

I would like to express my feelings about food labeling laws and in particular palm oil labeling. I have worked with orang utans in zoos, have travelled extensively in Indonesia and have a degree in environmental science so feel I am well placed to comment on the issues at stake. I am also health conscious and care what oils and fats I eat and feed my children. My reasons of concern are;

1. Vast tracts of rainforest are being cleared and have been cleared so to create palm oil plantations . Environmentally this is a disaster for these ecosystems ,the animals (including the orangs) ,the people that live there and priceless resource that could be used to combat climate change is destroyed.

2. Consumers should be able to choose products that do not damage the environment.

3. Oils and fats are unhealthy food additives and the more information consumers are given the better choices they can make. Better food labeling makes healthier foods because of consumer pressure.

Thank you

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