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The Oil Palm NUS Press

We had the unique opportunity of experiencing the interior and integral regions of the Oil Palm plantations in the Sabah region of Malaysia. Due to their tedious working condition in the remote areas, workers in the oil palm plantations were usually accommodated deep inside the plantations. They were confined to the wooden longhouses or individual small houses as their residence of accommodation as they have no proper housing facilities for the laborers. They had to depend on rainwater for their daily consumption of potable water. Oil plantations workers were not able to travel to nearby smaller towns for food or basic amenities due to the lack of proper transportation facilities available due to which they were only able to leave according to their supervisors. Vegetables and leaves from the plantation were the only food sources available for their daily needs and were therefore very vulnerable to exploitation as well. On the contrary, the labor employed in the Oil Palm plantation for harvesting, cutting, spraying pruning, etc., were not a bunch of local workers but were foreign migrant workers from Indonesia and the Philippines. This observation had brought about a thought into our minds which then further manifested into three questions, Why is an increase in foreign labor than the locals present? Why aren't the local workers interested in this work? and, What is the genuine reason behind the influx of foreign workers? And these questions are the root cause behind this study conducted on Oil Palm plantation workers in Malaysia. During the later visits, it was found out that the migrant workers were in a state of 'statelessness', which meant that they were in a situation that rendered them obsolete of a citizenship right from any country. A majority of the foreign laborers were brought into Malaysia from the poverty-ridden areas of Indonesia and the Philippines, where there was a high rate of unemployment. Such people are called into the job by deceptive profiles and then illegally brought into the country where they're forced to stay in remote areas for work. This increased our urge to know about the Oil Palm plantations,

and upon further research, it was revealed to us that a severe human right violation was happening in the area which included forced labor, child labor, gender discrimination, exploitive work practices and even sexual assaults on women. This claim has also been supported by the reports from Amnesty International. Such issues were widely noticed in smallholding Oil Palm plantations and the only research literature available was from NGOs and sources like the United States Department of Labor. So, we took an initiative to explore the various issues and research extensively in such areas, quantitative research had also been applied to identify the precarious working conditions. The objective of this research is to push forward the policymakers and the plantation management to bring about a change in the management and system in order to ensure better working and living conditions for the laborers. Dileep Kumar M. & Normala S. G.

Palm Oil eBookIt.com

The overarching goal of writing this book is simple: write an easy-to-read, accessible, text on palm oil, using easily understandable language without losing sight of the essentials. The structure of the book fulfills that objective to the letter. If you have keen interest in vegetable oil dynamics, palm oil being the most important to Indonesian economy, this is surely a must-read for you and perhaps your students (academics) and colleagues (practitioners in commodity trading, regulators). For students of estate crops, the comprehensive treatment of the most important vegetable crop in Indonesia, makes this book an invaluable possession. While for economic historians, the book is an all-in, saving you time and bucks to all around for a three or so texts to both whet and fill your appetite. And for those international trade enthusiasts, adding this book to your collections, is more than worth the cost you pay for it at the store. The list is not exhaustive to save space but other include policy makers, anthropologists, agronomists, political economists, and Oilseeds consultants, teachers and students of plantation agriculture, NGOs working on the relationship between estates crop farming and societal well-being, and policy makers at the national and sub national government level, and international development agencies. The book begins with a general outlook on oil palm and

palm oil products, and the contribution of the palm oil industry to the Indonesian economy, following by chapter two that hammers down on the relevancy of palm oil to Indonesian economy. Chapter Three tackles the political economy background, which to a large extent has shaped the dynamics on public policy and socio-economy and to a certain extent politics that relates to palm oil development. Chapter four tackles the supply dynamics and development that influence CPO. Meanwhile, Chapter five presents a detailed account of drivers and determinants of palm oil of demand in general and Indonesia domestic economy in particular, which is followed by Chapter Six that dives into the dynamics and developments of the Indonesian palm oil market. Meanwhile, Chapter Seven takes a look at the opportunities and challenges of Indonesian palm oil market, while Chapter Eight tackles Indonesian palm oil trade, and underscores the impact that the globalization wave has had on CPO industry, emphasis being placed on WTO protocols and how they apply to CPO trade. The importance of China and India to Indonesia's CPO exports induces a discussion on the prospects and potential problems surrounding CPO trade. Chapter Nine delves into the palm oil - climate change nexus, highlighting the issues at stake, and policy initiatives that can make palm oil sector environment friendly and sustainable. Chapter Ten discusses palm oil and food security nexus, connecting the links between oil palm production, forest degradation, poverty aggravation, and worsening food insecurity. Chapter Eleven tackles the role of smallholder growers in palm oil production focusing on opportunities and challenges they face and how to mitigate and where possible alleviate them. Chapter Twelve looks at renewable energy developments in general and the increasing role that biodiesel is playing in particular. Chapter Thirteen, looks at the prospects, obstacles, and recommended future course of action that are considered favorable for creating sustainable palm oil sector in Indonesia, setting the stage for the last chapter, Chapter Fourteen, which navigates palm oil value added enhancement and production expansion debate.

Palm Oil Diaspora CIFOR

Nature has provided us with almost 600 known carotenoids, ranging from yellow orange to red hues and some of these possess Vitamin A activity of varying degrees. Palm fruit oil is one

of the richest natural plant sources of carotenoids with concentration in the range of 500–700 parts per million—ppm. Palm fruit oil has over 15 times more carotenoids than carrots and 300 times more than tomatoes. What differentiates Palm fruit oil from others is the quantity of its carotenoids. No other vegetable oil contains carotenoids in such significant quantities like palm fruit oil. Analysis shows that alpha and beta carotenes constitute approximately 90% of the total carotenoid content. Carotenoids are organic pigments that are found in the chloroplasts and chromoplasts of plants and some other photosynthetic organisms. Carotenoids, the colorful plant pigments some of which the body can turn into vitamin A, are powerful antioxidants that can help prevent some forms of cancer and heart disease, and act to enhance your immune response to infections. These precursors to vitamin A are sometimes called provitamin A. Bright-orange beta-carotene is the most important carotenoid for adequate vitamin A intake because it yields more vitamin A than alpha-carotene or gamma-carotene. Palm fruit oil is naturally free of trans fats. That makes it a very good oil but you must be able to know the difference between palm fruit oil and palm kernel oil. Both oils come from the same tree but are totally different. One is very good for your heart and the other is not so good. Palm Fruit oil is enriched with vitamin E and beta-carotene. Palm fruit is oil-rich with reddish-black skin and yellow-orange fleshy part. That the Egyptian and other civilizations have used palm fruit oil for centuries attest to palm fruit oil being one of the most nutritious and beneficial edible oil in the world today. The inability for so long to distinguish the benefits of other products from the palm tree from palm fruit oil is perhaps why the palm fruit is not known in more households as it should be. The stigma attached to the palm kernel oil has kept the palm fruit oil in the dark. When it comes to oils palm fruit oil is otherwise a bona fide food. Palm fruit oil has a powerhouse of antioxidant nutrients. The same ones that give tomatoes, carrots, some other fruits and vegetables their rich red and orange colors. Palm fruit oil contains more antioxidants than tomatoes or carrots. Red palm fruit oil is also densely packed with tocotrienols—a powerful form of vitamin E. If you do not have a bottle at home, now is the time to write it down in your things to purchase list because Palm fruit oil is it. You can now buy this product (Red Palm Oil) from Walmart.

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The oil palm is the world's most valuable oil crop. Its production has increased over the decades, reaching 56 million tons in 2013, and it gives the highest yields per hectare of all oil crops. Remarkably, oil palm has remained profitable through periods of low prices. Demand for palm oil is also expanding, with the edible demand now complemented by added demand from biodiesel producers. The Oil Palm is the definitive reference work on this important crop. This fifth edition features new topics - including the conversion of palm oil to biodiesel, and discussions about the impacts of palm oil production on the environment and effects of climate change - alongside comprehensively revised chapters, with updated references throughout. The Oil Palm, Fifth Edition will be useful to researchers, plantation and mill managers who wish to understand the science underlying recommended practices. It is an indispensable reference for agriculture students and all those working in the oil palm industry worldwide.

Oil Palm Planet Palm

There is abundant literature focusing on the palm oil sector, which has grown into a vigorous sector with production originating mainly from Malaysia and Indonesia, and on increased palm oil consumption in many countries around the globe, particularly European Union states, China and India. This sector expansion has become quite controversial, because while it has negative social and environmental impacts, it also leads to positive benefits in generating fiscal earnings for producing countries and regular income streams for a large number of large- and small-scale growers involved in palm oil production. This document reviews how the social, ecological, and environmental dynamics and associated implications of the global palm oil sector have grown in complexity over time, and examines the policy and institutional factors affecting the sector's development at the global and national levels. This work examines the geographies of production, consumption and trade of palm oil and its derivatives, and describes the structure of the global palm oil value chain, with special emphasis on Malaysia and Indonesia. In addition, this work reviews the main socioenvironmental impacts and trade-offs associated with the palm oil sector's expansion, with a primary focus on Indonesia. The main interest is on the social impacts this has on local populations, smallholders and workers, as well as the environmental impacts on deforestation and their associated effects on carbon emissions and biodiversity loss. Finally, the

growing complexity of the global oil palm value chain has also driven diverse types of developments in the complex oil palm policy regime governing the sector's expansion. This work assesses the main features of this emerging policy regime involving public and private actors, with emphasis on Indonesia. There are multiple efforts supporting the transition to a more sustainable palm oil production; yet the lack of a coordinated public policy, effective incentives and consistent enforcement is clear and obvious. The emergence of numerous privately driven initiatives with greater involvement of civil society organizations brings new opportunities for enhancing the sector's governance; yet the uptake of voluntary standards remains slow, and any push for the adoption of more stringent standards may only widen the gap between large corporations and medium- and smallscale growers. Greater harmonization between voluntary and mandatory standards, as well as among private initiatives is required. Commitments to deforestation-free supply chains have the potential to reduce undesired environmental impacts from oil palm expansion, and while this risks excluding smallholders from the supply chains, such commitments may function to leverage the upgrading of smallholder production systems. Their success, however, will require greater public and private sector collaboration.

Zero-deforestation commitments in Indonesia: Governance challenges GRIN Verlag

This book was written as a basic reference textbook for students in the schools of hotel, restaurant, and institutional management. It is also designed to be a reference and further study guide for cooks, chefs, dietitians, and foodservice management personnel who are already employed in this important industry. There are many texts available that thoroughly cover, in great depth, the chemistry and technical aspects of fats and oils. However, the author is not aware of any text devoted exclusively to fats and oils for foodservice. Therefore, this book is designed to provide just enough technical background to allow an understanding of how and why certain types of fats and oils work for specific uses in foodservice. This leads to practical applications and standards for the various types of products available for such uses as deep frying, griddling, pan frying, salad dressing, and baking. Tested quantity recipes are included as a further guide to product usage and menu expansion. This book is divided into three parts. The

first part deals with the chemistry and general technical background for fats and oils. Part II covers the major practical applications in foodservice, along with recipes. In Part III, nutrition, dietary considerations, product and recipe development techniques, and sanitary and quality control procedures are considered. Fats and oils play a very important role in all foodservice operations. This book will provide the information necessary for a good understanding of these products and how they should be used.

CHANGE MANAGEMENT IN OIL PALM PLANTATIONS: CASE

RESEARCH Piccadilly Books, Ltd.

Planet PalmThe New Press

The palm oil global value chain Springer

Palm oil is a big business. Palm oil has been widely used in food and non-food industries. More than half the products on sale in supermarkets are made with palm oil—yet many people hardly know anything about this industry. They don't even know chemical engineers have a significant role to play in this industry. This book provides a series of episodes for you to discover the opportunities chemical engineers have in the palm oil milling industry. This book is an illuminating memoir that brings readers closer to the most enigmatic profession of all time. It is a promise that Hong Wai Onn has fulfilled again and again. More people have gained a better understanding of the role of chemical engineers in the palm oil milling industry by listening to his sharing. You do not have to be a chemical engineer or work in this industry to enjoy his memoir. The insights are just as valuable for any discipline of engineering, and for any business, for the sake of inspiration.

Artisanal Milling of Palm Oil in Cameroon CIFOR

This study was carried out in three major palm-oil producing areas in Cameroon with the aim of investigating the artisanal milling and commercialization of red palm oil. Structured and semi-structured questionnaires were administered; focus group discussions and participatory observation were applied to obtain required information. Those involved were identified and the service providers ranged from mill owners or managers to smallholders and intermediaries, some of which were involved in two or three of the services. All told, 83% of those involved were men, and the women represented 17% of the service providers. Six different types of processing equipment were identified in the

production areas and it was revealed that semi-automated press and combined motorized hydraulic digester and press system (digester screw press) were the most efficient. After harvesting of fresh fruit bunches (FFBs), the major operations were: chopping or cutting, stripping, selecting and sieving, loading to drums for boiling, off-loading to the digester or press for crushing and/or pressing, and clarifying of palm oil. Family labor, hired labor or both, contributed greatly to the success of the milling operations. Family labor was not paid, but motivations were given to family members, while hired labor was paid per activity. The average cost of labor per ton of FFB in the study area was 8,812 FCFA for both peak and low seasons. The average net return in the processing and marketing of 1 ton of FFB was 32,207 FCFA in peak season and 46,556 FCFA in low season. This income-generating activity was ranked as the first main source of income in the study area and has valuable contributions in household livelihood. The production of palm kernel oil and local soap was also recorded in the area, but this was mainly for home use and not for sale. Poor accessibility and unstable prices were the main constraints in the production process. While the men were dominant in processing, women were dominant in the commercialization of RPO. Artisanal palm-oil milling is a lucrative business in the area and will go a long way to alleviate poverty if the smallholders could come together and form a dynamic scheme.

Smallholder finance in the palm oil sector CIFOR

Abstract: Over the years, the world industry of oil palm has been rapidly increasing in the tropical areas of Asia, Africa and America. One of the major reasons behind this increase is the wider use of palm oil biodiesel as an alternative energy source. The demand for palm oil is further strengthened as more countries establish mandates on use of biofuels. The high prices for palm oil, driven partly by the introduction of palm oil biodiesel, spur even more investment in the palm oil sector. The expansion of oil palm plantation changes land use pattern. The rapid growth in the plantation area of oil palm poses several environmental challenges. The research problems of interest here are how do changes in palm oil demand determinants affect land use pattern, and to what extent the use of palm oil biodiesel contributes to demand for land in oil palm production. Dataset used in this study are from the six major producers in the world, namely Colombia,

Côte d'Ivoire, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nigeria, and Thailand. The least square dummy variable derived demand model in this study takes into account the price of palm oil, economic growth, price of other vegetable oils, crude oil price, export quantity and several fixed effects variables. Own price and price of other vegetable oils do not significantly affect demand for oil palm area harvested, whereas economic growth, export market and crude oil price have significant impact on the derived demand for oil palm area harvested. The pattern of oil palm area harvested differs between countries from South East Asia and the other remaining countries. Governmental intervention and political stability have a role behind the distinctive feature of oil palm plantation across the six countries.

An Investigation Into the Derived Demand for Land in Palm Oil Production NYBookz

There are about 2 million smallholders cultivating 40% of Indonesia's oil palm area. They require significant financing to establish, maintain and replant their oil palm plantations, in order to both increase productivity and improve the quality of the fresh fruit bunches. Their capacity to self-finance their plantation is limited. However, most of them are credit-constrained. Since the late 1970s, the Government of Indonesia has introduced a number of credit schemes for oil palm smallholders. Banks and other formal institutions have also been offering various credit schemes in terms of the amount, grace period and requirements for smallholders, both individually or in groups. Through interviews and focus group discussions in two districts, each in South Sumatra and Central Kalimantan, we found four gaps: (1) demand-supply gaps; (2) maturity gaps; (3) risk-sharing gaps; and (4) legal gaps. Demand-supply gaps exist where credit applications by oil palm smallholders were not approved because of issues related to collateral requirements, credit amounts, and crop gestation periods. Maturity gaps exist when only few financing schemes consider a grace period for smallholders to wait for the first harvest. Risk-sharing gaps refer to the volatility in production costs and palm oil prices that smallholders have to bear. Many smallholders do not hold proper documentation, which leads to the legal gaps that prevent them from using their land as collateral to access credit from banks. These gaps reduce the possibility of smallholders accessing credit from formal institutions, which drives an informal local lending market with

limited credit amounts and higher interest rates. The government and financial institutions must address these gaps in order to improve formal credit access for smallholder oil palm farmers.

Oil Palm Expansion in South East Asia CIFOR

Highlights Zero-deforestation commitments are emerging rapidly in Indonesia. They already encompass a large portion of crude palm oil production and almost all the pulp and paper (P&P) sector; typically, they reflect the values of the "no-deforestation, no-exploitation (social) and no-peat" policies. These commitments depend on definitions of "forests" for their identification and conservation, which in turn rely on methodologies such as High Conservation Value and High Carbon Stock. Early implementation has revealed that the palm oil sector is facing a number of governance challenges to achieve commitments: the legal framework is not systematically supportive of the pledges, and the government promotes a different vision of sustainability. Of note is the fact that the P&P sector is more advanced. Integration of smallholders into sustainable value chains poses another challenge for the palm oil sector: traceability, better environmental performance and improved yields require urgent action. Legalization of smallholder operations is critical and goes beyond commitments, because it determines access to financing and certification, among others. To be effective, zero-deforestation commitments must align public and private governance arrangements. This requires an agreement on visions of sustainability supported by public policies; progress on land tenure; enforcement of progressive regulations at national and regional levels; and the implementation of strong policies to rationalize the expansion of small and medium holdings of oil palm. Legacy issues must also be addressed for the main palm oil and P&P groups: land restitution through due processes, support to smallholders and investments in land restoration are some promising avenues worth pursuing.

The Tropical Oil Crop Revolution Independently Published

The rapid development of oil palm cultivation feeds many social issues such as biodiversity, deforestation, food habits or ethical investments. How can this palm be viewed as a "miracle plant" by both the agro-food industry in the North and farmers in the tropical zone, but a serious ecological threat by non-governmental organizations (NGOs) campaigning for the environment or rights of local indigenous peoples? In the present

book the authors – a biologist and an agricultural economist – describe a global and complex tropical sector, for which the interests of the many different stakeholders are often antagonistic. Oil palm has become emblematic of recent changes in North-South relationship in agricultural development. Indeed, palm oil is produced and consumed in the South; its trade is driven by emerging countries, although the major part of its transformations is made in the North that still hosts the largest multinational agro industries. It is also in the North that the sector is challenged on ethical and environmental issues. Public controversy over palm oil is often opinionated and it is fed by definitive and sometimes exaggerated statements. Researchers are conveying a more nuanced speech, which is supported by scientific data and a shared field experience. Their work helps in building a more balanced view, moving attention to the South, the region of exclusive production and major consumption of palm oil.

The Oil Palm Complex Elsevier

Investigates alleged mismanagement regarding palm oil storage procedures by GSA in the Baltimore, Md., area.

Analysis and Optimization of a biodiesel production from WCO

John Wiley & Sons

Please note that the content of this book primarily consists of articles available from Wikipedia or other free sources online. Pages: 25. Chapters: Attalea maripa, Benso Oil Palm Plantation, Bursaphelenchus cocophilus, Elaeis, Elaeis guineensis, Elaeis oleifera, Environmental impact of palm oil, Lauric acid, Malaysian Palm Oil Board, Palmitic acid, Palm kernel, Palm stearin, Rahman Syed, Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil, Sime Darby, Tradewinds Plantation Berhad. Excerpt: Palm oil is an edible vegetable oil derived from the mesocarp (reddish pulp) of the fruit of the oil palms, primarily the African oil palm *Elaeis guineensis*, and to a lesser extent from the American oil palm *Elaeis oleifera* and the maripa palm *Attalea maripa*. It is naturally reddish in color because of a high beta-carotene content. It is not to be confused with palm kernel oil derived from the kernel of the same fruit, or coconut oil derived from the kernel of the coconut palm (*Cocos nucifera*). The differences are in color (raw palm kernel oil lacks carotenoids and is not red), and in saturated fat content: Palm mesocarp oil is 41% saturated, while Palm Kernel oil and Coconut oil are 81% and 86% saturated respectively Palm oil, along with coconut oil, is one of the few highly saturated

vegetable fats. It is semi-solid at room temperatures and contains several saturated and unsaturated fats in the forms of glyceryl laurate (0.1%, saturated), myristate (1%, saturated), palmitate (44%, saturated), stearate (5%, saturated), oleate (39%, monounsaturated), linoleate (10%, polyunsaturated), and alpha-linolenate (0.3%, polyunsaturated). Like all vegetable oils, palm oil does not contain cholesterol, although saturated fat intake increases both LDL and HDL cholesterol. Palm oil is GMO-free, i.e., it is not derived from genetically modified organisms. Palm oil is a common cooking ingredient in the tropical belt of Africa, Southeast Asia and parts of Brazil. Its use in the commercial food industry in...

Stockpiling--palm Oil CIFOR

Key messages Smallholder farmers require significant financing to establish, maintain and replant their oil palm plantations, in order to both increase productivity and improve the quality of the fresh fruit bunches (FFB) produced. Smallholders are also limited in their capacity to self-finance their plantation operations. There is a significant gap, both in terms of amount and accessibility, between the demand smallholders in the palm oil sector make for credit and the supply of that credit by banks and financial institutions. The majority of credit approved for smallholders can only be used for working capital and cannot cover the costs of replanting or accommodate the timeframe required for it. A credit maturity gap also exists in the majority of financing schemes, with loan repayment schedules beginning immediately after fund disbursement. Few financing schemes consider oil palm farmers' initial wait for a harvest, and thus provide loans with a grace period adapted to these timescales. Risk sharing gaps are visible when farmers repay their loans, as any variation or volatility in production costs and palm oil prices is borne by producers. Legal gaps are also evident, with many smallholders not holding proper documentation, which prevents them from using their land as collateral to access credit from banks. These gaps reduce the possibility of smallholders accessing formal credit, which in turn drives an informal local lending market with higher interest rates. In order to improve formal credit access for smallholder oil palm farmers, the different gaps (i.e. maturity, risk and legal) must be addressed.

Social impacts of oil palm in Indonesia Hong Wai Onn Studied carried out on the basis of total substitution and often

using formula diets have shown, generally, that substitution of any formula for ordinary diet may be hypocholesterolemic and that the effects on plasma cholesterol in man are predictable based on fatty acid spectrum. It is noteworthy that in comparing coconut, beef tallow and safflower oil in real diets one study concluded that beef tallow (whose fatty acid pattern resembles that of palm oil) could not be regarded as a saturated fat. Recent data from experiments in which palm oil has been fed as part of a diet have suggested that it may not exhibit hypercholesterolemic properties in man.

Toward responsible and inclusive financing of the palm oil sector Horizon Books (A Division of Ignited Minds Edutech P Ltd) Project Report from the year 2017 in the subject Engineering - Industrial Engineering and Management, , language: English, abstract: The conventional approach of biodiesel production is transesterification, using oil and alcohol in the presence of a catalyst with glycerol as a by-product of the reaction. Product quality is dependent on the type and amount of catalyst, type of oil feedstock, alcohol-to-oil ratio, etc. In terms of the best process, currently the alkali catalyzed process is the most profitable while the enzymatic based one is even more promising due to the lower consumption of energy and water; however it requires that the enzyme cost is reduced. The reason that biodiesel is not utilized widely around the world is due to the high cost of raw materials. To overcome this, one can use lower quality oils, such as Waste

Cooking Oil (WCO). A lot of research has been carried out on the production of biodiesel from fresh vegetable and animal oil sources but the use of Waste Cooking Oil, such as palm oil, etc. has not been well documented. Then the aim of this current project is to analyze and optimize the conditions for biodiesel production from Waste Cooking Oil, by investigating interaction effects among process variables (temperature, oil-to-methanol molar ratio and catalyst loading) using SPC and other tools. Thus this project focuses on making biodiesel processes better and more efficient.

Standards for Fats & Oils CIFOR

Oil palm basics. Oil palm and palm oil. Historical summary. Palm oil biology, products and productivity. Oil palm cultivation. Yield and its improvement. Palm oil production and global trends. Palm oil production. Biofuel development, demand and expansion. Palm oil prices. The boom continues. A driver of deforestation?. Greenhouse gas emissions.

The non-industrial palm oil sector in Cameroon The New Press Key messages Many stakeholders, including governments, production and processing companies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), are working towards a more sustainable palm oil sector. Although smallholders account for an important share of oil palm cultivation, the social and environmental challenges of smallholder practices receive relatively little attention. Financial Service Providers (FSPs), such as banks and pension funds, could play a more significant role developing a

more sustainable and inclusive palm oil sector by tying Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) conditions to the financial services they provide to palm oil companies that source products from smallholders. The majority of funds financing the major palm oil companies originate from FSPs based in Asian countries such as Japan, Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore. Currently, these FSPs do not have adequate ESG policies. European and American FSP policies are more advanced in addressing such issues as deforestation and Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) certification. Nevertheless, they still pay very little attention to the inclusion of smallholders in sustainable supply chains. Due to the differences between ESG policies followed by European and American FSPs in comparison to Asian FSPs, palm oil companies still have ample alternatives to access financing with few conditions. As a result, the potentially significant contribution of FSPs to foster a more sustainable palm oil sector remains underutilized. Adoption of more adequate ESG policies by Asian FSPs could occur in the first place through an increased understanding by these FSPs of the financial risks involved in continuing business as usual. Second, peer pressure from European and American FSPs and sustainability initiatives would help. Third, financial regulators in the palm oil production countries increasingly look for instruments to stimulate the financial sector to contribute more to the sustainable development of their economies.

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