



## Breeding for Sustainable Palm Oil Production

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# Introduction to Felda Global Ventures



# — VISION

FGV

# MISSION

To be the leading globally diversified integrated agri-business

To be a global leader by:

- Creating value through our human capital
- Championing our locally invested culture
- Building an integrated value chain advantage
- Cultivating diversification in commodities and geography

Felda Global Ventures Holdings Berhad (FGV) is a global, diversified and sustainable integrated agri-business leader, dynamically advancing to lead as a top 10 global player by 2020.

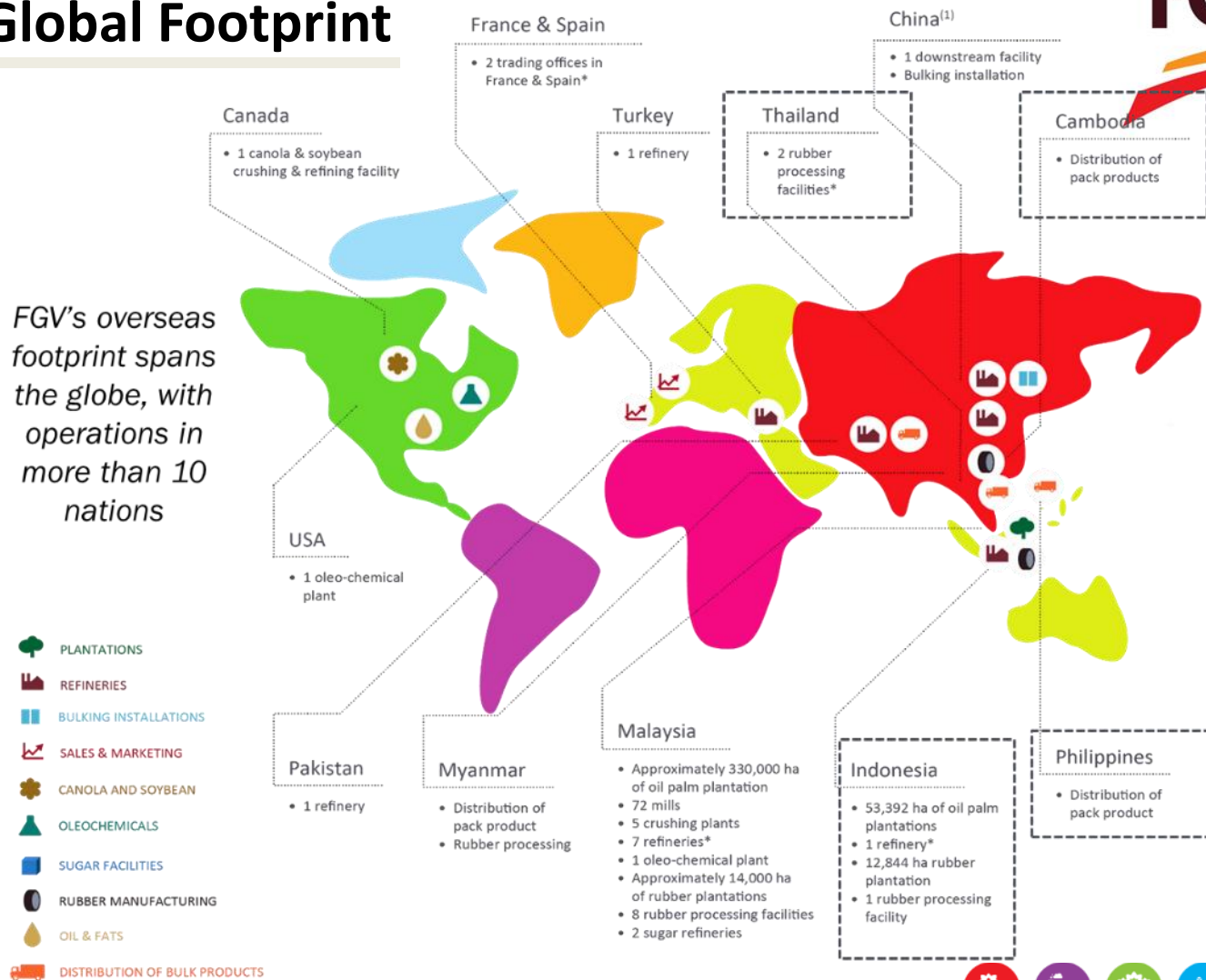
Incorporated in Malaysia in 2007, FGV progressed into a diverse agri-business company and rapidly established itself as Malaysia's leading global agri-business player.

Today we are the world's largest producer of crude palm oil (CPO), a leader in Malaysia's sugar industry and a pioneer of cutting edge green technologies, anchored by a 18,000 strong workforce and a global integrated supply chain able to add value to every endeavour.

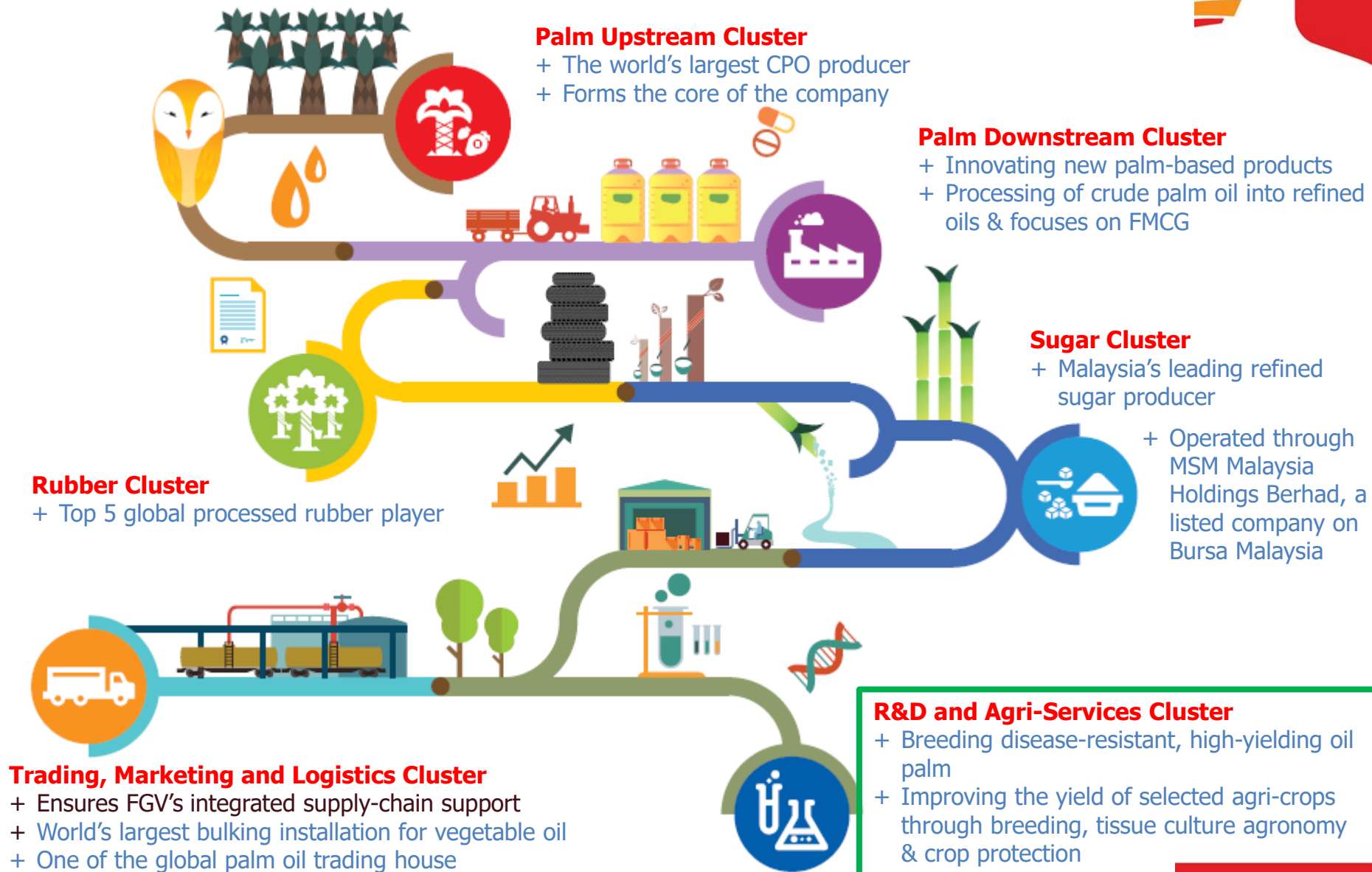
# Global Footprint

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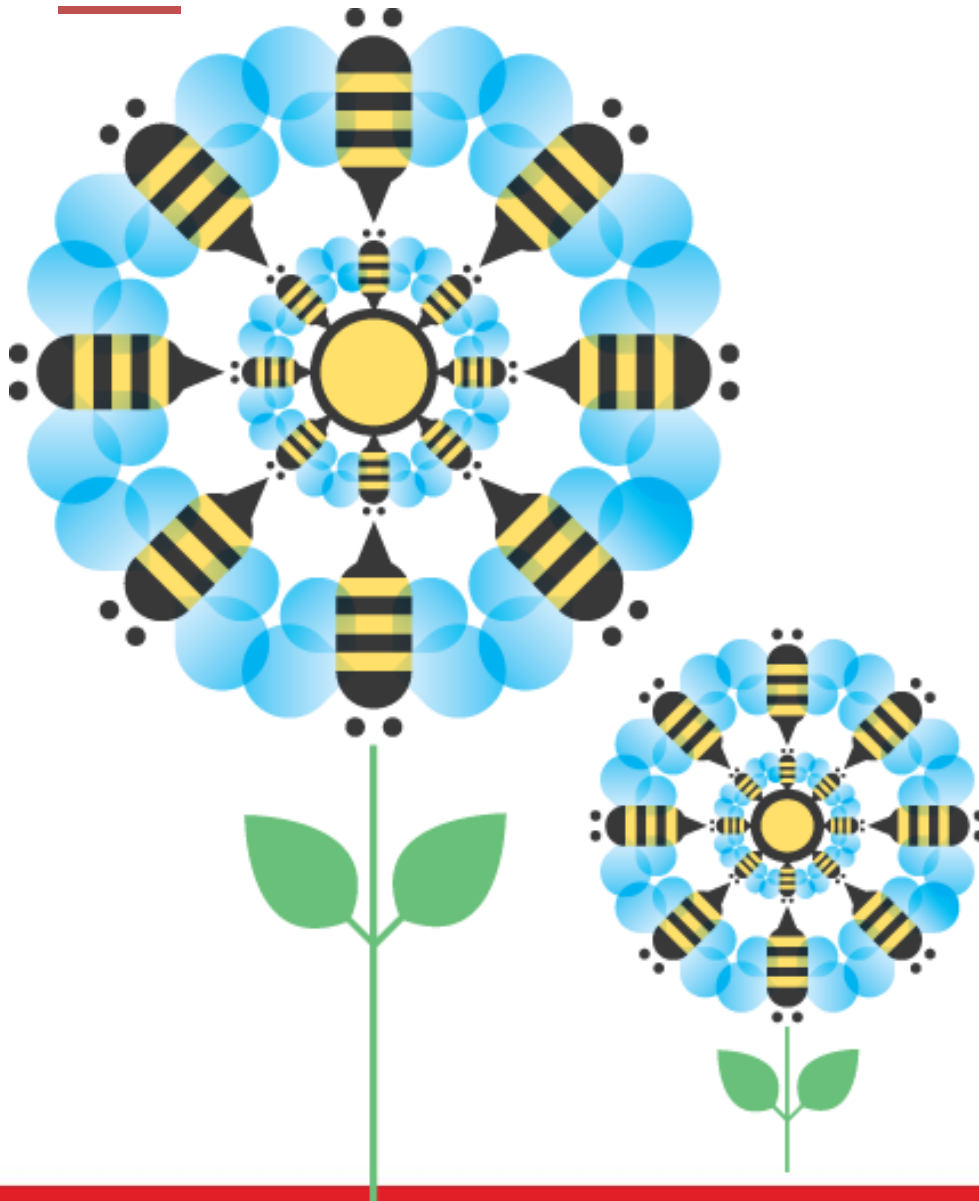
*FGV's overseas footprint spans the globe, with operations in more than 10 nations*



# Our Overall Value Chain



## R&D and Agri-Services Cluster



### Utilizing cutting-edge technologies across all facets of FGV

FGV's world class R&D and Agri-Services Cluster is anchored on four decades of research and development. The Cluster's key objective is to utilize cutting-edge agriculture technologies to enhance operational performance and commercial utilisation across all facets of FGV. The company's award-winning Yangambi oil palm planting material, which has 42 percent market share in Malaysia, is just one of R&D's innovative products.



# Award-winning oil palm seeds **FGV**

Seeds SOLD  
**24.1M**  
# No. **1** Market Share  
**42%**

# Malaysia, 2014

DxP Yangambi ML 161 Germinated  
Seeds Capacity : 40.0 million p.a.

Ramet Clonal Seedlings  
Capacity : 2.5 million p.a.

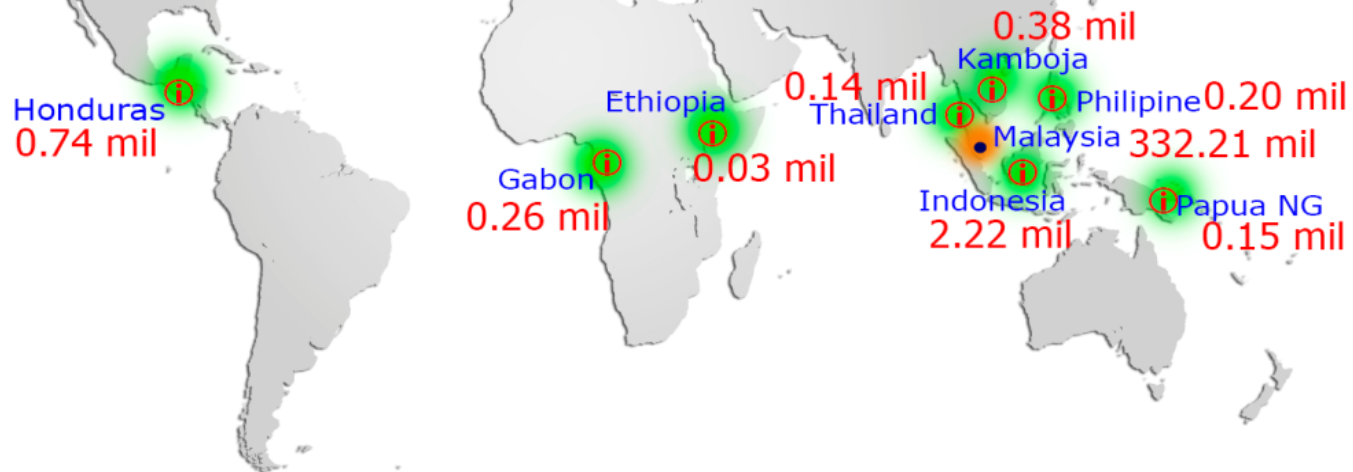




**ALL THE WORLD 336 Million Seeds**

**DxP Felda Yangambi 331 Million Seeds**

**DxP Felda 3 Way 5 Million Seeds**





# OIL PALM BREEDING PROGRAMME

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**Existing Variety**

**Wild or Improved Collection**

Phenotypic & statistical selection

Molecular breeding through marker selection

**YIELD**

GAÑO. D. TOLERANT

HIGH DENSITY

DWARF

DROUGHT TOLERANCE

VIRESCENS

FERTIZER UPTAKE EFF.

HIGH IV, UNSATURATED

HIGH CAROTENE

\*BUD ROT D. TOLERANCE

LOW LIPASE

DELAYED HARVESTING

LONG STALK

SCREENING & SELECTION

CROSSING

TRIALS

PRODUCTION

Type of Production

DxP Seed



Clonal Seed







Ramet

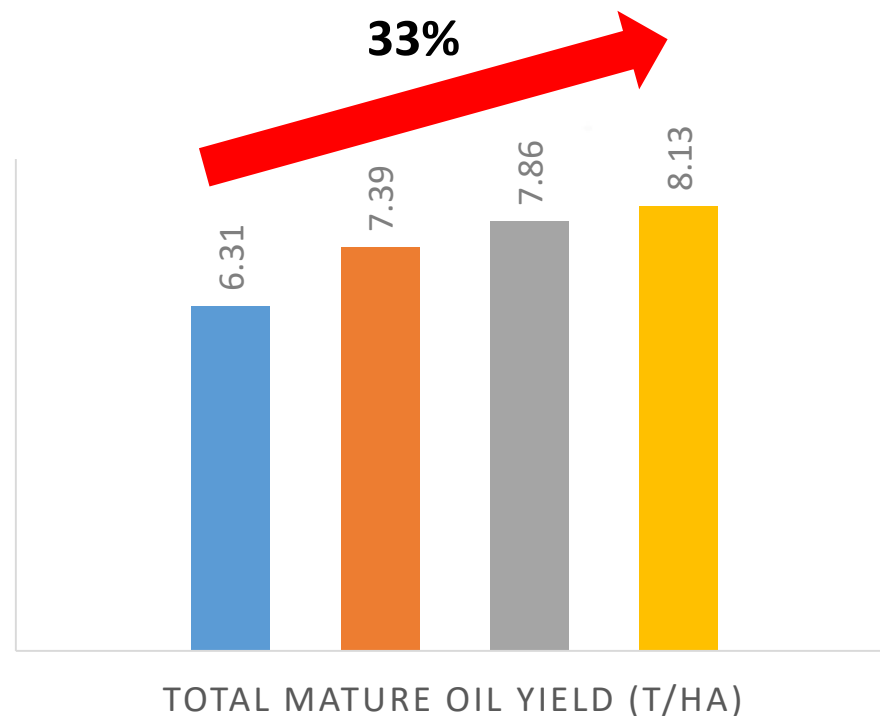


**Elite Variety**

# FGV OIL PALM PLANTING MATERIALS IMPROVEMENT PROGRESS

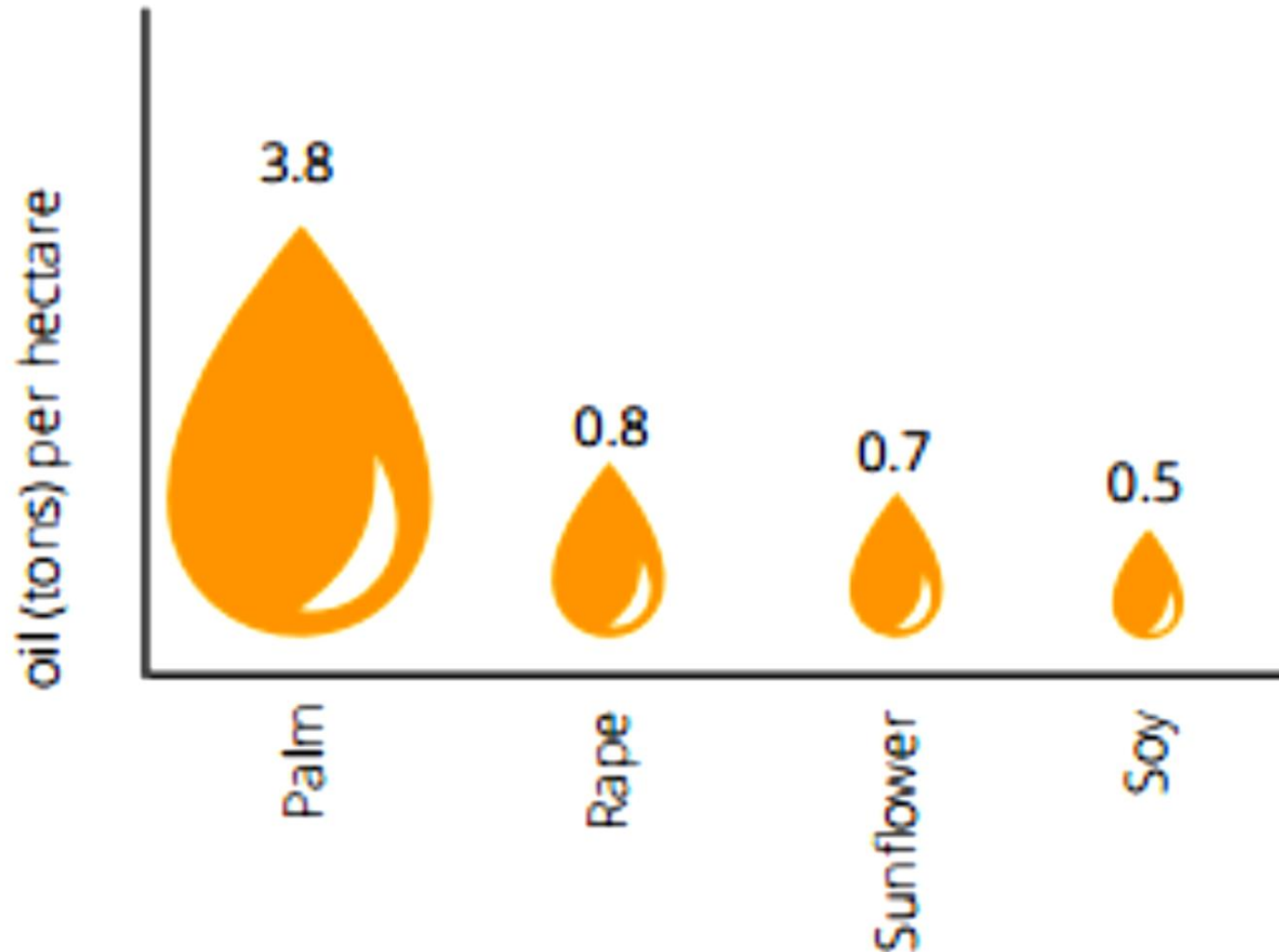


YEAR RELEASE	MATERIALS	TRAIT OF INTEREST
 1980s	La Me / AVROS / Yangambi	Yield
 1990s	Yangambi	Yield
 2000s	Yangambi (ML 161)	Yield
 2010s	3 way-cross	Yield + High density
2016	GT1	Ganoderma tolerance

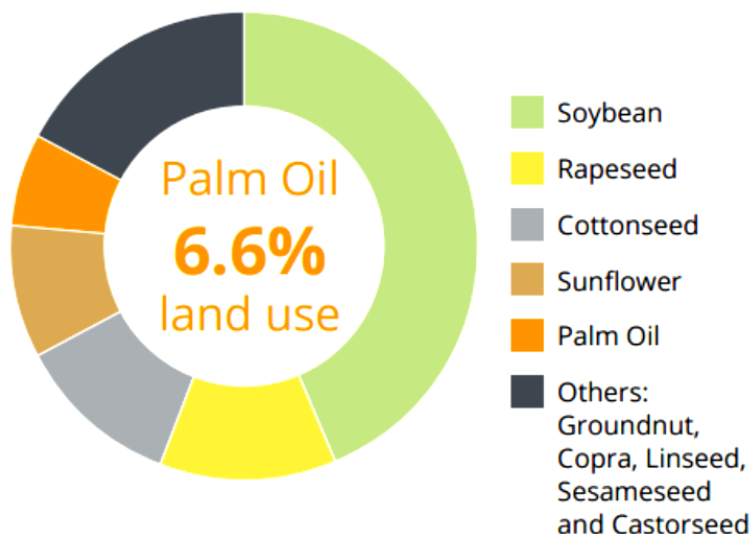


## *A highly efficient crop (Oil World 2016)*

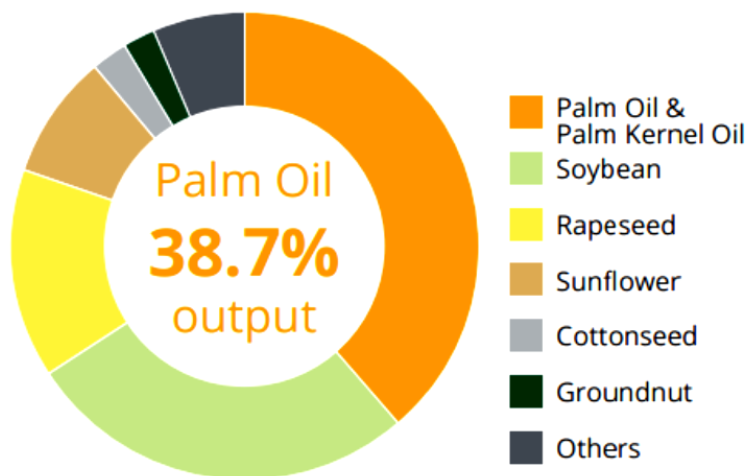
Highest Yield



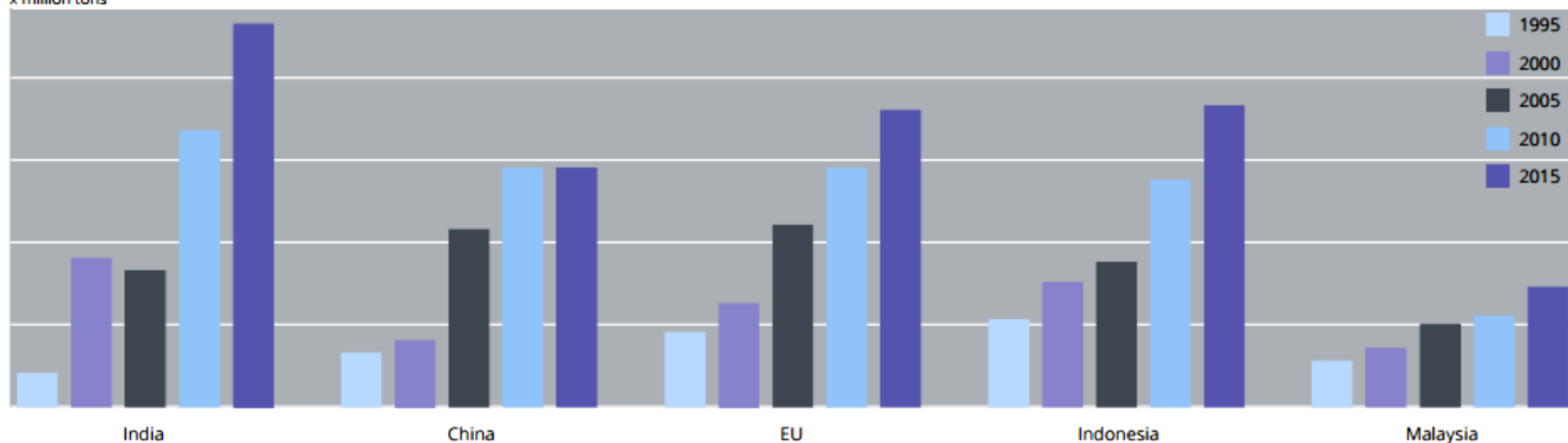
**Major Oilseeds: Area in 2015**  
(Total is 274.4 million hectares) (Oil World 2016)



**Global production of oils and fats in 2015**  
(Total is 179.6 million tons) (Oil World 2016)



**Consumption major users of palm oil (Oil World 2016)**  
x million tons



# Strategy to increase productivity per ha of land



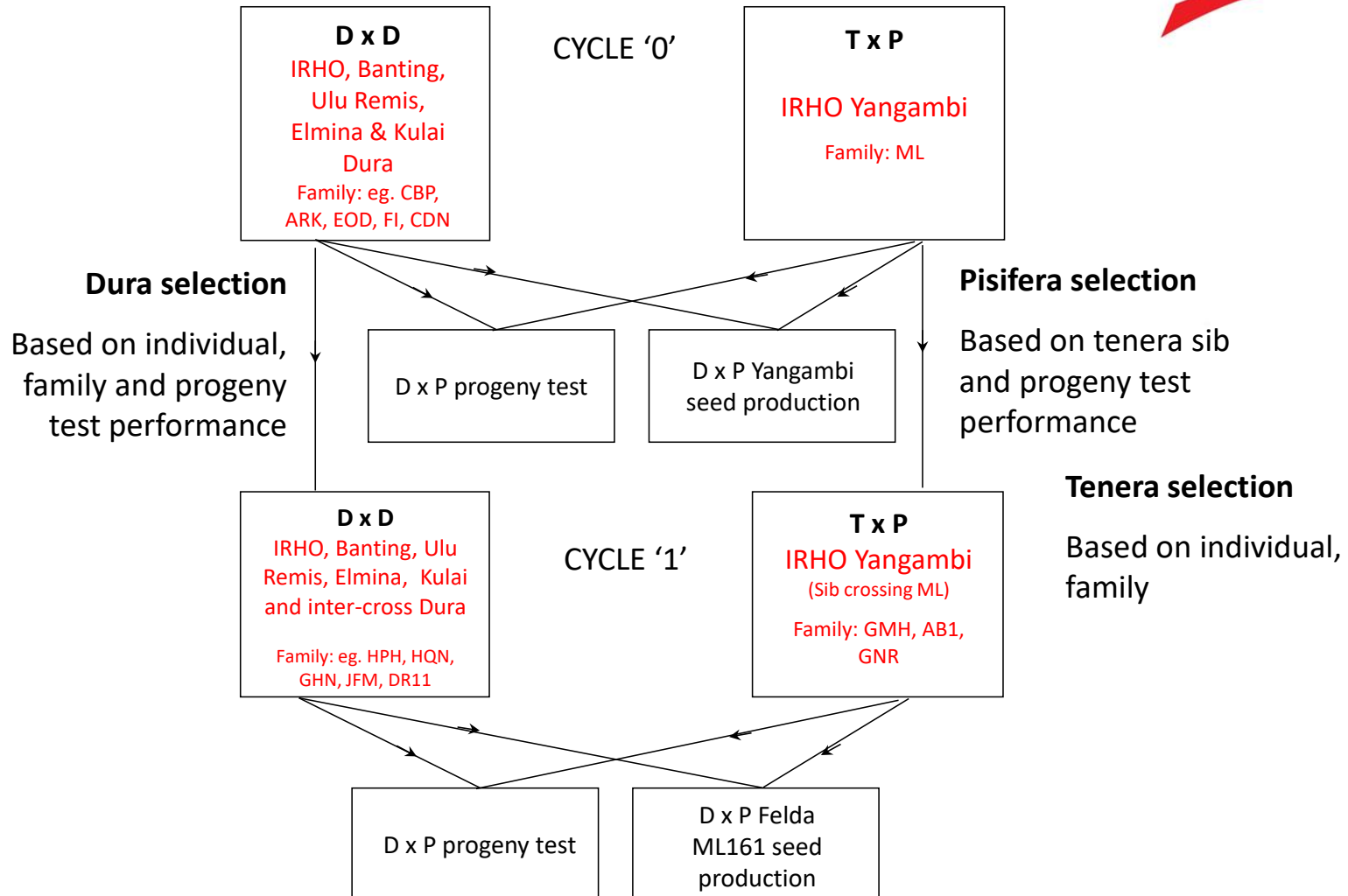
1. Higher yield per hectare
2. Higher palm stand per hectare
3. Palms tolerant to common disease
4. Ability to plant in environmentally challenged areas – drought tolerance
5. Shorter palms for longer economic lifespan



## DxP Felda 3 Way



# Selection method (Modified RRS)



# Assembling DxP Felda 3 way

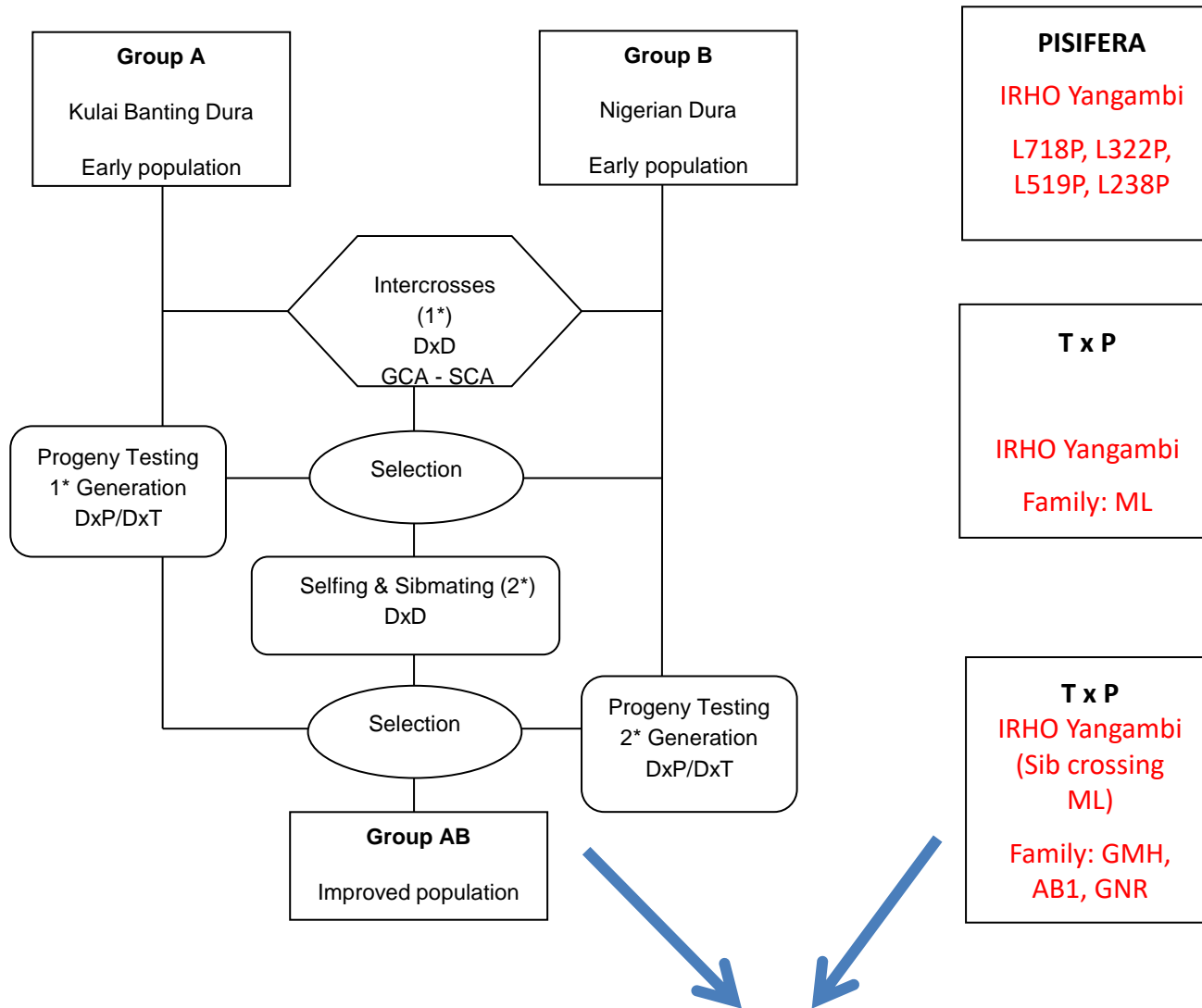


## Pisifera selection

Based on tenera sib and progeny test performance

## Tenera selection

Based on individual, family



## DxP FELDA 3 WAY





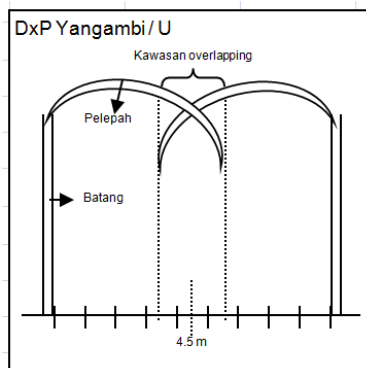
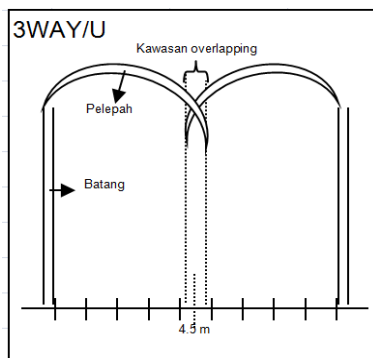
# Summary Information About DxP Felda 3 Way



- The newest DxP FGV variety, a result of long breeding scheme and was released in 2008
- The variety comes from 3 breeding lines. The Dura line is a result of introgression of Dura Nigerian (MPOB) and Dura Deli Group. And the pisifera line comes from Yangambi ML 161 family.
- The advantages of Nigerian Dura is the small bunches with high number of bunches per year. And the advantages of Pisifera Yangambi ML161 is the high yield (CPO and kernel)
- High density interval planting 148 palms / ha to 160 palms/ha

## Results of density trial conducted on Felda 3Way

Planting Material testing at Sahabat 6 Rachis length data at 7 year after planting		
DxP Yangambi P1	Mean	5.66
3Way P1	Mean	4.86



Trt	Density	BN	BW	ABW	T/ha
2011 (2nd YAH)					
T1	136	18.5	148.5	8	20.2
T2	148	23.6	198.3	8.4	29.4
T3	160	18.9	148.5	7.9	23.8
2012 (3rd YAH)					
T1	136	21.3	229.2	10.8	31.2
T2	148	26.5	251.9	9.6	37.3
T3	160	25.6	236.1	9.3	37.8
2013 (4th YAH)					
T1	136	24.8	299.6	12.1	40.7
T2	148	27	316.5	11.7	46.8
T3	160	26.9	316.8	11.8	50.7
2014 (5th YAH)					
T1	136	23.8	278.2	11.7	37.8
T2	148	23.2	262.1	11.3	38.8
T3	160	22.2	249.2	11.3	39.9



# Economic gain through higher density planting



Palm stand /hectare	Mean fresh fruit bunch weight (tonne/hectare)	% gain over 136 palm/hectare planting
136	32.48	-
148	38.08	17.24
160	38.05	17.15

Additional USD 6,660/Ha in first 5 years of harvesting

Assumptions: OER: 25%; KER: 4.3%; CPO Price: USD 564/MT;

Kernel Price : USD 496/MT

# Oil Palm Improvement



## Dura lines

D x D crosses = 100% D



20 – 30% planted for evaluation



Selected dura for seed production  
and/or progeny test



70 – 80% lost opportunities  
due to resource shortage

## Pisifera line

T X T or T X P



1D : 2T : 1P

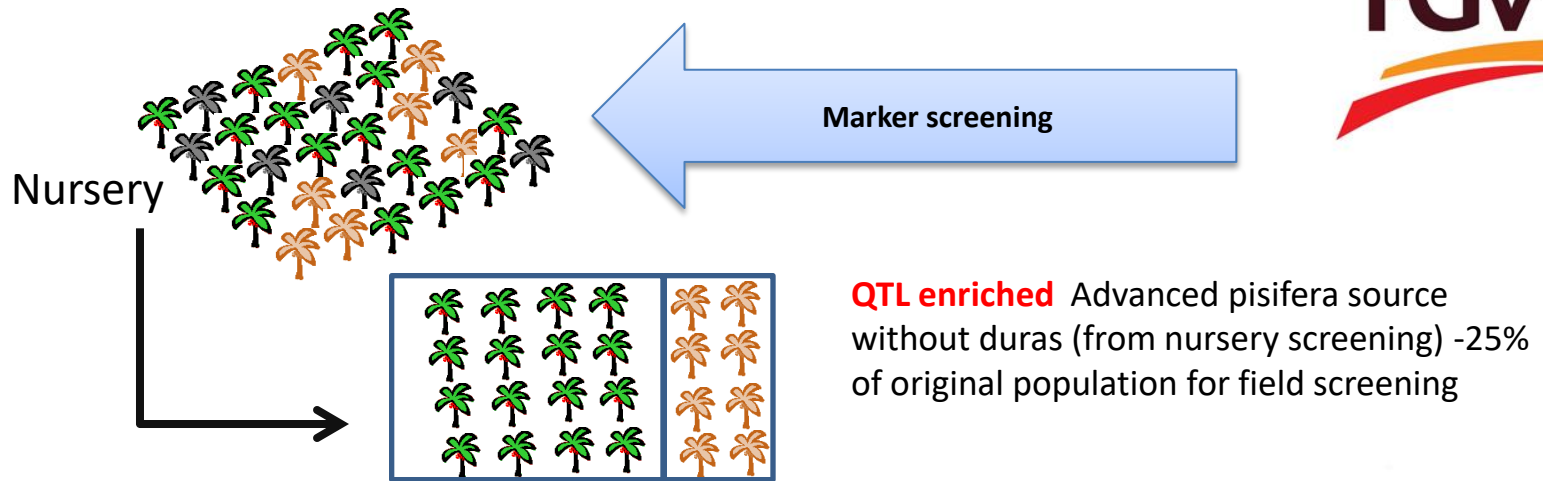
1T : 1P



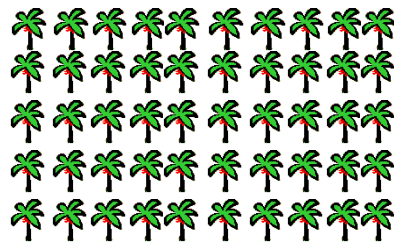
30 – 40% planted for evaluation

???? Lost opportunity

# Breeding by Design: Marker-Assisted Selection in Pisifera improvement programme



Field evaluation (FFB-5yrs, BA-3x/palm (teneras only), VM-1x/palm)



DxP progeny testing (FFB-5yrs, BA-3x/palm, VM-1x/palm)

**QTL enriched** Pisifera selection – for progeny testing, tenera selection for next generation pollen source

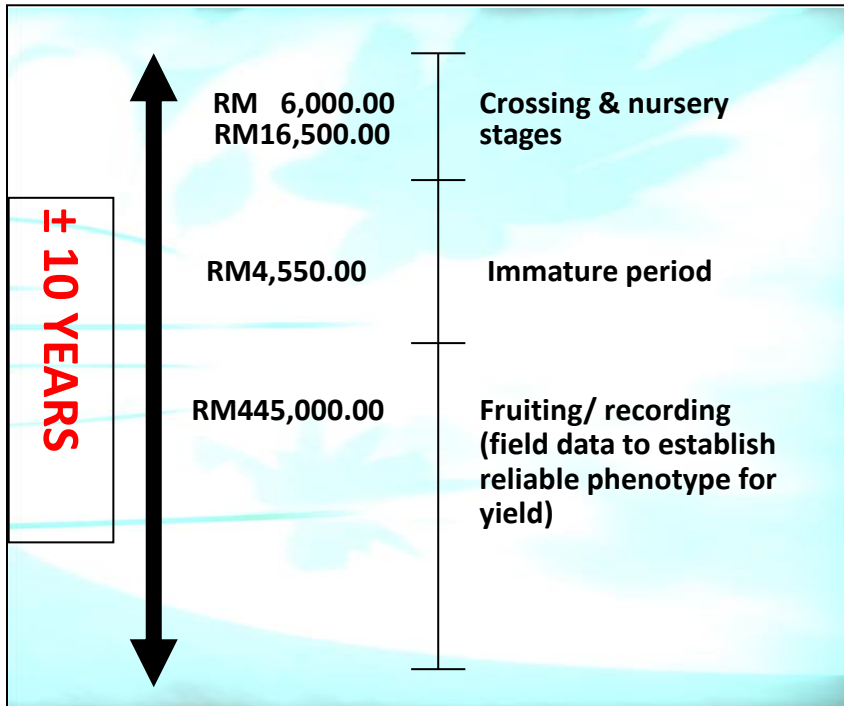
Commercial DxP seed production

TxT/P crosses for next cycle

# MAB = Reduced Oil Palm Breeding Costs

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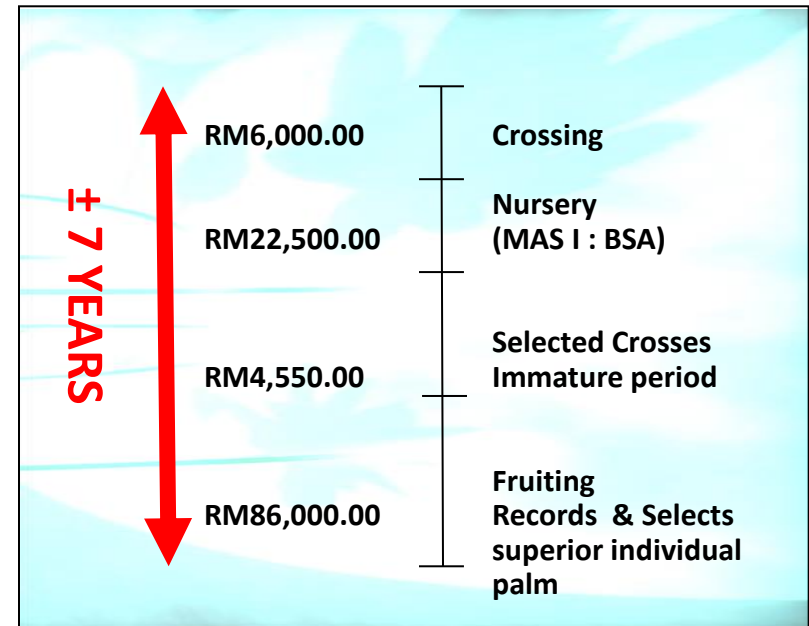
## Conventional breeding



- 30 crosses, 100 plant/cross, RM200/cross ( $\approx 20$  ha)
- RM5.5/seedling, RM6,000.00/ha ( $\approx 20$  ha)
- $\sim$  RM2,000/ha/yr ( $\approx 20$  ha, 5 yrs)

**RM472,050.00**

## MAS breeding



- 30 crosses, 100 plant/cross, RM200/cross ( $\approx 20$  ha)
- RM5.5/seedling, RM6,000.00/ha ( $\approx 10$  ha)
- $\sim$  RM2,000/ha/yr ( $\approx 5$  ha, 3 yrs)

**RM119,300.00**

# **R&D for SUSTAINABLE OIL PALM INDUSTRY**



- **Convergence of breeding, biotechnology and genomics compliments each other to arrive at a common goal of producing high performing value-added planting materials.**
- **New oil palm varieties are aimed at sustainable production of palm oil across various environmental demands**
- **These development are of immense importance to the 3P principals (people, planet, profit) for sustainable palm oil production.**





**THANK YOU**