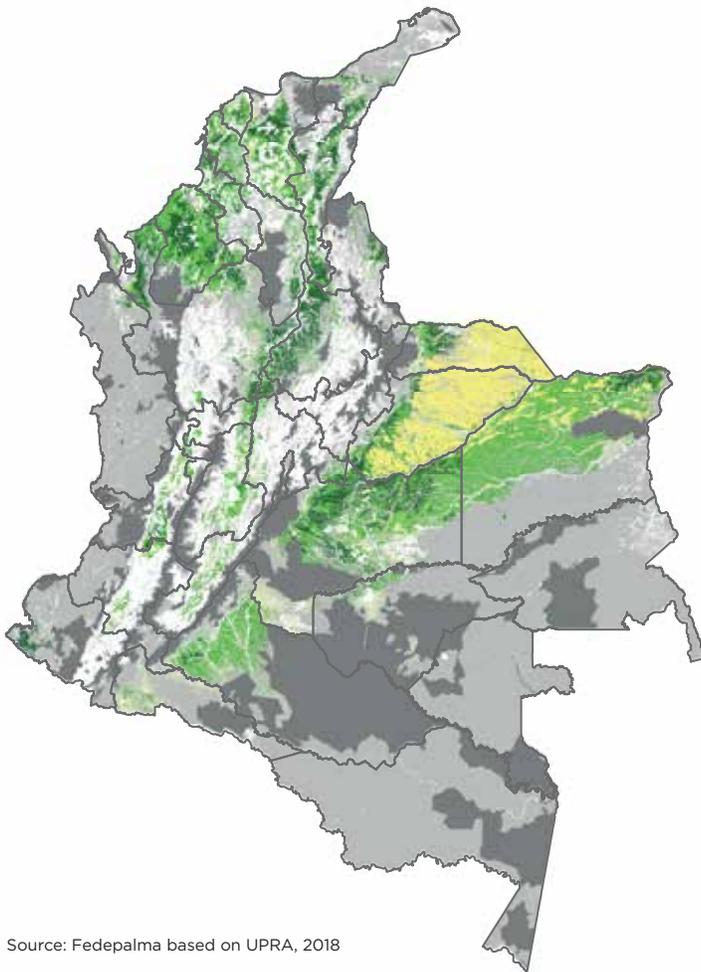




SUITABLE AREAS FOR PALM OIL CULTIVATION IN COLOMBIA



Source: Fedepalma based on UPRA, 2018

Category	Hectares	%
High suitability	5.174.700	4,54
Medium suitability	10.830.471	9,49
Low suitability	2.861.841	2,51
Very low suitability	4.288.926	3,76
Not suitable - within the agricultural frontier	16.920.021	14,83
Forests and other non-agricultural areas	48.193.667	42,25
Legal exclusions	25.805.344	22,62
Total area	114.074.970	100



The Rural Planning Unit (UPRA) identified, within the agricultural frontier, **suitable areas for palm oil cultivation, based on physical** (soil and climate), environmental and socioeconomic criteria.



5.2 million hectares have high suitability and other 10.8 million hectares have medium suitability for palm oil cultivation.



By the end of 2018, Colombia had **537,176 hectares with palm oil**; this is equivalent to 7% of its area dedicated to agriculture and 1.3% of its agricultural frontier.



In 2017, the Colombian government, Fedepalma, several palm oil companies and other interested parties signed a **Zero Deforestation Agreement** for the palm oil chain, under the auspices of the governments of Germany, Norway and the United Kingdom.



Colombia has a significant **potential to continue developing its palm oil agro-industry** in suitable areas within its agricultural frontier, without causing deforestation or affecting protected areas.