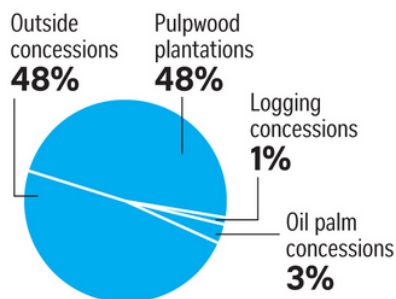




5 October 2015 – Wilmar has a zero-tolerance policy towards the use of fire in land preparation or development. We have also taken an active role in mitigating the occurrence of forest burning and haze, through the implementation of our [No Deforestation, No Peat, No Exploitation policy](#) (“Policy”) that applies to our entire supply chain, including our third-party suppliers, as well as community education campaigns and multi-stakeholder collaborations to entrench sustainable practices throughout the industry. Information on Wilmar’s efforts is detailed in our statement, [Wilmar’s Efforts to Mitigate Forest Burning in Indonesia](#).

Fire alerts by land-use area



Source: [The Straits Times](#) / [Global Forest Watch](#)

The industry is transforming. Following Wilmar’s Policy announcement in December 2013, many more palm oil companies have adopted a similar policy. Today, over 85% of the palm oil trade is covered by sustainability policies that call for an end to (i) deforestation, (ii) development on peat, and (iii) exploitation of people and local communities. No Burn commitments are embedded within these policies.

It is inaccurate to portray the palm oil industry as the main contributor to forest fires. Data from Global Forest Watch shows that only 3% of recent fire alerts were attributed to oil palm concessions.

Regarding Greenpeace’s [unsubstantiated allegations](#) of hotspots in Wilmar’s concessions in 2013, we acknowledge that despite our best efforts, fires may occasionally occur in our concessions, particularly during the dry season. These are caused by external factors, and dealt with quickly and decisively. Information on Wilmar’s fire prevention and suppression programmes are detailed in our [statement](#).

Forest burning in Indonesia is a highly complex issue, which can only be resolved through cooperation and coordination of multiple stakeholders, including not just the private sector and non-government organisations / civil society organisations, but also

local governments. Wilmar is firmly committed to supporting efforts to put an end to forest burning and haze.

To the best of our knowledge, we did not receive any request from Coconut Singapore for an interview or comment.