



# RSPO Supply Chain Certification

## Join the sustainable palm oil market

There is an ever-urgent need and growing global concern that commodities are produced without causing harm to the environment or society. The **Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) Supply Chain Certification** sets out requirements on responsible palm oil production. It helps to reduce the risk of contributing to deforestation and social injustice whilst creating access to a new market of responsibly sourced products.

Consumers in several markets are demanding palm oil producers to take action and make commitments to 'zero deforestation'. With the RSPO Supply Chain Certification, your company **can join these markets**, so desired by consumers. This pressure has also led to certification being a more common requirement in both public and private tenders.

### Certification throughout the supply chain

Certification helps supply chain companies demonstrate their **responsible commitment** to sourcing and producing responsible palm oil, along with promoting and selling certified products. This applies to palm oil mills, crushers, farms, processors and traders, consumer goods manufacturers and retailers of palm oil products.

We have a **proven experience** in sustainability solutions, including expertise related to outsourced processes, multi-site and group certification, and can assist you in finding the right one for your business.

### Your sustainability service choice

You can also choose **additional services** to underpin your corporate responsibility efforts.

Here are a few **options**:

- ✓ Assistance with the EU developments on sourcing responsible palm oil. Our Sourcing Hub ([www.preferredbynature.org/sourcinghub](http://www.preferredbynature.org/sourcinghub)) offers risk assessments for palm oil, free due diligence tools and other resources helpful in mapping and handling risks in your supply chains. Our risk assessments cover 82% of global palm oil production.


### Sourcing Hub



Timber Beef Soy Palm

The largest and most detailed collection of risk assessments ever published

- ✓ Taking a stand for our climate with Preferred by Nature Carbon Footprint Management certification.
- ✓ Taking a systematic approach to responsible palm oil procurement. Get inspiration for developing your company policy.
- ✓ Our **Sustainability Framework** is a universal set of principles and criteria that represent the core aspects of sustainability across all commodities and supply chains. It can be tailored to any commodity, including palm oil, enabling relevant and focused application.



RSPO trademark enables consumers to easily identify those brands and products that are sourcing responsibly produced palm oil.



## Five steps to certification

-  In dialogue with Preferred by Nature, you decide on the **scope of your certificate**. You will receive an info pack from Preferred by Nature.
-  You develop a **Supply Chain procedure**, train and instruct your staff to follow it.
-  We conduct a **Supply Chain audit** – normally on-site. We interview your staff, review documentation and visit your sales, production and storage facilities. Any identified non-conformities are also described, and **all non-conformities need to be corrected before the certificate can be issued**.
-  We prepare a **report** with the audit findings, which is then quality checked.
-  Based on a positive result, we issue you a **Supply Chain certificate**, which will be **valid for a 5-year period**.

## Experience counts

Preferred by Nature is an international non-profit organisation working to support better land management and business practices that benefit people, nature and the climate in 100+ countries. We do this by supporting other organisations to take responsible approaches.

We also take steps to improve the systems that we work with. Some of our projects aim to streamline and optimise certification processes.

For over **25 years**, we have been working to foster sustainable land use and responsible trade in forest commodities. We have certified over **80 million** hectares of forests and over **800,000 farmers**. Our customers include retailers, food producers and traders, multinational multi-site and group certificate holders, as well as small companies and smallholders.

Our Sustainability Framework can put any business on the path - from legal compliance to best practice.

Depending on the location in the supply chain, business can use the framework in different ways. While highlighting the high-risk areas that need attention, the Sustainability Framework helps businesses filter out low-risk indicators so that they can target their efforts where they will make the biggest impact.

**Supply Chain Certification** is important for the world's palm oil plantations and the surrounding landscape. At the same time, it can be a technical challenge for those who need to follow the rules. This is why we have been developing **guides** and **examples** that can support you in this work.

Our aim is to provide you with **professional services**, delivered on time and to high quality. We will keep you up to speed on evolving certification requirements through client updates and provide you with the full support that you need to understand and fulfil your certification commitments.



RSPO trademark is a powerful tool to promote your forest friendly palm oil commitments to your consumers and expand your market share with a growing number of brands, retailers and customers who require RSPO certified palm oil.

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