

To the honourable Niall Blair,

A great, ash coloured elephant striding through different shades of green in desperate need of home, but everywhere he goes, these magnificent trees plummeting into the grassy terrain. Imagine you are an elephant in this same situation, wouldn't you be anxious to escape? But everywhere you dash, large canopies drop before your eyes. If only humans put 4 simple words on packets that contain palm oil: "Contains sustainable palm oil". Palm oil is not bad on its own, but the way it is harvested in an unsustainable way is bad. If only palm oil could be sustainable, but how? Well all you have to do is put 4 words on packets of food that contain palm oil then customers will know that it is made without destroying rainforests or slaying poor defenceless elephants then they will now know to buy the sustainable palm oil instead of being tricked into thinking that vegetable oil was our everyday oil that doesn't kill these innocent elephants. Words DO save lives!

Customers don't know that they are buying palm oil that kills elephants, they just think that they are just buying normal vegetable oil that doesn't affect animals and rainforests but no, they are sponsoring humans killing elephants, destroying 1000 kilometres of beautiful, green rainforests and making room for palm trees that just take up room that could instead have miles of humid rainforests or homes. For those of you out there that are animals which sleep, eat and live there. Wouldn't you rather kilometres of rainforests that millions of animals use as a home, or would you rather palm tree plantations that don't have natural animals to feed off?

Huge areas of rainforests are getting destroyed due to palm oil plantations. Well, you might ask what is palm oil? Palm oil goes by many names like: vegetable oil, Vegetable Fat, Palm Kernel, Palm Kernel Oil etc. Palm oil is the yellow oil that you get from the fruit of the palm tree that can be made into soap, candles, etc. Palm oil is not bad, but if it is harvested in an unsustainable way then it causes more damage and then it is considered bad.

Sustainable palm oil would be better because no defenceless elephants would be dying because of habitat loss and palm oil plantations. Wouldn't you prefer it that way?

Kind regards,
Norah