

THE PALM OIL CRISIS



HOW ORANGUTANS ARE BEING AFFECTED



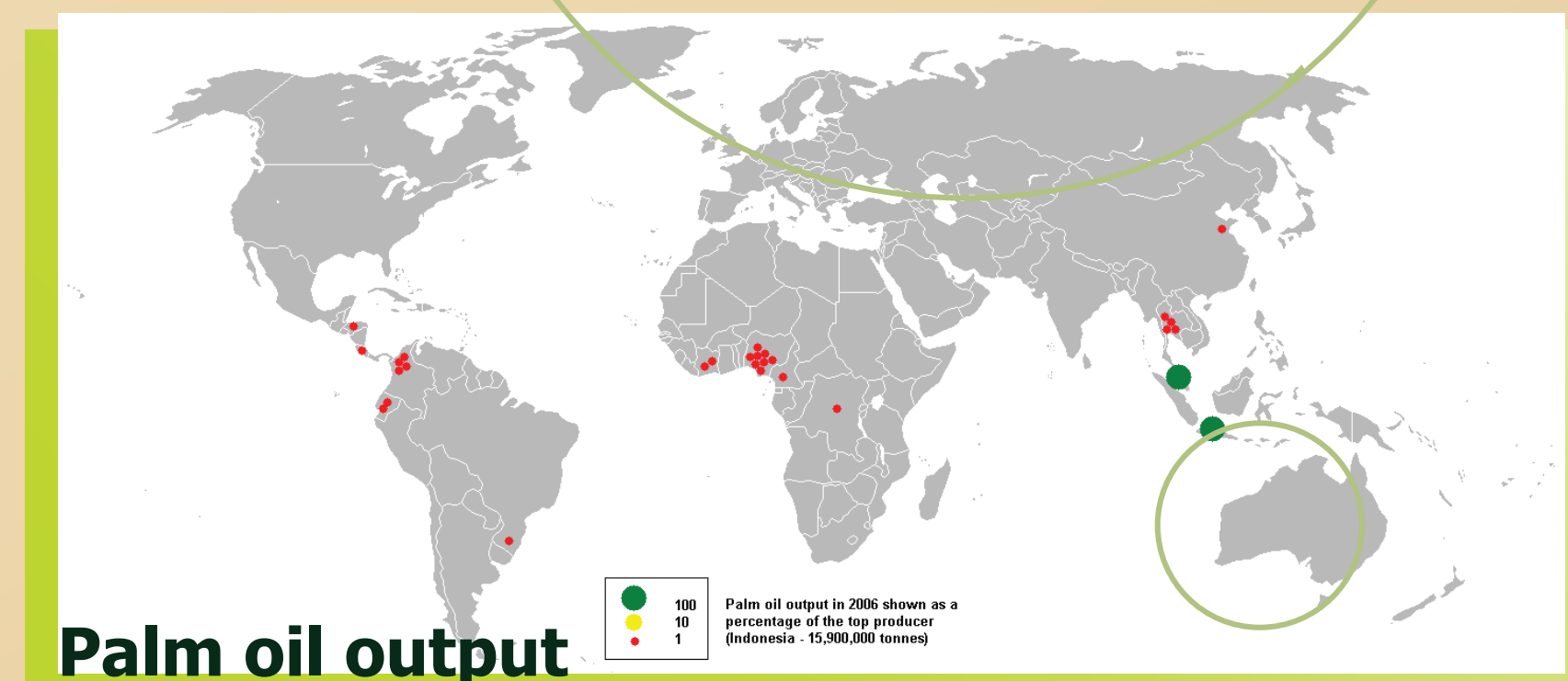
Fires are being set to clear land for palm oil plantations, which are destroying orangutan habitats.

Orangutan Population



Many orangutans are dying when they are unable to escape the fires.

There are **fewer than 60,000 orangutans left in the wild** in their native Borneo and Sumatra.



Fruit of the oil palm

Unfortunately, orangutans live in areas that are favored for establishing oil palm plantations: fertile lowland soils close to rivers.

Orangutans have lost their food sources to the palm oil plantations and are considered pests. They are being killed when they venture into the plantations searching for food.

