



Mandarin is a luxurious home away from home for global travelers and celebrity fans. But what guests don't know is that Mandarin's parent company is destroying the homes of endangered elephants to make way for massive palm oil plantations. Tell Mandarin Oriental you're not a fan of rainforest destruction.



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MANDARIN ORIENTAL'S TIES TO RAINFOREST DESTRUCTION

A new investigation shows that the luxury Mandarin Oriental hotel group is closely tied a company that has cleared vast areas of rainforests, and is helping drive the Sumatran elephant to extinction. The full report is online at www.ShesNotAFan.org.

- **Mandarin is owned by the Jardine Matheson conglomerate, which also owns the palm oil company Astra Agro Lestari.** Mandarin's chairman Ben Keswick is also the chairman of Jardines and commissioner of Astra Agro Lestari.
- **Astra Agro Lestari has cut down 14,000 hectares of forests since 2007 to make way for palm oil plantations.**
 - In addition, Astra is responsible for clearing 27,000 hectares of ultra carbon-rich peatland since 2009. That's caused about two million tons of climate pollution – about the same as annual emissions from 830,000 cars.
- **Astra Senior Director Joko Supriyono is one of the loudest voices arguing for weakening forest protections.** Supriyono is head of the powerful Indonesian Palm Oil Producers Association, GAPKI. He denies that clearing forests for palm oil hurts orangutans or the climate.
- **Astra's practices caused the Norwegian pension fund, which screens out companies involved in deforestation, to divest from the company in 2013.**
- **Astra has announced plans for a new palm oil mill in the middle of Sumatran elephant and tiger habitat in Aceh, Indonesia.** The company has 1,100 hectares of palm oil planted in the region, but industry experts say a mill is typically supplied by 5,000 hectares of plantations – which strongly suggests that nearby elephant and tiger habitat is at risk of being cut down for more plantations.
- **Some of Astra's plantations have had major impacts on indigenous communities in the area.** The Orang Rimba live in Indonesia's Jambi province, and their culture and livelihoods are closely connected to the forest. However, one of Astra's plantations took over their customary lands, and hundreds of people live there in precarious circumstances.