

This week's challenge
12th June





Can you find a packet of biscuits – read the list of ingredients – do they contain palm oil? It is staggering how often it is used!

Much rainforest and peatland in Malaysia and Indonesia is being destroyed to make way for palm oil plantations – with huge carbon emissions.

Can you make your own biscuits this week? (recipe examples on the YCW website)



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More than half of packaged supermarket products contain palm oil. 200+ different names are used for palm oil products- they often have these building blocks in their name – PALM, STEAR, LAUR, GLYC .

Sustainable Palm Oil is the way forward (a boycott would lead to alternatives being grown – which could lead to more destruction) 75% of UK palm oil imports are 'sustainable' – working towards 100% – but only 19% of global production is.

An excellent CBBC palm oil clip - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/39514977>, <https://www.worldwildlife.org/pages/which-everyday-products-contain-palm-oil>. - and an interactive WWF webpage about palm oil

We need to protect our planet's carbon sinks. Over 3 million hectares of Southeast Asian peatlands have already been drained to make way for palm oil plantations. Peat soils in Southeast Asia store as much carbon as the Amazon rainforest.

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