

**POSITION STATEMENT**

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## **Palm Deforestation and Conversion-Free 2030 Position Statement**

Givaudan's sustainability approach makes progressive efforts to shape a sustainable future for flavours and fragrances. As part of this approach, Responsible Sourcing is a vital topic, aligned to our ambition to source all materials and services in a way that protects people and the environment by 2030 and as defined in our Responsible Sourcing Policy.

In 2025, Givaudan published its Deforestation and Conversion Free Supply Chains (DCF) Policy which outlines Givaudan's commitment, expectations and management approach to source in-scope raw materials, including palm oil, palm kernel oil and derivatives, which are deforestation and conversion free.

Palm is a key ingredient category in our Responsible Sourcing programme. Givaudan uses palm materials and their derivatives as ingredients in its flavours and fragrances<sup>1</sup>. Palm is a versatile, high yielding crop that is one of the most land-use efficient sources of vegetable oil. The supply chains of palm oil are complex, especially with derivatives, and are often associated with the risk of deforestation, habitat loss and human rights issues.

### **Our journey so far**

We have been working on understanding and tracking our palm footprint and exposure for last 5 years, and have also been reporting on critical traceability metrics for the last few years (Traceability to Mill (TTM), Traceability to Plantations (TTP) progress KPIs across various platforms like RSPO ACOP, CDP Forests, WWF POBS etc.).

We recognise the importance of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) in developing standards and driving availability of sustainable palm. Givaudan has been a member of RSPO since 2011 and has actively contributed through systematic disclosure on RSPO ACOP and selective purchases of Mass Balance certified volumes.

Additionally, since 2020, we have been working closely with our external partner and suppliers to map and trace our palm supply chain. In 2025, we achieved traceability for 86% to mill level

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<sup>1</sup> Givaudan uses about 12,000 tonnes of palm derived materials, including *palm oil, palm kernel oil, or their derivatives*.

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and 65% to plantation level, exceeding our set ambition to cover 80% of our palm volume by 2025. In 2025, we also assessed >45% DCF claim on our 2025 palm volumes, our first year of formal DCF linked key performance indicator tracking.

Collaboration through collective platforms with downstream users of palm oil and palm kernel oil is a key element of our approach. We have been members of Earthworm Foundation and the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) for more than five years and became members of Action for Sustainable Derivatives in 2025. These initiatives allow us to align needs, to collectively engage key suppliers, access to grievances and alerts prompted in our palm supply chain landscapes.

In 2025 and for the fifth year in a row, we continued our partnership with the Earthworm Foundation on our palm and palm-derived portfolio, supporting four palm landscape projects in Indonesia & Malaysia. Through these landscape projects, Givaudan contributed support to more than 10,000 beneficiaries, including smallholders and workers. In 2025, about 30% of our palm volumes are connected to landscape projects like these supporting smallholders. More details can be found here: <https://earthworm.org/members/givaudan>

### **Our ambition**

Aligned to our biodiversity purpose ambition, Givaudan is committed to sourcing its critical agricultural commodities without contributing to deforestation or conversion of natural ecosystems by 2030. This commitment reflects of the work carried out in our palm supply chain over the past years.

It also takes into consideration our ongoing programmes of work focusing on respecting human rights, workers and communities' rights, in line with our global policies.

### **Approach and key milestones**

Our approach is based on strong collaboration with our suppliers and industry experts and focuses on four elements:

#### **1. Strengthening transparency and traceability in our supply chains**

We will continue to enhance transparency within our palm supply chains. We are working closely with our palm suppliers to map our supply chain to the relevant level to enable us to assess risks and evaluate how well our palm volumes align with our expectations.

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Having met our 2021-2025 objective of achieving mill-level transparency with our top suppliers—representing 80% of our palm volume (considering all direct and derived palm)—we will now aim to extend this coverage. We will now work toward expanding transparency beyond this initial scope, with the goal of reaching further enhanced mill-level and plantation-level supply chain transparency by 2030, aligned to our 2030 DCF ambitions.

In parallel, we also continue our work to address applicable regulations like EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) which comes into effect from end of 2026 and is complementary to our 100% DCF efforts for our palm supply chains. More details on our EUDR efforts can be found here: <https://www.givaudan.com/files/giv-ps-eu-regulation-deforestation-free-products.pdf>

## **2. Assessing conformity of raw materials in alignment with industry best practices**

Givaudan remains an active member of RSPO and we require from palm suppliers that all palm products sourced are aligned with our DCF Policy through some of the following means:

- Traceability to an area assessed as negligible risk for deforestation and conversion.
- Traceability to a production unit assessed remotely and/or on the ground as DCF since applicable NDPE cut-off date of **31.12.2015**<sup>2</sup>.
- RSPO certification.
- DCF management system in place in the supply chain relying on one or more of the above mechanisms.

## **3. Engaging with our suppliers to assess and mitigate risks towards Deforestation and Conversion-Free palm supply chain**

We have reinforced our commitment to sourcing critical agricultural commodities in a way that avoids contributing to deforestation and the conversion of natural ecosystems.

Our sourcing of palm-based products is an integral part of this commitment, building on several years of dedicated work in this supply chain and aligned with established industry guidelines and best practices.

Most of the palm materials we source directly are derivatives, and we recognise the additional complexity associated with these supply chains. Nevertheless, we remain committed to evaluating all our palm sourcing and progressing toward 100% deforestation and conversion-free (DCF) palm by 2030, in line with recommended industry methodologies for DCF assessments.

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<sup>2</sup> Any EUDR volume which has a verified due diligence statement will be counted as 100% DCF, to align efforts between DCF and EUDR programs.

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We will continuously monitor progress and take appropriate measures to address identified cases of deforestation or conversion on our palm supply-chain, including remediation when necessary.

#### **4. Contribute to collective action driving impact in key palm sourcing landscapes**

We recognise that our ambition cannot be achieved solely by ourselves and that collective action at sector level and its key production landscape is critical to drive lasting change.

We collaborate with industry experts and stakeholders to influence change through co-investment in local transformation projects on the ground of our own key sourcing areas.

These include landscape programmes led by Earthworm Foundation which cover about 30% of our sourced palm volume in 2025. We will continue to identify and assess the relevance of collective landscape action in light of our key commodity sourcing context, considering our goal to co-create positive and tangible impact for our upstream suppliers, smallholders and communities in close collaboration with local governments and NGOs.

### **Appendix - Key terms**

#### **Cut-off date**

The date after which deforestation or conversion of a natural ecosystem renders a given area or palm material produced on this area non-compliant with this Policy.

On a yearly basis, we assess the compliance of our traceable palm volumes with DCF requirements. We use the sectoral NDPE cut-off date of 31.12.2015.

This analysis leverages certification status of palm mills, grievance mechanisms outcomes, and mill satellite imagery assessment.

#### **Certification**

Third party supply chain verification and certificate provide robust assurance that the production and handling of target commodities are carried out sustainably and in conformity with our environmental and social requirements, including DCF expectations. Despite the complexity, cost and limited availability of RSPO certified volumes for palm derivatives, Givaudan reaffirms its support to RSPO and will continue to disclose the proportion of palm products sourced as certified through yearly reporting channels (RSPO ACOP).

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If available, RSPO Segregated or Identity Preserved palm volumes will be considered as part of the Deforestation and Conversion-Free assessment methodology.