First Resources - Green Tigers Index Rankings

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Singapore-based First Resources Limited is one of the fastest-growing palm oil producers in Southeast Asia. The company has had a number of environmental issues.

In October 2012, the Environmental Investigation Agency lodged a formal complaint against First Resources, which resulted in RSPO sanctions against the company. RSPO found that First Resources was guilty of clearing and developing forests in Indonesia’s East Kalimantan prior to carrying out HCV assessment and without getting the consent of indigenous populations. First Resources was also accused of clearing HCV forest in West Kalimantan, leading the RSPO to conclude that the company’s bad behavior is systematic.

In June 2013, First Resources was among the palm oil companies identified as responsible for massive, illegal fires on their concession areas in Indonesia, contributing to some of the worst haze ever to blanket Southeast Asia. In 2014, First Resources appeared again on alert lists for burning illegal fires on their concession areas. The company lacks a meaningful sustainability policy.

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Green Tigers: New Report Ranks Major Palm Oil Companies’ Sustainability Performance

Southeast Asia’s economies are roaring. But with the rise of the so-called “Asian Tiger” economies, too many companies are still putting the region’s environment and economy at risk through continued deforestation and other irresponsible practices. But some countries and companies are choosing a different path. They are adapting to the revolutionized global market by evolving to ensure that their growth does not come at the expense of forests.

These are the Green Tigers -- those companies that are working aggressively to protect forests and reduce their overall environmental footprint are enjoying dramatically improved market access -- with strong prospects for continued international growth.

Our Green Tigers report ranks palm oil companies on their adherence to forest conservation requirements -- showing which companies are slated to prosper in the new era of forest protection, and which are lagging far behind.

We ranked 18 of the world’s largest palm oil companies, judging them on forest protection, high carbon stock protection, peat protection, and their human rights records.
Below you'll find links to profile pages for each company, which include a description of their conservation practices and our rankings.

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Musim Mas
New Britain Palm Oil Limited
Wilmar

Asian Agri
Bumitama Agri Ltd
Bunge
Felda
GAR
IOI Loders Croklaan
Olam
Sime Darby

Astra Agro Lestari
Bumi Armindo
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