the BASICS



OIL CAN BE EXTRACTED FROM TWO PARTS OF THE FRUIT. THE OUTER FLESH AND THE SEED, OR KERNEL

PALM FRUIT FLESH



- PALM KERNEL

Palm oil from the flesh produces
EDIBLE PALM OIL, which you'll find in

food products



Palm kernel oil
or its derivatives are
mainly USED
IN COSMETICS
DETERGENTS

and CHEMICALS:

Palm oil kernels CAN BE ROASTED AND EATEN or ground into flour

They have a stem diameter of as much as 0.5m

8 AND 20M HIGH

75...

FRUIT CONTAINS 50% OIL

and the fruit can be HARVESTED ALL YEAR ROUND

The plants can only grow in areas

10° north or south

of the equator.

In well-managed plantations, palm oil

FRUIT PRODUCES 3-8 TIMES MORE OIL from a given area than ANY OTHER TROPICAL or TEMPERATE OIL CROP

These are also the most

biodiverse areas on the planet

TO GROW PALM OIL TREES YOU NEED:



1.780-2.280mm rainfall per year



2-4 month dry period



21-24°C mean minimum temperature

the COMPARISON

Palm oil isn't the only vegetable oil you'll find in your food.

But how does it compare?

WHICH PLANT PRODUCES THE MOST OIL?

litre of oil per hectare







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Coconut



1.212 litres/ha





1.190 litre oil/ha

MOST EFFICIEN







446 litre oil/ha

Soybean



IF DEMAND FOR OIL ISN'T MET BY PALM OIL.
OTHER CROPS MORE DEMANDING ON THE
ENVIRONMENT WILL TAKE ITS PLACE

BECAUSE OTHER CROPS ARE LESS EFFICIENT.
THIS WILL CONVERT EVEN MORE LAND
INTO USE FOR AGRICULTURE