



AUB Sustainable Palm Oil Statement

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Palm oil production is historically intrinsically associated with deforestation and the consequent impact on biodiversity, climate change and other negative environmental impacts.

However, sustainable palm oil is produced in a manner which minimizes environmental degradation and meets strict criteria throughout the production process.

The Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) is the major international stakeholder body which defines these criteria. They include:

- no deforestation of high carbon stock (HCS) or high conservation value (HCV) forests and ecosystems
- no development of peatland
- zero burning
- responsible labour practices and respect of the rights of local communities

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AUB welcomes and is committed to its participation in the Dorset Sustainable Palm Oil Community project and is signed up as a 'Champion' for this scheme (for more information click [here](#)). AUB acknowledges this will support livelihoods, mitigate against climate change, and protect wildlife around the world from the harmful impacts of unsustainable agricultural practices. As a signee AUB plans to:

- Ensure all food products sold at AUB containing palm oil are sourced from Certified Sustainable Palm Oil (CSPO) – 2022
- Ensure our suppliers / manufacturers have a time-bound plan to source 100% CSPO across operations - 2024

This statement supports AUB Environment Policy and its commitment to sustainable and ethical procurement.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jontanya", written over a faint rectangular box.