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WhiteWave's Sustainable Palm Statement

The WhiteWave Foods Company (WhiteWave) is committed to sourcing sustainable palm oil for a variety of our products. Although we are not a direct producer of palm oil and our influence may be limited by the volume of palm oil we purchase, we recognize our role as a food manufacturer in promoting the development of sustainable palm oil, and the role of our supply chain in sustainable production of palm oil.

We are members of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO), and support the efforts of the RSPO to develop industry best practices. We require that our direct suppliers are members of the RSPO, and at a minimum, we are committed to sourcing certified sustainable palm oil through the mass balance system when commercially feasible.

In addition to the requirements and criteria set forth for RSPO members, we also evaluate the policies of our suppliers and expect them to adopt policies or practices that address incremental issues within the palm oil sector, including the following:

- Adhere to WhiteWave's Supplier Code of Conduct
- No deforestation of high conservation value (HCV) or high carbon stock (HCS) areas
- No development on peat
- No exploitation of people and communities
- No burning for land clearance
- Development of traceable and verified palm oil sources by independent parties
- Commitments to continuous improvement of standards and certification systems
- Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) from local communities
- Time bound action plans to manage and measure sourcing practices against these policies

As of the date of this statement, all of our direct suppliers have policies consistent with the foregoing. As our business grows, we will require our palm oil suppliers to meet the foregoing criteria, where possible. WhiteWave will require its suppliers to verify that they are in compliance with these criteria by the year 2020, and WhiteWave will provide an update on progress toward this commitment in its annual RSPO report.

With the support of NGOs and suppliers, WhiteWave will continue to support the development of sustainable palm oil products. More information about our program and progress can be found in our annual [RSPO report](#).