



## RSPO SPOTLIGHT ON THE NETHERLANDS



# How can Dutch companies achieve sustainability in palm oil?

### Powering progress through sustainable palm oil

Doing business without harming people or the planet is not without challenges. Yet a growing number of companies are realising that sustainability is the only way forward. From net-zero pledges to traceable supply chains, businesses are engaging to take meaningful and measurable action.

In 2004, the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) was established to promote the production and use of sustainable palm oil. The RSPO Standards have been established to promote the sustainable production of palm oil with respect for the environment, human rights and the wellbeing and inclusion of smallholders. These standards help Dutch companies to progress towards meeting their sustainability commitments and targets. With the first shipment of RSPO Certified sustainable palm oil arriving in Rotterdam in 2012, the Netherlands has been a leader in the sustainable palm oil space for over a decade. Currently, a stronger focus on due diligence, legal compliance and conscious consumerism make RSPO membership more relevant than ever.

RSPO membership is pivotal for companies that want to demonstrate their sustainability commitment to their customers, clients and other stakeholders.

“By requiring our suppliers to be RSPO Supply Chain certified and use RSPO segregated palm oil, we are able to leverage RSPO’s standards to take steps towards meeting our sustainability ambitions. It helps us support responsible palm oil sourcing and drive measurable progress in improving supply chain governance and environmental impact.”

Albert Heijn



### Companies that have joined the RSPO and sourced certified sustainable palm oil are:



Contributing to the protection of tropical rainforests and endangered species



Protecting labour and human rights



Contributing to socioeconomic development in producing countries, many of which rely on the oil palm industry for their livelihoods

### RSPO Members\*



Worldwide  
**6,160**

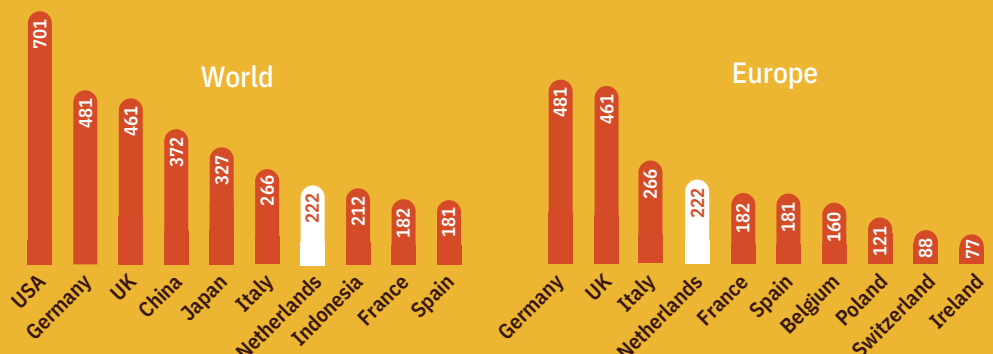


Europe  
**2,893**



The Netherlands  
**222**

### Top 10 countries of RSPO members (worldwide and in Europe)



\*As per June 2025

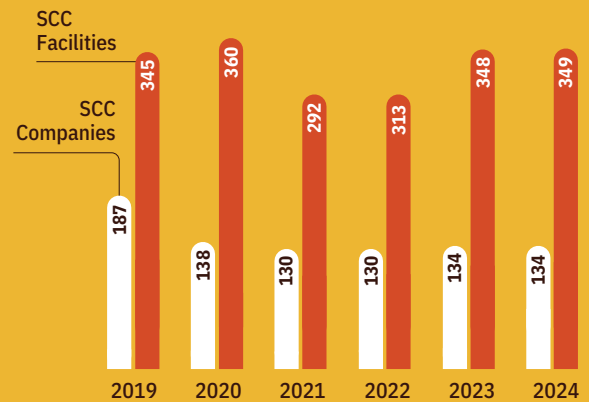
With 222 members, The Netherlands proudly ranks among the Top 10 RSPO countries in terms of membership, both globally and in Europe. This reflects the sector’s strong commitment to sustainable palm oil practices and responsible sourcing in global palm oil supply chains.

## Countries with the highest number of Certified Companies and Facilities

Country	SCC Companies	SCC Facilities
Germany	315	623
United Kingdom	340	569
Netherlands	134	349
Italy	202	283
France	154	274
Belgium	113	271
Spain	142	210
Poland	108	190
Greece	54	66
Ireland	51	58

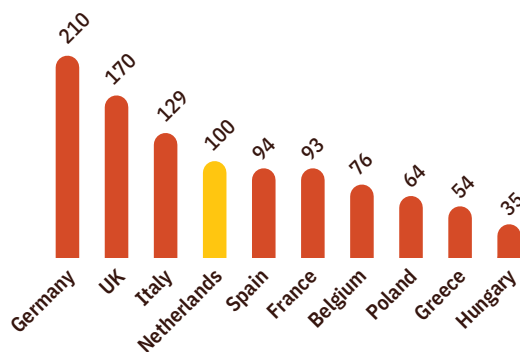
Supply Chain Certification is designed to ensure chain of custody, safeguard trade and traceability, and have it independently certified by a third party. It is a prerequisite for companies that want to make claims about the presence of certified materials along the supply chain, so that these claims can be trusted by the company's clients, customers and other stakeholders. The Netherlands holds a strong third position with 134 certified companies and 349 facilities, showcasing the added value of certification for industry players and consumers alike.

## Supply Chain Certification (SCC) trends in the Netherlands



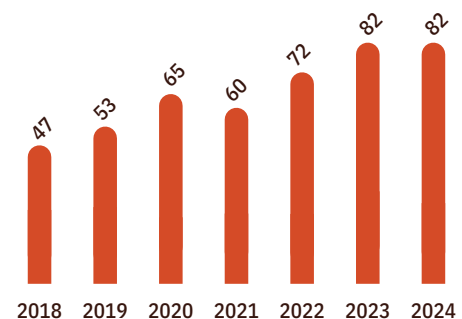
The number of SCC-certified facilities in the Netherlands has been rising since 2021, and has remained strong and steady.

## Top 10 countries with Trademark Licences



Trademark Licences are necessary for corporate or product-related communications. With 100 licences issued, the Netherlands is well placed in 4th position.

## Growth in Rspo Trademark License Holders in the Netherlands



This chart shows the steady growth of Rspo Trademark Licence Holders in The Netherlands from 2018 to 2024. This trend demonstrates the increasing commitment among Dutch companies to sustainable palm oil practices.

## READY TO COMMIT TO A BIGGER CAUSE?

Whether your company produces, trades, distributes or sells products containing palm (kernel) oil and/or derivatives, it is essential that you only buy from Rspo Certified sustainable sources.

Rspo will support you in drafting and implementing procurement policies, provide pre-competitive spaces for you to learn about the issue, and help tell your sustainability story publicly and transparently.

Rspo Members with an Rspo Trademark Licence gain additional opportunities for communications online, business-to-business (B2B), and business-to-consumer (B2C).

## JOIN US

If you are already a member and would like to learn more about advancing your sustainability journey, or if you have not yet joined, please contact [info.eu@rspo.org](mailto:info.eu@rspo.org) to arrange a call with our dedicated team!



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