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Oil palm plantation in PIR ADB village Langkat district, North Sumatra Photo taken on 9 April 2018 using a quadcopter drone

Photo: Yudi Nofiandi/Auriga Nusantara

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#### BACKGROUND

The Government of Indonesia issues periodic announcements on oil palm plantation data through its Oil Palm Plantation Statistics released by the Ministry of Agriculture's Directorate General of Estate Crops. These statistics record the extent of private,

government and smallholder oil palm estate plantings in Indonesia.

The statistics provide figures on private and stateowned plantations based on secondary data from company reports, while data on smallholder plantations is obtained through various interview methods.

Advances in technology and knowledge have opened up opportunities for spatial determination of oil palm cover.

Though this may give rise to the emergence of figures that differ from the aforementioned statistics, spatial data can provide comparisons that enable the government to determine relevant policies relating

to state revenue, the development of upstream and downstream industries, and the advancement of smallholder plantations.

It is with these considerations in mind that a spatial approach to mapping oil palm cover was undertaken. This data can elicit the updating of oil palm estate data in Indonesia.

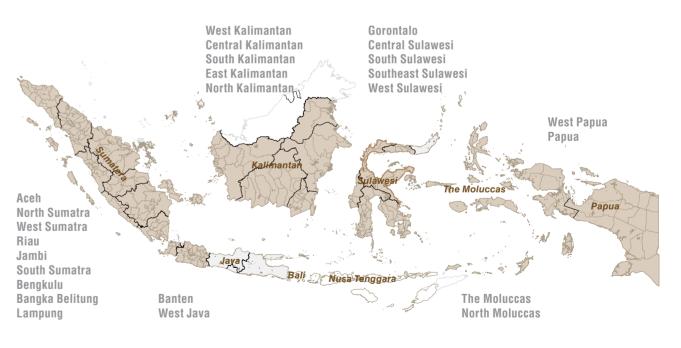
We should emphasize that data presented in this book is data on oil palm cover, meaning areas on the ground already planted with oil palm. These maps will of course differ from concession area maps, as they do not include areas of concessions that have either not been. or have yet to be planted with oil palm.

## Chapter 2 **Utilizing Satellite** Imagery

### 2.1 2.1 MAPPING REGIONS

Mapping was conducted by combining provincial Indonesian Estate Crop Statistics or Statistik Perkebunan Indonesia 2015-2017 (Directorate General of Estate Crops, 2018) and available SPOT-6 satellite imagery for provinces with oil palm cover. The absence of SPOT-6 satellite imagery for Riau Archipelago and North Sulawesi meant no mapping was conducted for either of the two provinces even though statistics indicated 19,013 ha of oil palm cover in Riau Archipelago province in 2015.

#### FIGURE 1. DISTRIBUTION OF OIL PALM MAPPING LOCATIONS IN 25 PROVINCES



 Oil palm estate in PIR ADB village, Langkat district, North Sumatra

Photo: Yudi Nofiandi/Auriga Nusantara

The absence of SPOT-6 satellite imagery for **Riau** Archipelago and North Sulawesi meant no mapping was conducted for either of the two provinces.

With this filtering, mapping was conducted for 25 provinces across six regions: Sumatra, Java, Kalimantan, Sulawesi, the Moluccas, and Papua.

#### **2.2 MAIN DATA**

#### SPOT – 6 satellite imagery

The SPOT-6 satellite, built by Airbus Defence & Space, was launched on 9 September 2012. SPOT-6 is an optical remote sensing satellite capable of providing panchromatic and multispectral imagery with resolutions of 1.5 meters and 6 meters respectively.

The SPOT-6 satellite imagery for this mapping was sourced from the LAPAN Remote Sensing Technology and Data Center, and had already undergone pansharpening and mosaic processes in GeoTIFF format. These SPOT-6 image mosaics had a resolution of 1.5 meters and acquisition times from 2014-2016.

#### Landsat – 8 satellite imagery

The Landsat-8 Earth observation satellite, which was launched on 11 February 2013 and has a temporal resolution of 16 days, possesses two sensors: Operational Land Imager (OLI) and Thermal Infrared Sensor (TIRS).These sensors provide 30-meter spatial resolution (visible, NIR, SWIR), 100-meter thermal and 15-meter panchromatic imagery. The Landsat-8 imagery used for this mapping was downloaded from the US Geological Survey portal provided at https://glovis.usgs. gov/.

#### Unmanned aerial vehicle/drone aerial photographs

Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), commonly called drones, are aerodynamic flying machines that can be controlled by either remote or automatic piloting. Drones used for this mapping were fixed-wing drones with ranges of 50 - 100 km, coverage of 1,500 - 2,000 hectares, and flight durations of 60 - 120 minutes per flight.

Depending on weather conditions, the fixed-wing drones were capable of 4 - 5 flights, or covering 6,000 - 10,000 hectares per day (SIAR-Auriga, 2018).

Fixed-wing drone aerial photos were acquired in 2018 for several locations, including Aceh, North Sumatra, Bengkulu, Central Kalimantan, and East Kalimantan. These photos were used to form mosaics as supplements to main data and as material for reinterpreting the results of analyses.

#### **2.3 SUPPORTING DATA**

#### Land cover maps

Land cover maps constitute lines that depict boundaries of cover areas on the Earth's surface comprising natural and/or manmade landscapes (Law No. 4/2011 on Geospatial Information). Land coverage can also be defined as observable biophysical cover on the Earth's surface that constitutes the result of manmade arrangements, activities and treatments conducted on particular types of land cover in order to undertake production, change or maintenance activities on those areas (SNI 7645, 2010).

The land cover map used for this mapping was produced through manual interpretation of satellite imagery (onscreen digitization) by the Ministry of Environment and Forestry's Directorate General of Forestry Planology and Environmental Arrangement. This national-scale map differentiates between 22 land cover classes; 7 of which are forest cover classes, while the remaining 15 are nonforest cover classes.

#### **Oil Palm Estate Permit Maps**

Oil palm estate permit maps constituted compilations of regional government location permit maps and plantation concession permit maps, as well as business use rights permit maps sourced from regional offices of the National Land Agency.

The compilation process was one of the activities undertaken in the framework of coordinating and supervising estate crop themed implementation of the National Movement for the Rescue of Natural Resources (*Gerakan Nasional Penyelamatan Sumberdaya Alam* (Korsup GN-PSDA) from 2016-2017, and took place in 12 provinces: Riau, Jambi, South Sumatra, Bengkulu, West Kalimantan, Central Kalimantan, East Kalimantan, North Kalimantan, West Sulawesi, Central Sulawesi, West Papua, and Papua.

#### TABLE 1. NATIONAL OIL PALM MAPPING DATA SOURCES

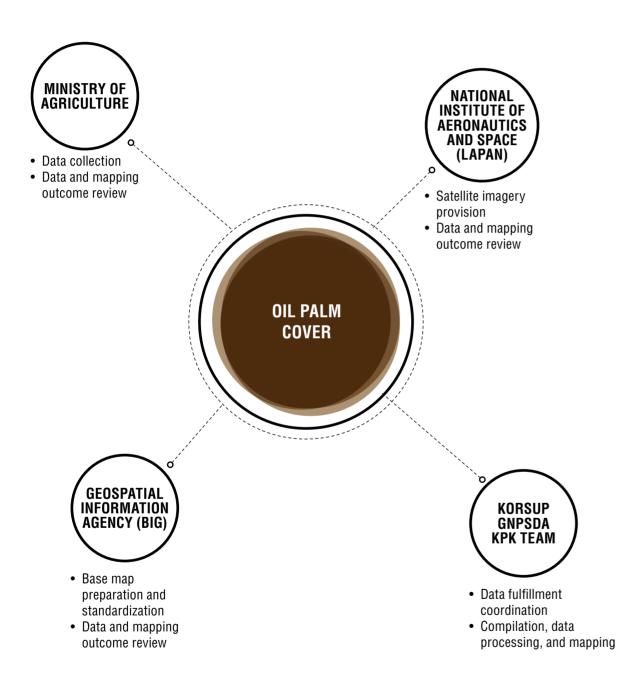
DATA Category	DATA TYPE		YEAR	SOURCE	
MAIN DATA	SPOT 6	Panchromatic 1.5 m and multispectral 6 m resolution satellite imagery	Data mosaics 2014- 2016	LAPAN – GNPSDA KPK	
	UAV Orthophoto	0.2-0.5 m resolution aerial photographs	2018	Korsup GN-PSDA KPK Team	
	Landsat 8	Panchromatic 15 m and multispectral 30 m resolution satellite imagery	Data mosaics 2017	LAPAN – GNPSDA KPK	
SUPPORTING Data	Regional administrative boundaries	1:50,000 scale digital maps	Seamless year 2016	BIG-GNPSDA KPK	
	Land cover	1:50,000 scale digital maps	2016	BIG dan KLHK – GNPSDA KPK	
	Oil palm plantation concession permits	Digital maps and legal documents	Compilation of IUP and HGU concession data up to 2016	Provincial government agriculture offices – GN- PSDA KPK	

### **2.4 STAGES IN OIL PALM COVER MAPPING**

#### 2.4.1 Data Preparation

Oil palm cover mapping was conducted under estate crop themed implementation of the National Movement for the Rescue of Natural Resources (GN-PSDA). It involved relevant state ministries and agencies, such as the Ministry of Agriculture's Directorate General of Estate Crops (*Ditjenbun*), the Geospatial Information Agency (BIG), and the National Space and Aeronautics Agency (LAPAN), and was coordinated and supervised by the Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK).

#### FIGURE 2. DATA PREPARATION MECHANISM AND STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT IN OIL PALM COVER MAPPING



#### 2.4.2. Sample Design

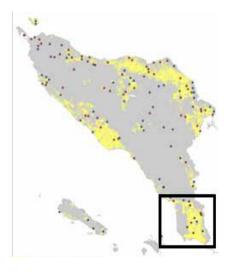
Two types of samples were used in this mapping: samples for preparing reinterpretations, and samples for final outcome accuracy testing. Sample distribution was determined with stratified random sampling. Sample size and distribution followed Slovin's formula:

#### n=N / (1+N x e<sup>2</sup>) Where:

n = sample size / polygon class sampled N= population size / delineated polygon e = margin of error

With mapping regions comprising a variety of provinces, Slovin's formula was applied to each provincial region with additional samples numbering 10% of the total numbers of samples required.

#### FIGURE 3. EXAMPLE OF OIL PALM AND NON OIL PALM SAMPLE DETERMINATION



Oil palm interpretation

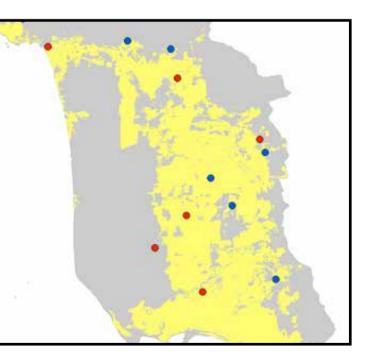
- Non oil palm interpretation
- Oil palm ground-truthing sample
- Non oil palm ground-truthing sample

#### 2.4.3 Oil Palm Cover Visual Interpretation

#### Approaches Used in Visual Interpretation

On-screen or heads-up digitization was always carried out directly on monitor screens. Visual interpretation involved satellite imagery interpretation processes, covering detection, identification, delineation and classification of land cover appearance, together with manually drawing boundary lines. This was done on images of land with both large-scale and small-scale sporadic oil palm plantings. In addition to appearing massive in imagery, large-scale plantations were frequently identifiable through plantation permit maps.

Visual interpretation was undertaken using 2 approaches: a photomorphic approach and a landscape ecology approach. The photomorphic approach relied



on information from satellite imagery, and was applied in cases where objects or land cover were recognizable merely from their photomorphic appearance alone.

The landscape ecology approach, meanwhile, was undertaken through an ecological context with the help of information other than imagery.

#### FIGURE 4. OIL PALM LAND



Land currently being developed or prepared for oil palm planting was usually marked with land clearing activities in planting blocks inside company oil palm plantation concessions.

#### FIGURE 5. OIL PALM ESTATE



Land planted with oil palm in the form of extensive, homogenous and neatly planted expanses of land was usually marked with road networks between organized planting blocks. Oil palm crops like these are usually managed by companies

#### Determination of Minimum Mapping Units, Imagery Views and Their Enlargement on Monitor Screens for Digitization

Minimum mapping unit (MMU) size determination was always applied in visual interpretation-based mapping. MMU size was scaleless, but linked to the capacity of the eye and imaging or digitization tool in identifying the smallest mapping feature that could still be depicted manually. The MMU on a print scale of 1:25,000 (spatial resolution 1.5 m) was 62.5 m x 62.5 m.

The use of an imagery input scale the same as that of the output map risked imprecise or unrefined delineation lines at the time of on-screen digitization due to vertex deviation being too infrequent. To reduce this risk, imagery was displayed at a larger scale on the monitor so digitization was more meticulous with a higher vertex frequency.

#### FIGURE 6. SMALLHOLDER OIL PALM

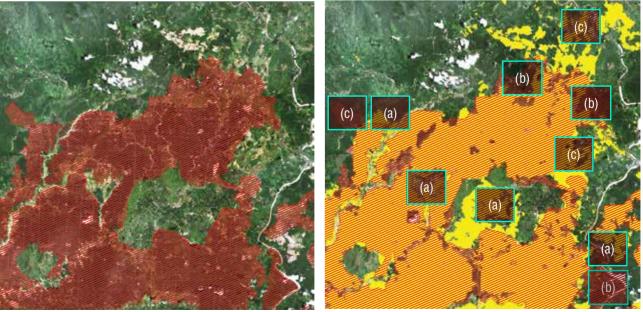


Land planted with oil palm the formation of which tends to be irregular, with crops of varying ages in one area. Oil palm plantations like these are commonly managed by smallholders rather than companies. The standard display scale for imagery used as the basis for on-screen visual interpretation was three times larger than the scale of the map output. As an example, for maps generated at a scale of 1:25,000, composite imagery display and digitization were done at a scale of at least 1:8,500, in reference to the scale displayed on the monitor screen.

#### **Oil Palm Cover Delineation**

Technically, in generating oil palm cover maps in the preliminary interpretation process, the steps involved were: firstly, merging layers of land cover maps, plantation maps and oil palm concession permit maps to form a base layer of land cover and plantation land use. Secondly, the merged layer was divided into 1:25,000 grid indices. Thirdly, each grid index was verified and edited based on the appearance of oil palm cover on the SPOT-6 imagery (Figure 7).

### FIGURE 7. (1) LAND COVER AND PLANTATION MAP BEFORE EDITING AND DELINEATION (2) RESULT OF EDITING AND DELINEATION OF OIL PALM COVER BASED ON SPOT-6 IMAGERY



Editing was carried out to: (a) delete and repair polygons that were inappropriate or did not constitute oil palm cover based on interpretations of SPOT-6 imagery; (b) add polygons that had not been detected as oil palm cover but were still in a plantation; and (c) delineate new polygons detected as oil palm cover.

### 2.5. DATA ANALYSIS AND REINTERPRETATION

After preliminary identification of oil palm cover from SPOT-6 imagery had been secured on screen, validation was carried out through a reinterpretation process in accordance with samples that had already been determined beforehand. This process of reinterpretation was vital, particularly for regions with high, but sporadic oil palm coverage, such as those in Sumatra. For regions with such characteristics reinterpretation was often extended from the sample region.

#### **2.6. ACCURACY ASSESSMENT**

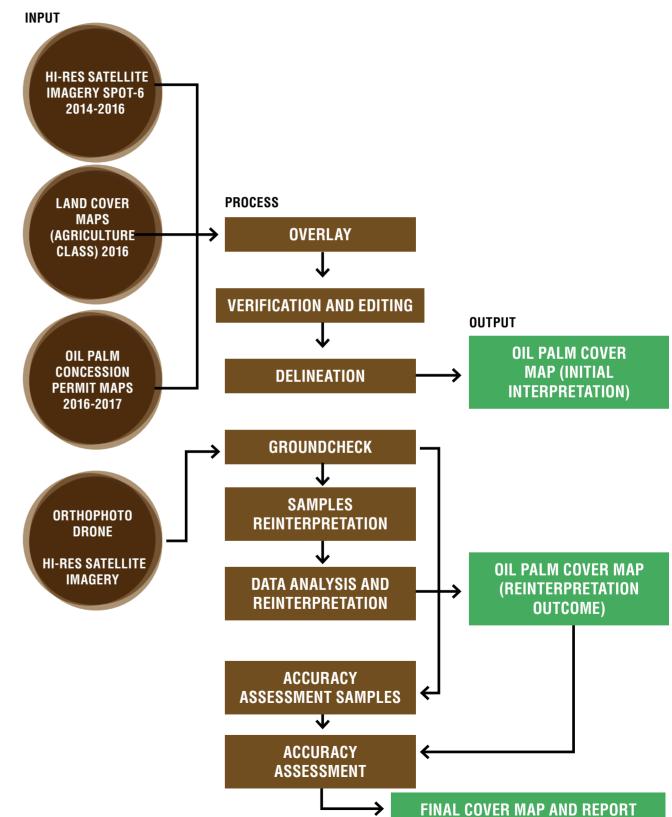
Accuracy assessment was done by overlaying the results of oil palm cover reinterpretation with test sample polygons taken from higher resolution satellite imagery like Digital Globe, Quickbird, etc. These high resolution images were selected in accordance with

their availability on Google Earth for the 2016 acquisition time.

Accuracy assessment on interpretation results used the precision testing matrix developed by Short (1982) as shown in the table below.

The accuracy values obtained were for user's accuracy, producer's accuracy and overall (total) accuracy. The minimum accepted overall (total) accuracy value was 95%, with producer's accuracy and user's accuracy values no lower than 90%.





#### **TABLE 2.** ACCURACY ASSESSMENT MATRIX

	Field Reference Data					
Data Interpretation	X	Y	Total Rows	Commission	User's accuracy	
Х	6	4	10	0.40	0.60	
Y	2	8	10	0.20	0.80	
Total Columns	8	12	14			
Omission	0.25	0.33				
Producer's accuracy	0.75	0.67			Over all accuracy	
					0.70	
Over all accuracy = Producer's Accuracy=	Total number of samples Total number of correct interpretations Number of field data samples with the same class				— x 100% — x 100%	
User's Accuracy=	Total number of correct interpretations Number of interpretation outcome samples with the same class				– x 100%	
Omission=	Number of samples in field data classified incorrectly Total number of columns			ctlyx 10	- x 100%	
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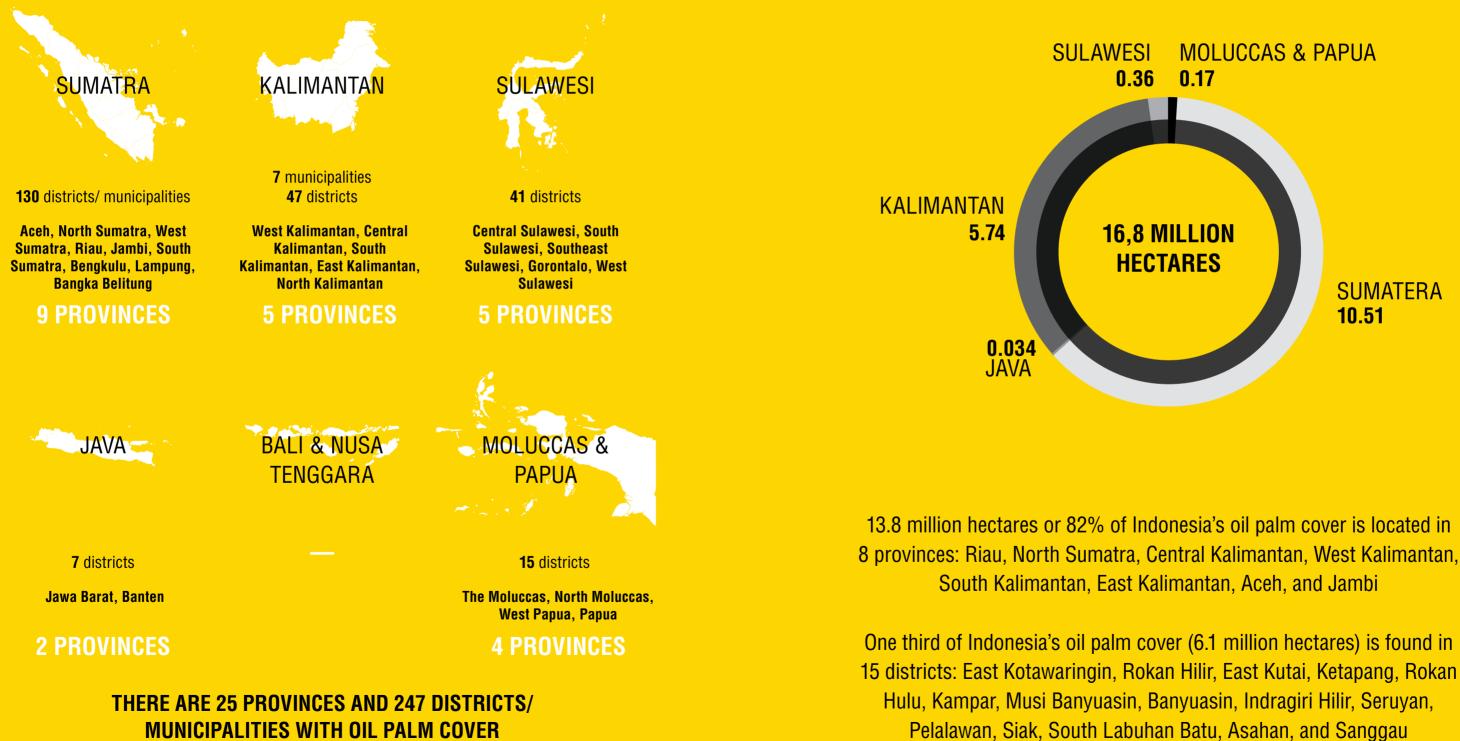
## Oil palm plantation in PIR ADB village, Langkat district, North Sumatra.

Photo: Yudi Nofiandi/Auriga Nusantara



### **DISTRIBUTION OF PROVINCES AND DISTRICTS/MUNICIPALITIES WITH OIL PALM COVER\***

\* Data does not cover Riau Archipelago and North Sulawesi provinces



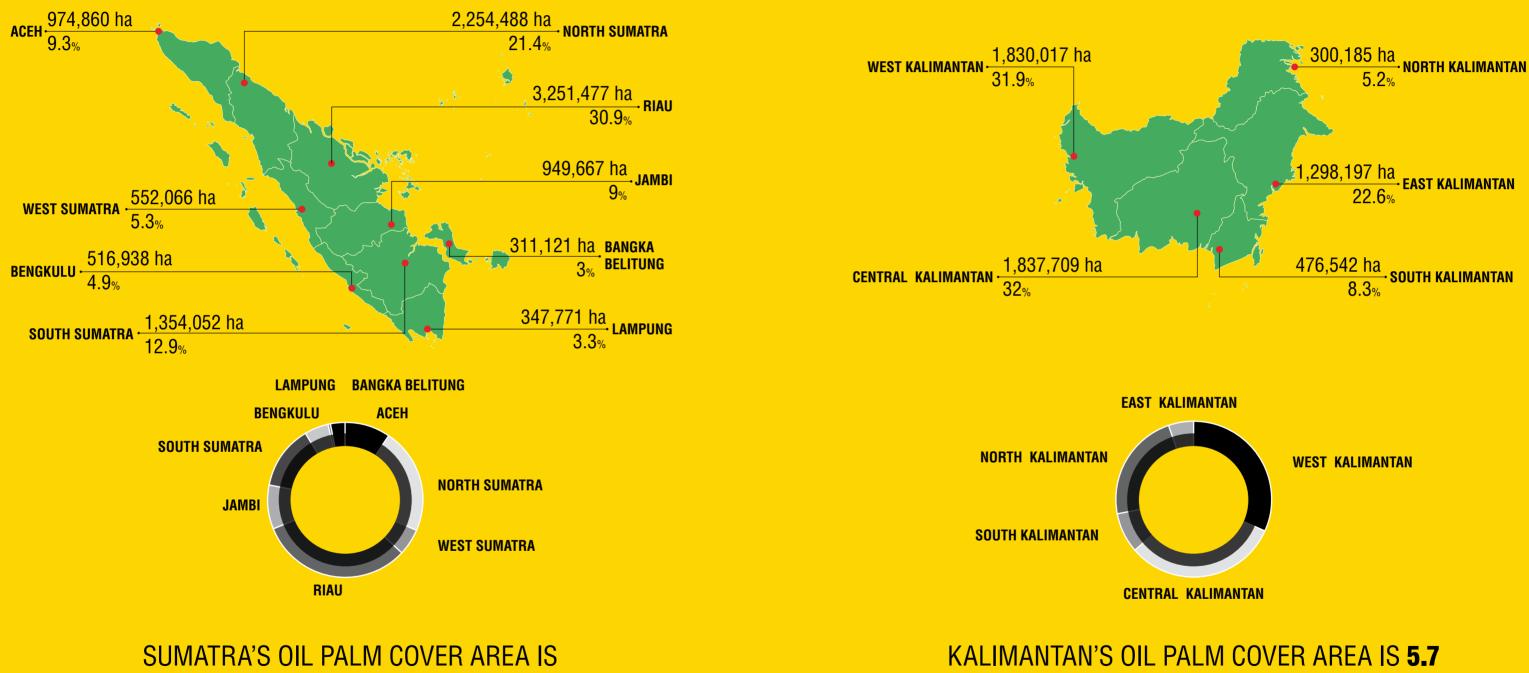
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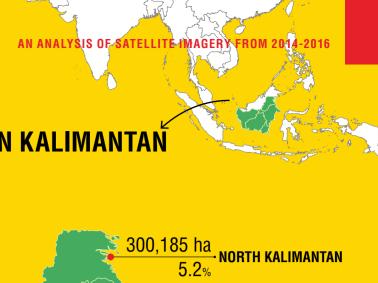
## **OIL PALM COVER IN KALIMANTAN**

**OIL PALM COVER IN SUMATRA\*** 



10.5 MILLION HECTARES OR 62.5% OF **INDONESIA'S TOTAL OIL PALM COVER** 

\* Data does not include Riau Archipelago Province



MILLION HECTARES OR 34.1% OF INDONESIA'S **TOTAL OIL PALM COVER** 



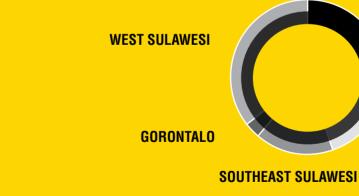
#### **OIL PALM COVER IN INDONESIA**

## **OIL PALM COVER IN SULAWESI\***





WEST JAVA



.128,768 ha .35.4%

OIL PALM COVER AREA IN JAVA IS 0.034 MILLION HECTARES OR 0.2% OF INDONESIA'S TOTAL OIL PALM COVER

BANTEN



\* Data does not include North Sulawesi Province

## SULAWESI'S OIL PALM COVER AREA IS 0.36 MILLION HECTARES OR 2.2% OF INDONESIA'S **TOTAL OIL PALM COVER**



**CENTRAL SULAWESI** 

60,133 ha

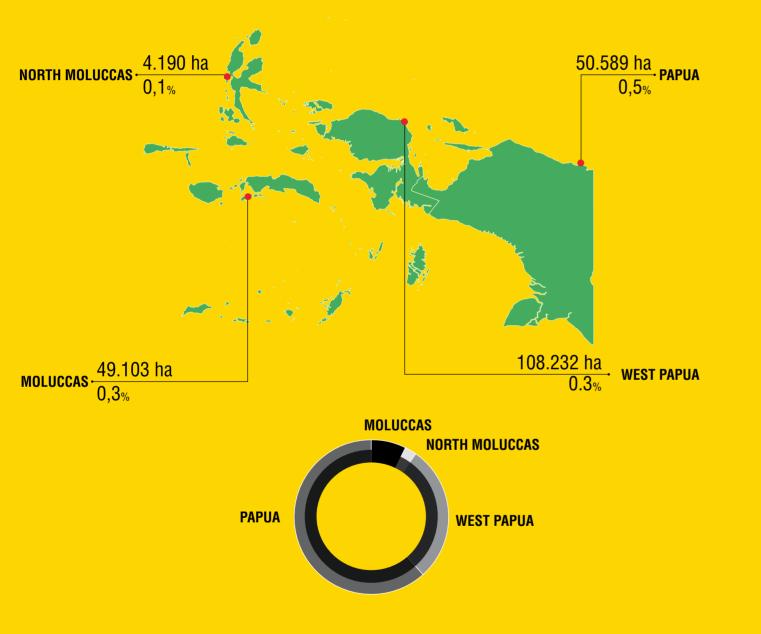
16.5%

12,079 ha 3.3% **GORONTALO** 

· SOUTHEAST SULAWESI

AN ANALYSIS OF SATELLITE IMAGERY FROM 2014

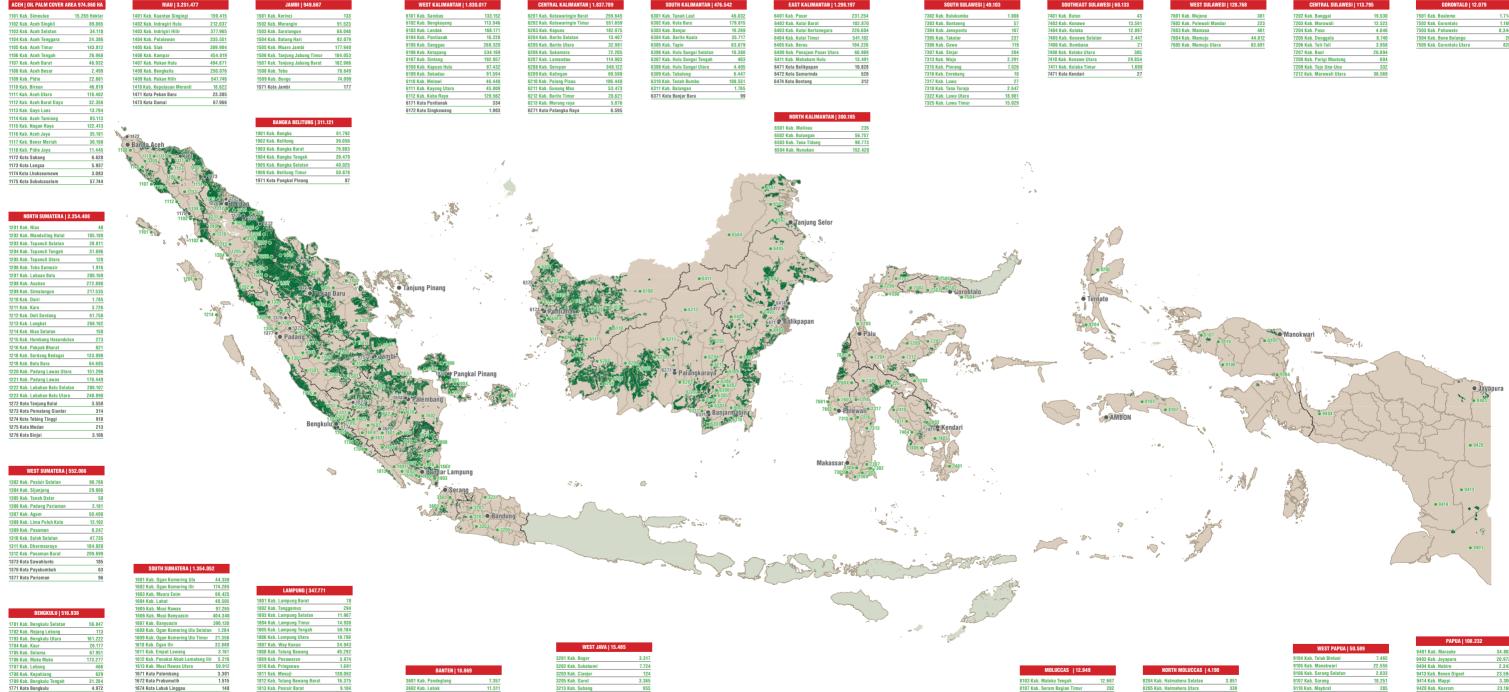
## OIL PALM COVER IN THE MOLUCCAS AND PAPUA



PAPUA AND THE MOLUCCAS'S OIL PALM COVER AREA IS **0.17 MILLION HECTARES** OR **1%** OF INDONESIA'S TOTAL OIL PALM COVER



## Map of Oil Palm Cover in Indonesia Based on Administrative Areas\*



\* Data does not include Riau Archipelago and North Sulawesi provinces • Kabupaten/District • Kota/Municipal

WEST SULAWESI   128.	768
7601 Kab. Majene	381
7602 Kab. Polewali Mandar	223
7603 Kab. Mamasa	461
7604 Kab. Mamuju	44.012
7605 Kab. Mamuju Utara	83.691

CENTRAL SULAWESI   113.795			
7202 Kab. Banggai	19.530		
7203 Kab. Morowali	12.523		
7204 Kab. Poso	4.646		
7205 Kab. Donggala	8.740		
7206 Kab. Toli-Toli	3.958		
7207 Kab. Buol	26.894		
7208 Kab. Parigi Moutong	604		
7209 Kab. Tojo Una-Una	332		
7212 Kab. Morowali Utara	36.569		

GORONTALO   12.079				
7501 Kab. Boalemo	1.714			
7502 Kab. Gorontalo	1.166			
7503 Kab. Pohuwato	8,344			
7504 Kab. Bone Bolango	26			
7505 Kab. Gorontalo Utara	828			

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