



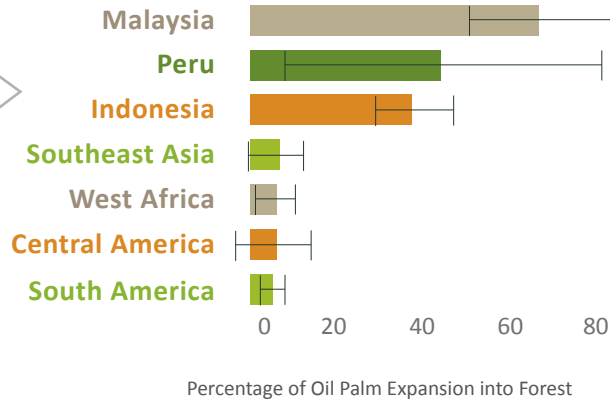
# Colombian oil palm agro-industry: development with low impact on deforestation



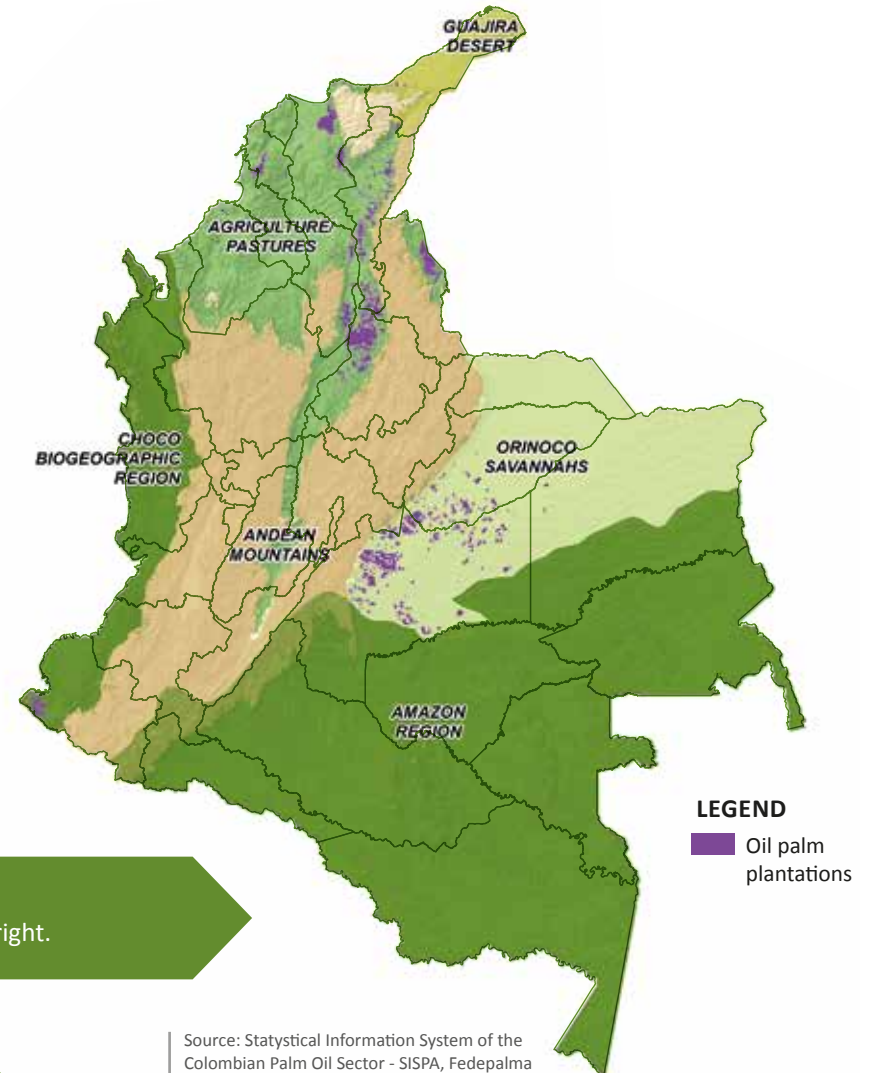
The Oil Palm World is not homogeneous. Not all palm oil producing countries have the same deforestation figures, as shown on a recent IUCN report.

### \*Oil palm and biodiversity A situation analysis by the IUCN Palm Task Force

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## Oil palm crops in Colombia in relation to its major forested lands



In Colombia, the development of the palm oil sector has not been at the expense of forested lands.



Most oil palm crops have been established in areas previously used for agriculture or in pastures.



The oil palm regions are not located in the major forested areas of Colombia: the Amazon and the Chocó Biogeographic regions, as shown in the map on the right.



The area under oil palm cultivation in Colombia grew from

**325.326**  
hectares  
by the end  
of 2008

to **540.687**  
hectares  
by the end  
of 2018



(a 66%  
increase  
in 10 years).



Nonetheless, a recent study estimated that less than **1%** of oil palm expansion between 1989 and 2013 took place on forested land (Vijay et al., 2016), and another study estimated that **9%** of oil palm expansion between 2000 and 2014 was on forests (Furumo & Aide 2017).

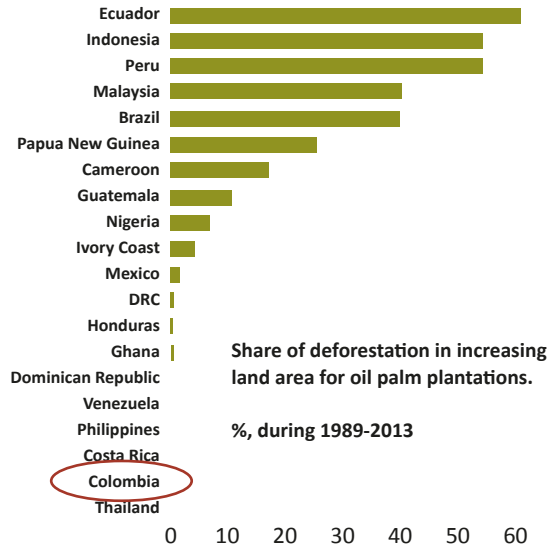


In 2017, the Colombian Government, Fedepalma, oil palm growers, palm oil processors and traders, and other stakeholders signed a **Zero Deforestation Agreement** for the palm oil value chain, under the auspices of the Governments of Germany, Norway and the United Kingdom.

Specific mechanisms are being developed under this agreement to identify and trace **deforestation-free palm oil from Colombia**, and position it and promote its use in national and international markets.

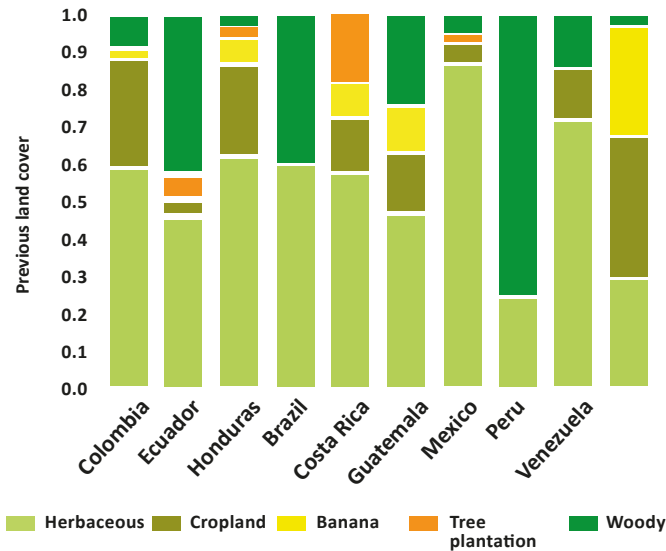
### \* The Impacts of Oil Palm on Recent Deforestation and Biodiversity Loss

Varsha Vijay, Stuart L. Pimm, Clinton N. Jenkins, Sharon J. Smith



### \*\* Characterizing commercial oil palm expansion in Latin America land use change and trade

Paul Richard Furumo and T Mitchell Aide.



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