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Save the date!

The 2010 WWF GFTN-UK annual members' meeting will be held at the Worshipful Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers, Stationers Hall, Ave Maria Lane, London from 12.30pm on **Thursday 30 September 2010**. More details will follow soon. Please let James Horne know if you would like to attend:

jhorne@wwf.org.uk

Do you have any members of staff you want us to thank?

We'd like to send a thank you to any members of staff who are doing a great job helping you to deliver on your organisation's procurement policy. Please forward any names of staff you'd like to nominate and the reasons why they deserve it, to James Horne:

jhorne@wwf.org.uk

More members' stories needed!

We want to include more member successes in the forthcoming autumn 2010 newsletter. If you'd like to contribute, please contact James Horne:

jhorne@wwf.org.uk

Presentations available

If you'd like a copy of the presentation given by Ian Gray, WWF GFTN's Responsible Forestry Co-ordinator, at our recent forest certification assessment seminar, or the presentations given at the GFTN-UK's recent paper sector meeting, please contact James Horne: jhorne@wwf.org.uk

Member feedback

If you have suggestions or feedback about this newsletter, or the WWF GFTN-UK website, we'd like to hear from you. Please contact James Horne:

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GFTN-UK MEMBER NEWS STORIES

Tetra Pak and WWF-UK launch partnership competition to turn public's green intentions into action

Our planet's natural resources are running out. We are consuming them at a faster rate than ever before and we are not yet doing enough to replace them. This is a problem that requires global action but, luckily, there are things we can all do to help. That's why packaging manufacturer Tetra Pak has joined forces with WWF-

UK to launch a three-year partnership to raise awareness of the importance of choosing goods made from responsibly managed and renewable natural resources.

If looked after properly, natural resources can be managed to supply our demands at a sustainable rate which can be replaced and replenished. Whilst the 'reduce, recycle, reuse' message is starting to reach consumers, this fourth "R" is still being overlooked.

With this in mind, the partnership has kicked off with a competition to 'crowd source' the best 'renewable ideas' from the public. Users can go online to www.renewableidea.co.uk to submit their ideas and vote on others in weekly rounds. The overall winner will be, selected from the weekly winners by a panel of judges. Tetra Pak has pledged to give the winner up to £25,000 of support towards making their idea a reality, and 10p or £1 respectively to WWF-UK for every vote cast or idea submitted by users throughout the competition.

The additional funding will enable us to boost our work in the Russian Caucasus. Julia Young WWF-UK's Forest & Trade Network manager explains: "The Russian Caucasus boasts a unique diversity of species, yet has a worrying lack of sustainable forest management. To date, WWF has undertaken limited work in the region, yet it is one of our priority habitats in Russia. This competition will help generate vital funding for us to expand our work there. Tetra Pak has committed to support the growth of FSC forest management in critical forest habitats, Together, we're aiming to raise awareness of the need to manage production of forests as renewable resources to provide economic, social and environmental benefits for the foreseeable future."

For Tetra Pak, this partnership forms an important part of its ongoing commitment to a sustainable approach to business. Tetra Pak cartons are widely recyclable in the UK, made primarily (on average 73%) from wood in the form of paperboard which is a natural, renewable resource. It makes over 1.5 billion of its products in the UK and Ireland using FSC certified board. It is a member of WWF's Climate Savers programme, and has an overall goal of reducing its total carbon emissions by 10% by the end of 2010.

We hope that the competition, and our ongoing partnership, will help to engage people with environmental issues and specifically encourage people to use renewable resources where possible. Ideas submitted so far have ranged from educational play parks for children to innovative ways of using the energy from rainfall, gym equipment and even footsteps to generate electricity!

Any ideas, no matter how large or small, can be entered on the competition website (www.renewableidea.co.uk). The deadline for ideas is 31 October 2010.



M&S – building on its environmental objectives

When you hear that a company like Marks & Spencer is a GFTN-UK member, you'd probably assume that their focus is on sustainable packaging, or perhaps offering FSC furniture? Well yes, but under the M&S eco 'Plan A' targets, all timber and paper used must be sustainable by 2012. One of the areas leading the way is the Store Construction and Fit Out team.

The team started looking at its timber use in 2007, at the launch of Plan A. It began by engaging with Rainforest Alliance and NEPCo, to understand the requirements of delivering FSC into store developments and fit outs. It worked with these partners to launch a timber strategy to the 38 main contractors and equipment suppliers working on its store development programme in 2008, creating data collection tools to monitor progress and assess risk.



Marks & Spencer's Aberdeen store cafe

Annual FSC targets were set, and suppliers were asked to complete individual action plans with timelines and accountabilities for achieving FSC certification. Suppliers reported monthly on their timber usage, and were obliged to deliver on or above their FSC target. All relevant M&S contractual documents and tender RFPs were updated to reflect M&S's timber policy. Alongside this, the Store Construction and Fit Out team ran supplier workshops with Rainforest Alliance and NEPCo at regular intervals to tackle problems, communicate progress and share best practice.

Each year, M&S has raised the target on sustainable timber. This reporting year, 85% of timber procured by the construction and fit out supply base was in line with the M&S Plan A policy.

This means that the wood products were FSC certified, recycled, or from a source that otherwise protects forests and communities. M&S has worked with Rainforest Alliance to fully understand where non-FSC sources can be understood as sustainable, and has created a risk assessment tool to define these sources. However, FSC is always the gold standard – and M&S has recognised this by setting a further, more ambitious target that all its virgin materials will be FSC by 2015.

All direct building contractors and equipment suppliers are now FSC Chain of Custody certified, providing M&S with a third-party verified guarantee of the FSC certified status of the wood-based materials supplied.

So what is the benefit for the company? Rachel Mellows, timber specialist for the Store Construction and Fit Out team says: "Sourcing timber from FSC certified sources demonstrates that M&S complies with the highest social and environmental standards on the market. This is crucial in protecting our brand and reputation."

She acknowledges that there are obstacles remaining in getting to 100% sustainable: "Our main challenges are ensuring that our suppliers' claims can be verified. Occasionally we find that paperwork to support genuine FSC claims goes missing, so it has to be re-classified as non-FSC. We work with Rainforest Alliance to audit the data coming from suppliers, as we do find mistakes are made. Also, our supply base sometimes struggles to get country of origin information from timber suppliers – which makes risk assessment scores come out much higher than they should be.

Structural timbers such as Glulam are readily available as PEFC and while FSC Glulam is slowly entering the market, it comes with a price premium which can be prohibitive.”

However she is optimistic about meeting the 2012 target, and has some clear recommendations for anyone wanting to imitate the team’s success: “You need to establish a baseline as quickly as possible. Identify the type, volume and origin of wood and set a challenging but realistic target. You should also ensure that suppliers set their own action plans, and work with a suitable third party organisation for support and guidance. Finally, you will need to ensure that the necessary upskilling is provided, to ensure that you aren’t making demands that suppliers just don’t have the capacity to meet.”

FEATURE: WWF AND BUSINESSES WORK TOGETHER ON THORNY PLANTATION ISSUES

In April this year, I put my travel carbon budget to maximum effect, and when due in Malaysia for the annual GFTN manager’s strategic meeting, managed to spend time in the field looking at some key forest issues. One of these I hadn’t had much experience of before - the work WWF is doing on the role of plantations. As demand for wood fibre is growing globally, the questions come up of where can fibre be sourced from sustainably, and also what will be the respective roles of natural forests and fastwood plantations? I joined WWF’s New Generation Plantation Project (NGPP) study tour to the SFI concessions at Sipitang, in Sabah to find out more.

The goal of the WWF NGPP is to collect examples of well-managed and appropriately located plantations, a

key feature of diverse and multi-functional forest landscapes, and compatible both with biodiversity conservation and human needs. The project uses study tours with major business players in the sector to get new insights into how to enhance positive impacts of plantations, and gain a better understanding of the future role plantations can play in forest landscapes. NGPP overall objectives are to develop and manage plantations whilst:

- maintaining ecosystem integrity
- protecting HCV
- safeguarding stakeholders interests

On the trip I joined, there was a lot of debate and learning from participants views, in a real life case, on issues related to protection of high conservation values, plantation management, liaison with community groups and for example the impact on their immediate water sources, and conversion aspects of plantations. As well as WWF leads, SFI host staff, UPM Kymmene, Stora Enso, the UK Forestry Commission, Mondi, Portucel, MASISA, CMPC, the Chinese State Forestry Association, and the Sabah Forestry Department were all involved in five days of in depth discussions.

SFI, the host for the NGPP study, are owned by an Indian group BILT (India) Avantha Group, who are the largest pulp and paper manufacturer in India. They are looking for market excellence of products, including respect for the environment, with a goal to have achieved certification by the end of 2011. In Sabah, they hold 288,000ha



by Julia Young



Plantation management & and development in SFI concessions.



NGPP discussions over FMU management plans and HCV assessment, (left, Ian Gray, WWF; right: Wayne Woof, SFI). Other NGPP participants look on.

of land and intend to leave 60% of this managed as a reserve. A mix of Natural Forest Management (NFM) Licenses, Industrial Tree Plantation (ITP) licences which were previously logged, areas that had already been converted, and then those identified as too steep, or wildlife corridors, or having other properties which mean they will not be utilised for plantation, make up this total. SFI hold Verification of Legal Origin (VLO) and FSC Controlled Wood certificates, and against their mix of FMU license were looking to see how they could achieve FSC certification of their plantations, when undertaking active conversion to intensive plantations on their ITP licences (and so not meeting the FSC post 1994 rule on conversion of natural forest). At the same time, the Sabah Forestry Department has a deadline for all Forest Management Unit's (FMU's) to be certified by 2014. This therefore presented an interesting case study for the group – a plantation group willing to undertake conservation management and HCV protection, but actively converting. What is the best way forward for them? Were the areas being left aside for biodiversity protection adequate in the view of the group?

Which such difficult questions to debate, it threw into sharp relief how business to business views on how to differentiate best practice in the market are vital to maintain leadership in the sector and deliver landscape level sustainable forest management, and that working together to look for solutions is the only way to find the balance of the respective roles of natural forests and fastwood plantations in an expanding market, without permanent loss of fragile ecosystems in globally significant forest regions. I won't pretend we came away with easy answers either for SFI, or on these issues for

all participants and the wider sector. It will take a much wider group of stakeholders to achieve the next steps, but the good news was that SFI plan to establish a forest estate model, complete their HCV survey work in their FMU's and carry on engaging local stakeholders. NGPP continues, and the discussions and stages will inform WWF's inputs to key issues on forest management. I learned a lot in a very short space of time!

WWF GFTN NEWS

New leadership for WWF's Global Forest & Trade Network

George White has been appointed to lead WWF's Global Forest & Trade Network (GFTN), bringing a wealth of knowledge about the global forest products industry and responsible forestry to this role. Read more at: www.gftn.panda.org/newsroom

WWF measures environmental footprint of world's largest fine paper companies

WWF has launched a new voluntary rating tool for paper companies to report on their global ecological footprint. The Paper Company Environmental Index assesses key environmental criteria, such as use of recycled fibre or fibre coming from well-managed forests, energy use and CO₂ emissions, water consumption and water pollution. Read more at: wwf.panda.org/how_you_can_help/greenliving/at_the_office/reducing_paper/paper_toolbox/papercompanyenvironmentalindex

GFTN's interactive guide to legal and responsible sourcing

The GFTN's interactive Guide to Legal and Responsible Sourcing combines the wisdom previously contained in GFTN's resources on legality and responsible procurement into a single, more in-depth resource to help companies navigate the complex and fast-changing regulatory and legislative landscape governing trade in timber and timber products. Only a click away, this online resource is a vital and indispensable tool to anyone who purchases forest products – including processors, importers, manufacturers, wholesales and retailers. Read more at: <http://sourcing.gftn.panda.org>

Timber Trades Journal – WWF environment focus 2010

In the **1-8 May 2010** edition of the Timber Trade Journal, GFTN and WWF were asked to contribute the first ever editorial section by an environmental NGO, sharing our vision for a responsible forest products sector with the UK and international timber trade industry. Read more at: http://gftn.panda.org/newsroom/gftn_news/feature_stories/timber_trades_journal_features

AEIM's commitment to legal and certified tropical hardwood

from Illegal Logging.info: AEIM, the Spanish timber trade federation, has signed an agreement with WWF requiring that all wood imported by members from West and Central Africa must, as a minimum, be legally verified and preferably FSC certified. Read more at: www.illegal-logging.info/item_single.php?it_id=4480&it=news&printer=1

Domtar instrumental in increasing availability of certified copy paper in US

Recognised as a leader in sustainable growth in the pulp and paper industry, Domtar Corporation continues to deliver on the commitment made over a decade ago to make Forest Stewardship Council certification an integral part of its sustainability strategy. Read more at: http://gftn.panda.org/newsroom/news_north_america.cfm?188401/Domtar-Instrumental-in-Increasing-Availability-of-Certified-Copy-Paper-in-US

Creating a new way forward

In 2004, when WWF began working with the Emberá-Wounaan indigenous people in the Darien – Panama's largest forest remnant – timber was extracted with little regard for the forest's integrity or ability to provide a supply of timber in the long term. However, through support from WWF and GFTN, they're now on the path to responsible forestry. Read more at: http://gftn.panda.org/newsroom/news_lac.cfm?187401/Creating-a-New-Way-Forward

Building local capacity

As with any industry dealing with natural resource management, forestry enterprises are not immune from potential conflict with indigenous peoples, local communities or their workers, through their operations. As a result, capacity building in managing and preventing conflict is an essential and vital tool for these companies' business practices. Read more at: http://gftn.panda.org/newsroom/africa_news.cfm?193078/Building-Local-Capacity

OTHER WWF/ FORESTS NEWS

EU cracks down on illegal timber

In a bid to fight climate change and deforestation, on 7 July the European Union (EU) officially banned the import and sale of illegally harvested timber. It's a move that is sure to have a lasting impact on forests, from the Amazon to the Russian Far East. Read more at: <http://gftn.panda.org/newsroom>

Chatham House report: Illegal logging and related trade: indicators of the global response

from Illegal-Logging.info: This study attempts to measure the scale and the effectiveness of the response to illegal logging. It examines the response in countries where illegal logging occurs and also in those countries that import, process and consume illegally sourced wood. Download the report at:

www.illegal-logging.info/item_single.php?it_id=938&it=document

Indonesian forest concessions look for FSC certification

from TTJ online: Indonesian forest concessions have signalled their interest in achieving FSC forest management certification, according to the International Tropical Timber Organisation. Read more at: www.ttjonline.com

Finnish FSC standard moves closer

from TTJ online: The adoption of an FSC standard in Finland has moved one step closer following progress in negotiations between stakeholders, according to the Finnish Forest Association. Read more at: www.ttjonline.com

UK government prepares timber licensing controls

from TTJ Online: Defra's Animal Health agency has been given the task of managing timber imports licensed under the Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade regulations. Read more at: www.ttjonline.com

Forest concessions get help for certification

from the Jakarta Post: Local forest concession-holders recently signed up for a programme to help them gain certification for responsible logging practices. This would enable them to sell to countries applying tough import restrictions. Read more at: www.thejakartapost.com/news

Experts urge printers to heed eco developments

from Print Week.com: A panel of industry experts at the Fespa Planet Friendly Summit warned printers that they must keep a close eye on green developments. Speakers at the event included Richard Owers, marketing director at Pureprint Group, and Steve Lister, Robert Horne's business development director. Read more at: www.printweek.com/environment/news

TFT hails landmark Chinese plywood shipment

from TTJ Online: Premier Forest Products Ltd will import the first Chinese plywood whose origins have a verified 100% legally sourced content, according to The Forest Trust (TFT). Read more at: www.ttjonline.com

Bill to slash Amazon protection passes crucial vote

Amendments to Brazil's Forest Code that could sanction dramatic increases in deforestation passed a crucial vote in the Congress's Special Committee on Forest Law Changes last night. The outcome was lamented by scientists, environmental and social NGOs and indigenous groups. Read more at: www.panda.org/wwf_news/?194094/Bill-to-slash-Amazon-protection-passes-crucial-vote

Update on the 2010 review of FSC and PEFC

from CPET: The consultation ended in May and CPET received a high number of stakeholder responses, especially related to the new criteria. This, combined with the increased number of criteria, meant that the allocated two days was not enough for the Technical Panel to go through the comments thoroughly and score both schemes against all criteria. The Technical Panel will therefore meet again in September to finalise the scoring. Read more at: www.cpet.org.uk/activities-and-news/news%20stories/update-on-the-2010-review-of-fsc-and-pefc

New verification mark launched

from TTJ online: Timber companies have the opportunity of having their sustainability achievements recognised in a new verification scheme operated by the Rainforest Alliance. Read more at: www.ttjonline.com

Update on FSC Friday from FSC UK

This year FSC Friday will be held on Friday 24 September.

The primary aim of FSC Friday is to raise awareness of the FSC logo as a mark of responsible forestry. FSC UK would also like to highlight the fact that forests and woodlands in the UK need to be well managed. This will add a local perspective to the day.

FSC UK is encouraging certified companies and retailers to use this date as a focus for any FSC-related activities or press releases. Once again, details of companies supporting FSC Friday will be listed on the FSC UK website and, where appropriate, promoted to the media.

Events will also be taking place in FSC-certified forests, and in schools, scout huts and community centres around the country. FSC UK will be launching a range of national competitions, aimed at different age groups.

Please contact FSC UK if you would like to be involved in any way – for example, through an event or promotion or through sponsorship of materials. For more information, contact FSC UK on: 01686 413 916 or e-mail at:

<http://www.cpet.org.uk/activities-and-news/news%20stories/update-on-the-2010-review-of-fsc-and-pefc/?searchterm=Update>

Listing of precious woods a glimmer of hope for ravaged Madagascar

More than two years of lobbying by WWF and Malagasy scientists are expected to see the island's rosewoods, ebony and other precious woods listed for international trade restrictions, giving some hope of slowing the organised illegal logging assault on the threatened species, and the forests and protected areas where they are found. Read more at: www.gftn.panda.org/newsroom

Timber corruption: Malaysian prime minister caught red-handed

from Bruno Manser Fonds: A seven-minute video sequence shows the Malaysian Prime Minister's involvement in vote-buying for a local timber tycoon in the Sarawak town of Sibü. Watch the video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=LwNLT428PqU

FSC and LEI announce collaboration to advance responsible forest management in Indonesia

from FSC.org: The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and the Lembaga Ekolabel Indonesia (LEI) have announced the launch of an 18-month collaboration to explore potential areas of cooperation regarding responsible forest management and forest certification in Indonesia. The agreement marks an important measure in the global efforts to facilitate responsible forest management in the tropics, and builds on previous collaborative initiatives to advance forest certification in Indonesia. Read more at: www.fsc.org/news.html

Indonesia agrees to two-year freeze on forest concessions in US\$1bn deal

from Jakarta Globe: President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono has announced that Indonesia will stop issuing new concessions for peatlands and natural forests for two years. In effect, this imposes a temporary halt on deforestation. Read more at: <http://eyesontheforest.or.id>

New protected areas in Brazil contribute to major drop in Amazon deforestation rate

from Mongabay.com: Protected areas in the Brazilian Amazon are proving highly effective in reducing forest loss in the planet's largest rainforest, according to a new study based on analysis of deforestation trends in and around indigenous territories, parks, military holdings and sustainable use reserves. Read more at: <http://news.mongabay.com>

WWF accuses UK government of faltering on zero carbon

from TTJ Online: WWF regards the absence of the 2016 zero-carbon target for new housing from the new government's initial programme as a sign it may be wavering on the issue. Read more at: www.ttjonline.com

Ground-breaking eco deal in Canadian forestry

from TTJ Online: The Canadian timber and forestry sectors recently signed a deal with green groups to balance environmental and commercial considerations that they believe will be "the envy of the world". Read more at: www.ttjonline.com

Project certification on Olympic site

from TTJ Online: London 2012 Olympic bosses, the timber industry and certification organisations are looking at the introduction of project timber certification for individual Games venues. Read more at: www.ttjonline.com

Hope that signed Cameroon-EU VPA will begin end to illegal logging

from FERN: On 6 May 2010, after 31 months of negotiations and waiting, representatives from Cameroon and the European Union (EU) signed a trade agreement that aims to ensure Cameroonian timber is legal when sold on the domestic market or exported to the EU and other countries. Read more at: www.fern.org

Gabon to stop exporting unprocessed timber from 15 May

from Afrique en ligne: From 15 May, Gabon will stop the exportation of rough logs, Gabonese Premier Paul Mba Biyoghe, said on national television. He noted that the measure was aimed at promoting the industrialisation of timber activity in the area. Read more at: www.afriquejet.com

Malaysia-EU voluntary partnership agreement still far from delivering

from FERN: A report has been launched by the Network of Indigenous Peoples and Non-Governmental Organisations on Forest Issues (JOANGOHutan). It details that the ongoing negotiations between Malaysia and the EU to enter into a Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA) on the Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) have virtually no respect for indigenous peoples' rights, as defined in law and upheld by the Malaysian courts. Read more at: www.fern.org

East Siberian railways to step up fight against illegal logging

from Rianovosti: East Siberian Railways is to increase control over the shipment of timber to China by bringing in extra weighing vehicles, according to the railway company's press service. Read more at: <http://en.rian.ru>

EU Ecolabel allows forest destruction – the case of Pindo Deli

from FERN: A report investigates the award of the EU Ecolabel to two photocopy brands, Golden Plus and Lucky Boss, which are manufactured by the Indonesian company Pindo Deli. The company is part of Asia Pulp and Paper (APP), one of the world's most controversial pulp and paper companies. Read more at: www.fern.org

Paper giant APRIL's certification status suspended

from EoF News: SmartWood, an independent forest management certifier, has suspended the interim certification of Asia Paper Resources International Limited (APRIL) pulp products. The paper giant failed to meet the FSC's minimum standard for 'controlled wood' certification. Read more at: <http://eyesontheforest.or.id>

New FSC publications available online

from FSC.org: FSC has released three new publications to promote understanding of the FSC system. Available online, the publications provide stakeholders with useful resources to work with FSC and highlight the impacts and benefits of FSC certification. Read more at: www.fsc.org/newsroom.html

Direct marketing industry ahead of recycling target

from Print Week.com: The direct marketing industry is well ahead of its recycling targets, following the announcement that 76.5% of direct mail material was recycled last year. Read more at: www.printweek.com/environment/news

Canadian forest certification map published

from TTJ Online: the Forest Products Association of Canada has produced an interactive map of all certified areas in Canada. Read more at: www.ttjonline.com

Study finds that illegality in Guyana forestry sector is significant

from Stabroeknews.com: There is a "significant" level of illegality in Guyana's forestry sector, though it is lower than in several other major tropical timber producing countries in South America and around the world, according to a study commissioned by Norway's Ministry of the Environment. Read more at: www.stabroeknews.com

Lacey Act enforcement extended

from TTJ Online: The latest phase of the US Lacey Act has come into force. It brings further wood products under the scope of the regulation's prohibition on illegally sourced timber. Guitars, hand tools and certain types of furniture are included in the latest phase of enforcement of the Lacey Act, which effectively criminalises the import of illegally felled wood. Read more at: www.ttjonline.com

NGOs collect logging data for the President of Indonesia's taskforce

from Jakarta Post: Several environmental NGOs recently met to compile data on illegal logging activities at the request of the President, who has ordered sterner action against the environmental threat. Read more at: www.thejakartapost.com/news/2010/04/09/ngos-collect-logging-data-sby%E2%80%99s-taskforce.html

EC investigates alleged Chinese paper dumping

from Print Week.com: The European Commission has launched an investigation after Chinese paper manufacturers were accused of selling coated fine paper into the European market at prices "below normal levels". Read more at: www.printweek.com/News

Malaysia: new timber industry rule

from Malaysia Star.com: From 1 July, Malaysia's Forest Department will enforce regulations that will make it mandatory for the timber industry to employ only trained workers. Read more at: <http://thestar.com.my/news/story.asp?file=/2010/4/2/nation/5984736&sec=nation>

German book industry faces green change

from UPI.com: The German publishing industry is facing accusations that production of its books is destroying rainforests in Asia, thus contributing to climate change and the loss of wildlife. Read more at: www.upi.com/Science_News/Resource-Wars/2010/03/23/German-book-industry-faces-green-change/UPI-29511269361024/

Human health linked directly to forest health

Environmental degradation is causing serious detrimental health impacts for people. But protecting natural habitats can reverse this and supply positive health benefits, according to a WWF report. Download the report at: http://assets.panda.org/downloads/vital_sites.pdf

Peru mahogany decision highlights overlooked timber proposals at CITES

Peru was given a six-month ultimatum to address critical issues over the illegal mahogany trade. The CITES Standing Committee – the body that governs CITES between meetings of the conference of the parties – took the decision to take this step following Peru's repeated failure to manage effectively illegal logging and trade in the valuable timber. Read more at: <http://gftn.panda.org/newsroom/?uNewsID=190662>

GFTN GLOBAL TOTALS

(JULY 2010)

GFTN hectares/
percentage of GFTN
hectares that are
FSC-certified,
across 34 countries.

NORTH AMERICA

- 10 participants
- 48.2m m³ RWE



EUROPE

- 0.25 million ha
- 100% FSC ha
- 100 participants
- 135.6m m³ RWE

RUSSIA

- 21.0 million ha
- 76% FSC ha
- 50 participants
- 41.3m m³ RWE

AFRICA

- 2.4 million ha
- 72% FSC ha
- 11 participants
- 1.0m m³ RWE

LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

- 1.2 million ha
- 82% FSC ha
- 31 participants
- 0.5 m m³ RWE

OCEANIA

- 0.16 million ha
- 100% FSC ha
- 7 participants
- 3.2m m³ RWE



FSC GLOBAL UPDATES

FSC certified forest area by continent – as at July 2010

Europe: 59,430,496ha

North America: 48,547,334ha

Latin America and Caribbean: 12,385,413ha

Africa: 7,354,110ha

Asia: 3,979,741ha

Oceania: 1,640,034ha

Total global FSC-certified area: 133,337,128ha

Visit: www.fsc.org/fileadmin/web-data/public/document_center/powerpoints_graphs/facts_figures/Global-FSC-Certificates-2010-05-15-EN.pdf for maps and data on FSC; FSC certified forests by country; regional totals of FSC chain of custody certificates; and regional totals of FSC forest management certificates.

For more information please visit: www.fsc.org

USEFUL WWF DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS

GFTN's guide to legal and responsible sourcing *WWF, June 2010*

Since the Global Forest & Trade Network (GFTN) first published its Guide to Responsible Purchasing of Forest Products over five years ago, followed by the closely associated Keep It Legal manual, there have been numerous developments in both international policy and trade.

Interact with the report at:

<http://sourcing.gftn.panda.org>



Exporting in a shifting legal landscape

WWF, June 2010

GFTN's guide to legal exports, *Exporting in a Shifting Legal Landscape*, is aimed at companies that currently export, or intend to export, forest products to the US market. It is designed to allow companies to assess their own performance and offers advice on how they can meet the needs of their customers in the US – who are required to know that the forest products they import have been legally harvested and traded. Download this report at: www.gftn.panda.org/resources/tools

GFTN participants' supply information (Bolivia and Peru)

WWF, May 2010

This supply information (exporter profile) has been created to promote hardwood species from GFTN participants in the Latin American region, particularly Peru and Bolivia. Find out also about various types of certified timber and lesser known species available in the region. Download the report at:

www.gftn.panda.org/resources



WWF GFTN FY09 Annual Report

WWF, March 2010

This annual report highlights the Global Forest & Trade Network (GFTN)'s development during fiscal year 2009, providing a look into the critical work areas that continue to drive the programme towards reaching our goals. Download the report at: www.gftn.panda.org/resources/reports



New generations plantations project – synthesis report 2007 to 2009

WWF, October 2009

Well-managed and appropriately-located plantations can contribute positively to sustainable development. This project explores how plantations can support biodiversity, benefit local communities and contribute to economic growth. Download the report at: www.gftn.panda.org/resources/reports



WWF guide to conservation finance

WWF, October 2009

The WWF guide to conservation finance provides an overview of conservation financing mechanisms that have been implemented throughout the world. The guide informs field practitioners about which of the available financing mechanisms they could apply to achieve their conservation aims. The various mechanisms are illustrated with short case studies that demonstrate both successes and challenges. Download the report at: www.gftn.panda.org/resources/tools



WWF GFTN-UK Annual Report 2008-09

WWF, October 2009

This is the WWF-UK Forest & Trade Network's fifth annual report, which covers the management, activities and achievements of its members in 2008-09. View this report at: wwf.org.uk/what_we_do/safeguarding_the_natural_world/forests/forest_trade_network/ftn_publications.cfm?3356/Forest--Trade-Network-Annual-Report-20089

Analysis of the FSC and PEFC systems for forest certification using the FCAG 2008 – a summary of the report, by Martin Walter

WWF, February 2009

In collaboration with the World Bank, WWF developed the Forest Certification Assessment Guide (FCAG) in 2006, to assess the quality and credibility of forest certification schemes.

In recognition of the dynamic nature of forest certification, in 2008 WWF commissioned an assessment using the FCAG of the two global certification systems to help review its position on credible certification. The assessment focused on the rules set down by these systems internationally. It was supplemented by an assessment of a sample of national FSC and PEFC standards and schemes – in Germany, Australia and Chile – to permit evaluation of elements that could not be assessed at an international level. View the summary of this report at:

www.gftn.panda.org/resources/reports



Good practice guidelines for HCV assessments

WWF, December 2008

This document sets out good practices for identifying and managing high conservation values (HCVs) and HCV forests and areas. It provides detailed guidance on the HCV assessment process, and should be of particular use to HCV practitioners involved in planning and conducting such an assessment, and to certifying bodies auditing HCV identification reports and management plans. This document will be particularly useful for assessments of large, complex or controversial cases. Download this document at: www.gftn.panda.org/resources/tools



Illegal logging and the EU: An analysis of the EU export and import market of illegal wood and related products

WWF, July 2008

This study highlights the ineffectiveness of the EU Forest and Law Enforcement Governance and Trade (FLEGT) licensing scheme in stopping trade in illegal wood. Even if all voluntary partnership agreements negotiated by the EU with partner countries under FLEGT were included, about 90% of illegal wood would still enter EU markets. The report also traces the 10 main routes of the illegal wood trade. View this report at: http://assets.panda.org/downloads/illegal_wood_for_the_european_market_july_2008.pdf



WWF guide to buying paper

WWF, November 2007

This guide makes it easy for any organisation to understand the most important environmental impacts of paper-making and to source responsibly-produced paper products to reduce an organisation's environmental footprint. View this guide at: www.gftn.panda.org/resources/tools



Natural capital – financing forest certification in Malaysia

WWF, September 2007

This report from WWF and GFTN sets out challenges and opportunities involved in financing forest certification in Malaysia. View this report at: www.gftn.panda.org/resources/tools

USEFUL WEBSITES

WWF GFTN-UK website

wwf.org.uk/ftn

WWF Global Forest & Trade Network

<http://gftn.panda.org/index.cfm>

This website includes links to the GFTN Responsible purchasing guide for forest products, as well as GFTN members, contacts lists and latest news.

WWF Paper Toolbox

wwf.panda.org/how_you_can_help/greenliving/at_the_office/reducing_paper/paper_toolbox/papercompanyenvironmentalindex

WWF offers a one-stop paper toolbox to help guide paper producers as well as commercial and individual paper buyers, and to help reduce the environmental footprint of paper production.

Shrink!

www.shrinkpaper.org/take-the-pledge.htm

A network of more than 50 European environmental non-governmental organisations has launched this project, which addresses 'the madness of over-consumption of paper'. Individuals, corporates and institutional paper users are invited to pledge to cut their paper consumption.

WWF International forest news and publications

www.panda.org/about_our_earth/about_forests/forest_news_resources

WWF forest position statements

www.panda.org/what_we_do/how_we_work/conservation/forests/publications/position_papers

WWF-UK forest research information

wwf.org.uk/forests

Guidance for high conservation value forest assessments

http://assets.panda.org/downloads/hcvf_brochure_012007.pdf

One Planet Future

wwf.org.uk/campaigning

WWF's One Planet Future campaign shows how individuals, government and business all have their part to play in making sure we are living within the means of the planet's finite natural resources.

FSC certificate and product search database

www.fsc-info.org

The FSC certificate search site enables users to verify the status of FSC-registered certificates. The information is managed directly by the FSC-accredited certification bodies. Information on certificates is now available in near real-time.

Forest Certification Resource Centre

www.fsc-uk.org/products/search.aspx

This provides confirmation of FSC certification of a company by certification number or company name. The basic listing for certified companies and registered retailers is free of charge.

Transparency International

www.transparency.org/publications/publications/gcb2009

Transparency International's 2009 global corruption barometer presents the main findings of a public opinion survey that explores the general public's views of corruption, as well as experiences of bribery around the world.

Global Witness' forest transparency website

www.foresttransparency.info

'Making the Forest Sector Transparent' builds on the extensive work undertaken and expertise gained by Global Witness over the last 15 years in extractive industry transparency and forest monitoring.

IUCN Red List of threatened species

www.iucnredlist.org

Illegal logging

www.illegal-logging.info

This Chatham House site is a central point of information on all aspects of the international debate on controlling illegal logging and other forest crimes. It contains summaries of the key issues and documents, and links to other relevant sites.

FSC UK

www.fsc-uk.org

For information regarding FSC issues in the UK, or for advice on FSC standards, contact the FSC UK advisory service at: info@fsc-uk.org

FSC Global Risk Assessment

<http://globalforestrisk.nepcon.net>

This is a free tool that provides information about the risk of sourcing controversial wood from more than 150 countries. It is under development by NEPCoN, in cooperation with the Forest Stewardship Council and the Rainforest Alliance. This tool is especially targeted at FSC-certified companies, which verify that they don't source non-FSC-certified material from controversial sources.

Illegal logging in numbers

100%
RECYCLED



€10-15 BILLION

The cost per year of illegal logging to timber producing economies.

93%

93% of EU citizens think it's important that wood products are legally harvested and traded.



JULY 2010

European Parliament votes 644-25 in favour of a law to ban illegal timber from the EU market.

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Now with 37 members, the GFTN-UK aims to improve global forest management using the purchasing power and influence of UK business.'



Why we are here

To stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature.

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