

## **Palm Oil**

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I am a year 10 student from Melbourne Girls College, and I am one of the very few people who have been educated about how palm oil, which is an ingredient used frequently in food products, is extracted from underneath orang-utans habitat which then leads to these innocent animals becoming endangered. I was shocked to find out during a zoologist's presentation on palm oil at my school to my year level, that nearly every food product I buy from the supermarket contains palm oil, but if I hadn't been told of this, I would still have no idea what palm oil is and that effect it has on the orang-utans. What I would strongly suggest, is for Palm Oil to be labelled on the products which it is in, so that people have the choice to help save the Orang-utans from becoming extinct. What I find hard to understand is that there are many alternative oils which could be used instead of Palm Oil which would not risk such a beautiful and innocent species from becoming extinct.

