

International Studies 127

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Commodity presentation

## **Manufacturing and Trade of Rubber & Tires**

Rubber is a commodity used in millions of different ways across a variety of products and can be cultivated and manufactured in several different ways as well. This class discusses the global impact of business, conflict, etc and this project was meant to focus on the commodities we use every day and how they impact the world whether it be human rights violations, environmental impact, or unfair trade. Rubber specifically in tires is a commodity with minimal controversy when it comes to its cultivation and faces some criticism when it comes to the rubber's manufacturing into tires, and faces its largest backlash when it comes to the impact the product has on the environment after it's been created. A majority of the world's rubber is collected in Malaysia, Taiwan, and Indonesia where it is then shipped out to some of the world's largest tire manufacturers such as China, Germany, India, France, America, and Canada.

There it must be heated shaped and colored to become the tire you drive on almost if not every day. The problem comes with the disposal of these tires which has a detrimental impact on the environment.



### **You can help!!! (Petition sites)**

[https://wwf.panda.org/act/take\\_action/plastics\\_campaign\\_page/#plasticspetitionform](https://wwf.panda.org/act/take_action/plastics_campaign_page/#plasticspetitionform)

<https://www.change.org/p/united-states-environmental-protection-agency-immediately-remove-all-remaining-tires-debris-from-the-osbourne-tire-reef-osbourne-natural-reef-ft-lauderdale-florida-usa>

