



Sustainable Palm Oil: Green Palm Sustainability

Herrco Cosmetics has chosen to support the production of sustainable palm oil through the Green Palm certificate trading programme. By purchasing Green Palm certificates totalling 30 tonnes, to cover the use of palm oil & palm kernel oil in our products, Herrco Cosmetics has paid a voluntary premium to palm oil producers operating within the RSPO- (Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil)'s strict guidelines for social and environmental responsibility.

What is Palm Oil and why is it used?

Palm Oil and Palm Kernel Oil are used as a base in a huge amount of cosmetic ingredients. Palm has high oil content; each fruit contains about 50% oil. In global agricultural terms, this is beneficial as Palm takes up less land to farm. However, in developing countries Palm has become a cash crop resulting in native rainforest being cleared to make way for Palm plantations. The environmental impact of Palm oil as farmed presently is significant. It is linked to:

- **Biodiversity loss**
- **Soil degradation**
- **Issues with land rights and indigenous displacement**
- **Extinction of Orang-utans**

Formulated by the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO), Green Palm Sustainability is a scheme supported by WWF, Oxfam and the Rainforest Alliance.

Derek Herrmann, Technical & Sales Director, explains:

"Whilst better managed plantations and oil palm smallholdings serve as models of sustainable agriculture, there are serious concerns that not all palm oil is produced sustainably. That's why we have decided to support the Green Palm programme, with the result that as from 2011 our products can bear the Green Palm Sustainability logo."

If you would like to carry the Green Palm Sustainability logo on your products, or would like more information about using Green Palm, please contact:-

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