Worldwide exports of palm oil



Remark: increasing exports of crude palm oil by countries other than Indonesia and Malaysia (particularly from central and south America – not only Colombia and Guatemala).

Worldwide imports of palm oil



USA – small share of global imports and therefore little leverage. Further analysis needed to explain the difference between the weight of simply refined palm oil imported and exported.

Imports of palm oil by China



Imports of palm oil by USA



Remark: why the switch from Malaysia to Indonesia mid-decade?

Imports of palm oil by Bangladesh



Remark: switch from crude palm oil to simply refined palm oil early last decade; data for 2014, 2016-2019 estimated from export statistics reported by Indonesia and Malaysia.

Imports of palm oil by India



Imports of palm oil by Pakistan



Remark: surge in imports from Indonesia presumably co-ordinated

Imports of palm oil by Colombia

Colombia appears to be the primary destination for the palm oil exports of Ecuador and Peru. The extent to which those imported supplies are either re-exported or transformed in Colombia prior to onwards export is unclear – as is the extent palm oil from estates in Colombia are segregated from palm oil imported into Colombia. Much of Colombia’s crude palm oil production derives from estates which have not required land-use change but whose ownership is disputed (much is claimed by Colombians who fled the country during its troubled past).

Exports of palm oil from Brazil



Exports of palm oil from Colombia



Exports of palm oil from Costa Rica



Exports of palm oil from Ecuador



Exports of palm oil from Guatemala



Exports of palm oil from Nicaragua



Exports of palm oil from Peru



Exports of palm oil from Cambodia



Exports of palm oil from Thailand



Exports of palm oil from Indonesia



Exports of palm oil from Malaysia



*Imports of palm oil from Papua New Guinea*



*Imports of palm oil from Solomon Islands*



Expansion of exports from both Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands would presumably be uncertifiable – from SABLs or other recently deforested land (especially if associated with illegality). The export success of certified palm oil will have given politicians and investors the view that palm oil is green gold. As such the leading brands and their products (and those who consume these) are culpable.

Imports of palm oil from Ivory Coast



Ivory Coast is typical of other countries in the region – on that almost all its exports of palm oil are to neighbouring countries (and the EU).