma Simamora, Deputy Executive Director of the Council of Palm Oil Producing Countries (CPOPC);
- Patrick Van Damme, Professor, University Ghent.

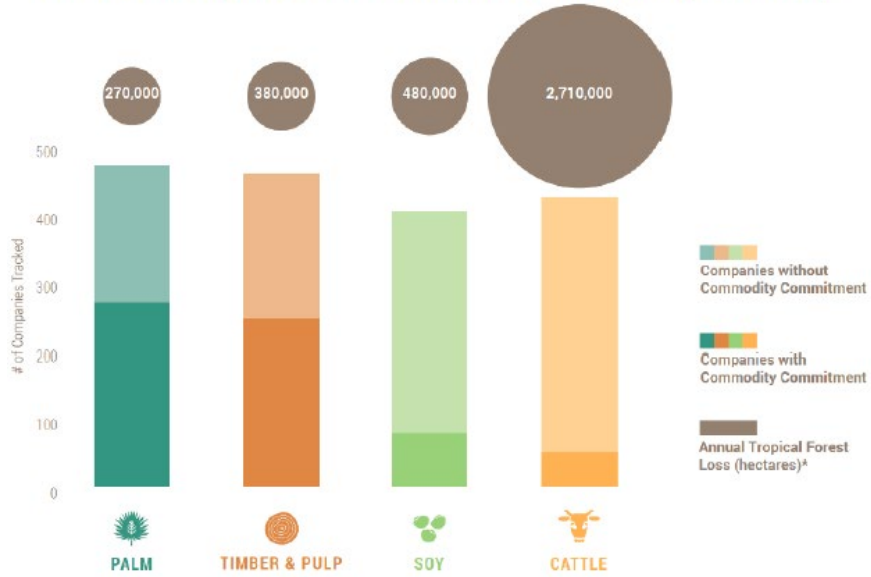


Seven considerations and recommendations

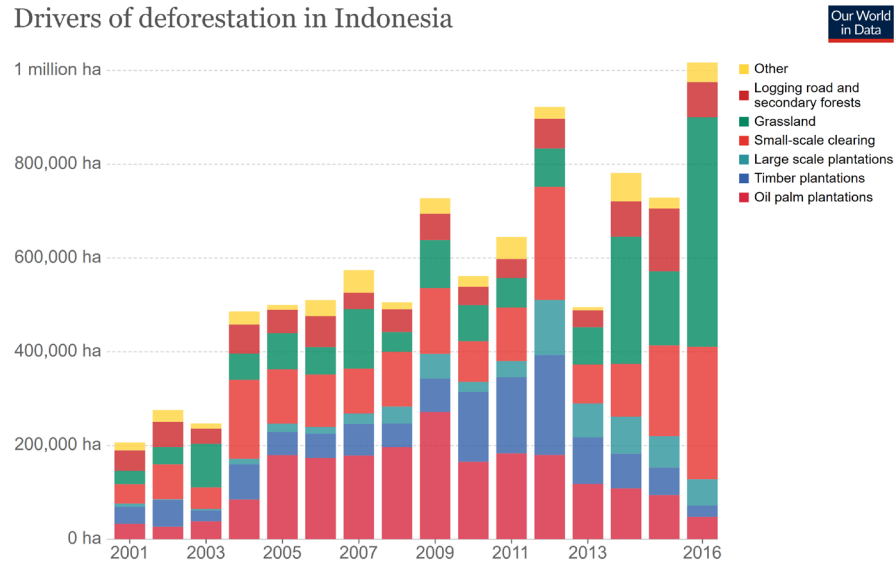
- We are in favour of an EU wide level playing field
- From a development perspective, it is important to understand palm oil as part of a vegetable oil perspective
- We can not solve the climate crisis alone. It is important to build partnerships
- Correct information is essential if the it wants to empower supply chain actors and consumers.
- Only through positive engagement, not disengagement, is transformation possible
- A deliberative process involving key stakeholders can lead to an understanding across methodologies and definitions used
- Consider local context

Global Frontrunner: Sector risk is decreasing

Number of Companies with and without Commitments by Commodity



Drivers of deforestation in Indonesia



Source: Austin, K. G., Schwantes, A., Gu, Y., & Kasibhatla, P. S. (2019). What causes deforestation in Indonesia? OurWorldInData.org/forests • CC BY

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