## IS PALM OIL MORE HARMFUL THAN ITS ALTERNATIVES?

## Objectives

- Compare palm oil with its alternatives in nutritional and environmental aspects and see the consumption trend
- Understand whether consumer decisions are governed by advertising or based on scientific information



## Conclusions

- The media talks about the negative effect of palm oil but not about other fats and oils that we usually consume
- Palm oil has a lower nutritional and environmental impact than its alternatives in general
- Consumers must inform themselves from reliable and scientific sources before making a decision


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## Comparison

Table 4. Summary of the comparison of palm oil, coconut oil and cocoa butter from the economic, nutritional and environmental point of view

| Producers | PALMA OIL | COCONUT OIL | COCOA BUTTER |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Importers | Indonesia, <br> Malaysia, <br> Thailand | Indonesia, <br> Philippines, India | Inory Coast, Ghana, <br> Indonesia |
| India, China | The United States, <br> Europe, China | Europe (Germany <br> and Belgium), The <br> United States |  |
| Importance (\% of GDP in <br> producing countries) | $13 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $40 \%$ |
| Market size in millions of <br> euros (2022-2028) | $55.431-81.463$ | $4.277-6.044$ | $3.205-4.235$ |
| CAGR | $4,96 \%$ | $4,3 \%$ | $4,8 \%$ |
| Product price <br> (dollars per ton) | 1.131 | 1.670 | 4.511 |
| Composition fatty acids | $50 \%$ saturated + | $94 \%$ saturated + | $67 \%$ saturated + |
| T product/ area <br> (millions of ha) | $70 \%$ unsaturated | $6 \%$ unsaturated | $33 \%$ unsaturated |
| Deforestation | Yes | $2 / 11$ | $3 / 11$ |
| Endangered species | $3,79 \rightarrow$ Orangutan | 18,33 | Colobus vellerosus |
| Greenhouse effect <br> (Kg of CO2 eq/ Kg of <br> product) | 7 | 3 | 0,85 |

