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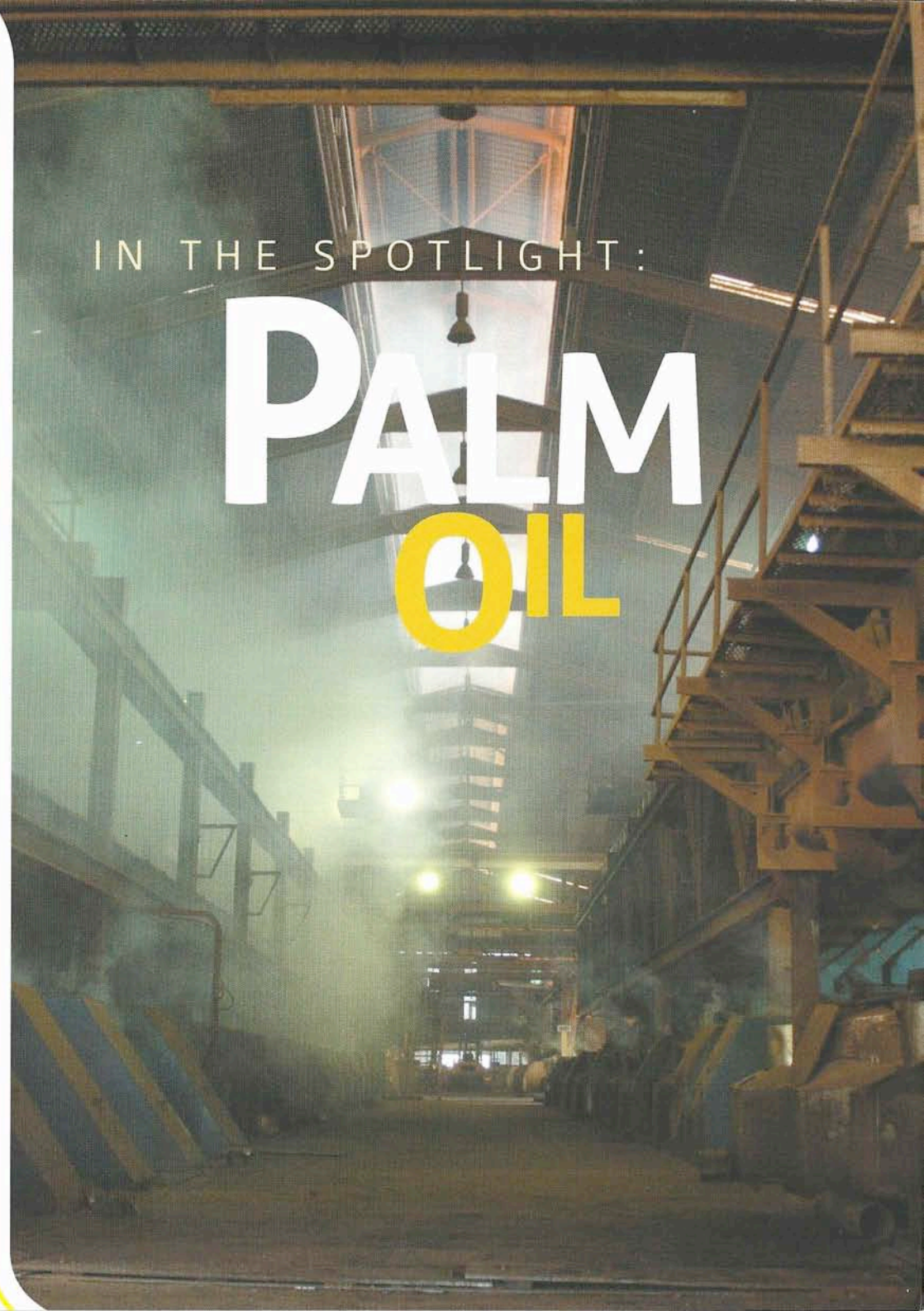
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Length

1 x 50 minutes

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The palm oil industry is one of the most contentious and misunderstood industries today. From a humble indigenous tree in West Africa it has been dubbed an eyesore and an environmental danger to some, while to others it is a major source of GDP and the livelihood of many developing countries. What are the facts, and what are the myths of this industry? Is palm cultivation sustainable? Is it "green" and what are the effects to the global climate warming of our planet? Everyone has a point of view and everybody is right in some way, so what is your opinion?

In this one hour investigative documentary we will look at the historical background to this industry, its economic significance to South East Asia and its importance as well as its ever increasing dominance in the world today. On average, one in ten products on your supermarket shelf contains palm oil, how is labeled, how is it treated and is it harmful to your body? Secondly, what is happening to the world's most bio-diverse tropical rainforests in South East Asia and thirdly is this product necessary?



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