

Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil Council unveils Jom MSPO 2.0 to boost industry compliance

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The Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) has launched a nationwide campaign, Jom MSPO 2.0, featuring structured training programmes, engagement sessions, and on-the-ground support to help industry players – particularly smallholders, estate owners, and plantation operators – achieve full certification under the enhanced MSPO 2.0 standard.

The campaign began in Bintulu, Sarawak, on April 24, with MSPO identifying a pool of qualified external trainers. This allows industry associations to access these experts for member training without additional administrative burden.

The campaign was launched in collaboration with key industry bodies including the Sarawak Oil Palm Plantation Owners Association, The East Malaysia Planters’ Association, and the Malaysian Palm Oil Association, MSPO said in a statement.

With MSPO 2.0 now fully implemented, Plantation and Commodities Minister Datuk Seri Johari Abdul Ghani urged the palm oil sector to move swiftly towards compliance, highlighting the importance of participating in the workshops to gain necessary knowledge and expertise.

“We are providing direct engagement, expert training, and structured support to ease the transition. This initiative strengthens Malaysia’s commitment to sustainability and secures our position in the global market,” he said.

MSPO 2.0, which was introduced in 2022 and officially took effect this year, builds upon the original MSPO 2013 standard. The updated framework introduces stricter guidelines on sustainability, traceability, and ethical practices, strengthening

environmental, social, and governance (ESG) compliance to ensure that Malaysian palm oil remains competitive and continues to meet international market requirements.

As at end-December 2024, 4.89 million hectares or 86.47% of Malaysia's oil palm cultivation area had been certified under the MSPO standard