Mapping Made Easy: Online Applications for Sustainable Palm Oil

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What if all members of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) could generate a palm oil suitability map at the click of a button? What if palm oil producers, investors, and buyers could immediately check risks related to forest cover in areas of their choice? What if high conservation value (HCV) assessors had instant access to the best state-of-the-art data on recent forest cover change, generated using satellite imagery? The World Resources Institute and partners are working with the RSPO and its members to make this possible.

This presentation provides an introduction to two online mapping applications: the Forest Cover Analyzer and the Suitability Mapper. The mapping applications currently apply to Kalimantan, the Indonesian portion of the island of Borneo. The presentation will use case study examples to demonstrate how the websites can be easily used by the RSPO, its members, and certification bodies to support sustainable palm oil.

To find out more about how to use these websites, sign up for training sessions, or get more involved, please contact beth.gingold@wri.org.