

# WHAT IS THE PALM OIL CRISIS?

- Millions of acres of rainforest in Borneo and Sumatra are cut down or burned each year for non-sustainable palm oil plantations.
- Instead of using already cleared land, some companies and farmers choose to cut down healthy rainforest.
- This rainforest is home to a wide variety of threatened species. It is the only place in the world where wild orangutans are found.
- Wild orangutans will become extinct if we don't make palm oil production sustainable.



## Where is this happening?



- Borneo and Sumatra are islands in the countries of Malaysia and Indonesia.
- Palm oil is also grown in other places, such as Thailand, Africa and South America.