



Palm Oil Resources and Other Initiatives

University of Chester and Chester Zoo

Chester Zoo launched their Sustainable Palm [Oil Challenge Campaign](#) just over a year ago working with organisations of various sizes, across the city to try to be the first sustainable Palm Oil City in the world. They are championing the use of/creating a demand for, sustainable palm oil rather than a complete ban on all palm oil, and have some excellent resources to explain why. The University soon signed up to their toolkit and joined the campaign.

Chester University and their catering team in particular, have worked with the team at the zoo to review their food and beverage products and to engage with our suppliers to ensure only sustainable palm oil is used. This has resulted in changing suppliers for some products that were not able to demonstrate the products were from sustainable sources. In August, the University was [officially announced](#) to be one of the Champions in the campaign

Act for Wildlife an Initiative set up and led by Chester Zoo has a PDF Download available of a [Palm Oil Toolkit](#); Sustainable Palm Oil Questionnaire and a Sustainable Palm Oil Audit are all available on the website. These are aimed at Restaurants but might be a useful spring board for use within your organisations.

Other resources from the Chester Zoo project can be found [here](#):

Ethical Consumer Information articles and information can be found below:

<https://www.ethicalconsumer.org/food-drink/palm-oil-and-consumers>

<https://www.ethicalconsumer.org/palm-oil-free-list>

Oxford Brookes University

Oxford Brookes have completed a study investigating the use of palm oil across our catering outlets. This research is being led by Rory Padfield a senior lecturer in Development Geography. Part of the work has been to develop a new bespoke scorecard method to assess the sustainability of its sources and examine the wider procurement policy requirements.

We hope to receive an Executive Summary of this research so far, and will be sharing this soon.

A couple of interesting stats from the study:

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The Brookes study found that palm oil was present in over 30% of food and beverages sold on campus, of

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which 83% of the palm oil found was hidden inside another ingredient.

For help identifying Palm Oil in other products:

A partial list for other names for palm oil-derived ingredients can be found [here](#)