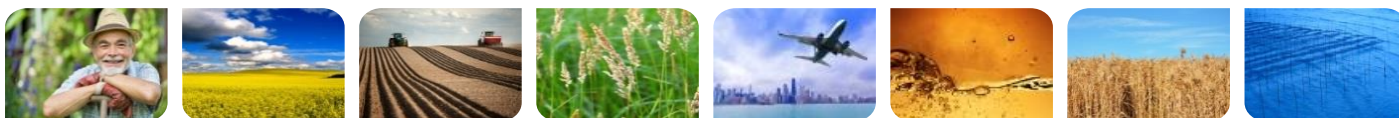


EBB Press Release

Timely and biased research funded by Friends of the Earth spreading disinformation about palm oil use in Europe and biofuels



EBB, representing the European Biodiesel industry would like to comment on the « timely » IISD research paper that has been “*prepared for, and with the funding of, Friends of the Earth Europe*”ⁱ.

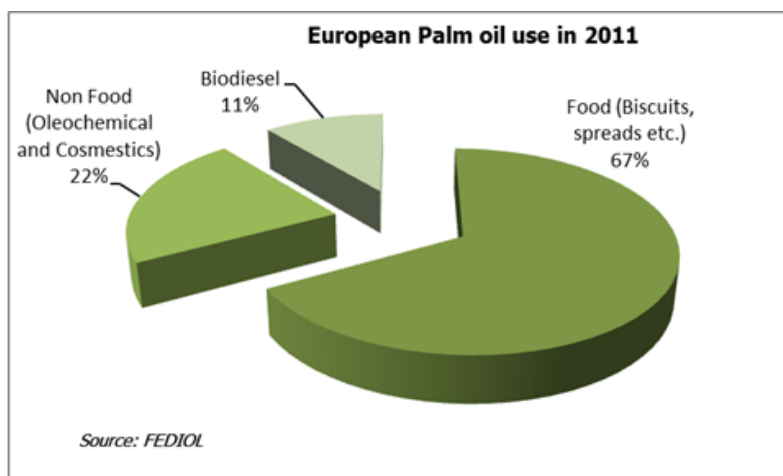
First of all, EBB is very surprised that this quite clearly Green NGO driven and “EP plenary timed” report has been realised with the acknowledged contribution of Mr David Laborde, IFPRI, i.e. the author of the famous IFPRI study, still used as exclusive legislative reference by the Commission ILUC proposal. This scientific contribution in such context is not without raising few legitimate general questions of scientific neutrality.

Secondly the report comes to a very simplistic and thus approximate conclusion, highlighting that the more biodiesel is produced in Europe and the more palm oil risks to be used.

Targeting only such simplistic analysis the report, however forgets to highlight that:

- Biodiesel is only responsible for a very marginal part of palm oil demand (maximum 10 to 13%), which is imported under stringent EU sustainability rules (*see table below*)
- The “*remaining*” 85 to 90% of palm oil imports in Europe are due to food (such as biscuits, spreads, pastries, etc.) and or oleo-chemical uses, which are imported without any EU sustainability rule
- The European Biodiesel Industry has filed a complaint in order to close the EU biodiesel markets to Indonesian biodiesel imports. Such complaint has been filed because for anti-dumping and anti-subsidy, since Indonesian unfair biodiesel exports are damaging the EU industry and EU markets.

In this context it appears really difficult to blame the EU biodiesel industry for any unfair or unsustainable palm oil use. A fortiori to penalise the EU biodiesel industry, in this context or based on the IISD report, would be even more detrimental.



ⁱ Quote from page 2 of the report