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WWF-UK Forest & Trade Network News

A date for your diaries!

The WWF-UK Forest & Trade Network Annual Members meeting will be taking place on **Friday 3 October** at WWF's London office, 1 London Bridge, SE1 9BG. Please contact James Horne if you plan to attend: jhorne@wwf.org.uk

Member stories needed

We are looking to include more member successes in the summer 2008 FTN Newsletter and in our forthcoming 2007/08 FTN Annual Report. If you have any suitable content, please contact James Horne: jhorne@wwf.org.uk

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WWF-UK FTN Member News Stories

Bovis Lend Lease is the first UK major contractor to achieve FSC certification

Bovis Lend Lease UK (BLL) has become the first UK major contractor to achieve the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Chain of Custody certification as it continues to lead the industry in sustainable practice.

FSC is currently the only organisation offering a credible worldwide timber certification scheme for all forest types, and as such has already received endorsement and active commitment from a wide range of respected organisations

Following BLL's successful delivery in 2007 of the world's first FSC certified commercial property – at One Wood Street, London EC2 – the construction company has now achieved the FSC Chain of Custody certification for its corporate procedure, which is being rolled out across the business.

Based on the model used at One Wood Street, BLL is implementing FSC Chain of Custody through the business, its contractors and supply chain. BLL is training employees and contractors in the procurement and use of FSC timber, while also working with suppliers to help them meet FSC requirements for BLL's supply chain accreditation.

Sam Hall, BLL's senior sustainability manager, said: *"The certification adds real value to our service offering by clearly demonstrating to clients that we can competently deliver FSC certified buildings."*

Beck Woodrow, FSC UK's construction adviser, said: "I am delighted that Bovis Lend Lease has become the first major UK contractor to achieve FSC Chain of Custody certification. The energy and dedication they have given to ensuring that increasing amounts of FSC timber are used, and in bringing suppliers on board, is truly inspiring and should be an example to the rest of the construction sector of what can be done. Having Chain of Custody certification – complete from forest to building site – gives assurance that the timber used today comes from forests which will be protected for the future."

Julia Young, WWF-UK's FTN manager said: *"This is a great achievement by Bovis Lend Lease, and I hope that more construction companies in the UK will now adopt this approach."*

Christina Meyer helps to raise MPs' awareness of responsibly sourced timber

Christina Meyer Sustainable Wood Products is one of the first 100% FSC-certified wood companies. And, although offering an ethical and beautiful product, Christina Meyer was personally frustrated by the unwillingness of retailers and big business to commit to FSC wood. *"I was not getting anywhere. So I thought that matters needed to change through legislation – otherwise we are never going to get sustainable timber into the mainstream, especially with hardwoods,"* said Christina.

Natural forests are continuing to be lost at the rate of around 13 million hectares each year, and the World Bank estimates that the loss of revenues due to illegal logging costs governments in the developed world US\$5 billion annually, with a further US\$10 billion lost to the economies of less developed countries.

To try and raise awareness and to convince the government of the facts surrounding the unsustainable environmental and social aspects of the timber industry, Christina decided to see her local MP, Theresa May, the Shadow Leader of the House of Commons. Meyer explained the facts and her concerns, and asked for advice on how to bring FSC wood and wood products in to central and local government procurement. Keen to offer support, the MP immediately wrote to central government and promised to raise the issue through questions in the House of Commons.

Theresa May was also aware that many companies find it difficult to source high quality FSC wood, so she was keen to recommend that Christina met with the chief executive of the Building Research Establishment (www.bre.co.uk) for discussions. Among other things, BRE is a sustainable consultancy group which aims to help clients build ecological buildings.

Despite Meyer's difficulty in developing a new market, the demand for FSC certified woods is growing. Consumers are becoming increasingly aware of the problems associated with deforestation and illegal logging. For many, cheap wood supplies and furniture are no longer appealing. Such consumer awareness is proving that sustainable wood is no longer a niche market. Now, more than 100 million hectares of forest lands are managed according to FSC requirements and coverage is growing.

WWF hopes that credible certification will eventually become a key requirement for consumers and businesses alike.

For Christina Meyer's part, she is in the process of bidding to become the wood supplier for several large projects. Although she is up against cheaper, less sustainable wood suppliers, WWF hopes her ethical stance and beautiful stock will be appreciated.

For information on the range of goods available at Christina Meyer Sustainable Wood Products call 0845 644 6588, or visit www.christinameyer.com

Homebase helps fund FTN in India

Homebase has generously donated £50,000 to help establish the Forest & Trade Network in India. These funds will be used partly to cover the costs of developing a business plan for the proposed India FTN, and for a thorough review of other potential funding options. The money will also fund core activities, such as baseline appraisals of companies and action plan development, as well as staff recruitment. This comes at an important time when buyers are looking for goods from India with credible certification credentials, or are willing to support those that are making progress towards certification.

Homebase has also supported the WWF-UK FTN's proposal to access EU funds to work with small to medium sized enterprise wood producers in India, Vietnam and China for three years – to encourage best practice in a new sector.

Charles Drewe, sustainability manager at Homebase, said: *"We have a responsibility to our customers to ensure the products we sell are not manufactured from illegal timber. Customers are increasingly concerned about sustainability and look to us for advice. Supporting the GFTN has given us access to a worldwide network of suppliers who are like-minded in actively promoting a partnership for responsible wood purchasing. We are committed to the GFTN and the mechanics which permit suppliers to improve their sourcing and environmental impacts and encourage the continued development of procedures to protect the resources in emerging markets."*

Corporate donations such as this are an important source of funding for the GFTN's work. Since joining the WWF-UK FTN in 1996, Homebase has donated funds to aid the successful

establishment of the Malaysia Forest & Trade Network, and encouraged community participation in forest management and forest certification in the Mangkuwagu Forest Reserve in Sabah, Borneo. Homebase's contributions are also helping to develop tools to estimate the cost of forest certification in the tropics. Continued support from companies such as Homebase has enabled the GFTN to take important steps toward finding sustainable solutions for the forest products industry. In doing so, we are conserving some of the most environmentally significant places on the planet. Many thanks, Homebase!

The Co-operative – greening the garden

The Co-operative has relaunched its gardening compost range with increased emphasis on environmental issues.

The entire new range has FSC certified and a market-leading peat reduction in its peat content, which is helping to protect the few remaining natural peatland habitats. The range includes a 100% peat-free variant, which has been certified by the soil association for use in organic systems.

The remainder of the range is 60% peat-free. This reduction is possible due to the use of a material called 'Forest Gold Plus', which is a sustainable peat replacement made from composted wood fibres, and is formulated for professional growers. Extensive tests including independent growing trials were conducted to ensure the new products maintained their high performance.

This range is an example of how the Co-operative is looking for innovative new products to help meet its environmental agenda, which was supported by its members in the recent 'Food Ethical Policy' poll*.

Phil Penny, the Co-operative's non-food technical manager, commented: *"This exciting range of products is the culmination of months of hard work between the Co-operative and its supplier. It has given us a range of growing products with outstanding environmental credentials, which helps protect both woodland and peatland areas, without compromising on product performance."*

Julia Young, manager of the WWF-UK FTN, said: *"Innovative ways of using credibly certified forest products, like the one in this new FSC compost mix from the Co-op, are great examples of commitment to the environment."*

** More than 100,000 UK customer members responded to the Co-operative's poll to guide its responsible retailing strategy. As well as providing an overwhelming mandate for its existing ethical policies, members have also strongly signalled their future priorities for action. Three main categories emerged as members' greatest concerns: ethical trading (27%), animal welfare (25%) and the environment (22%).*



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Feature

CHARLES THWAITES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FSC'S UK WORKING GROUP, ON NEW PLANS TO HELP FSC MEET ITS CHALLENGES

I am delighted to have been given this opportunity for FSC UK to contribute to the FTN's spring 2008 newsletter and to lay out some thoughts for the remainder of the year. Rather than write about the UK scene, however, I felt I ought to discuss three events that are about to take place on the international stage that will have a major impact on the future of FSC as an influence for good in the global challenge of protecting the world's forests. Indeed, these events will so shape the future of my own office in the UK over the coming months that it is hard to look forward without having all of them in mind.

The first is the appointment of a next executive director of the international organisation. The new incumbent, whose name may have been announced by the time this Newsletter goes to press, will wish to set priorities that may be different from those that have gone before. For example, if consumer demand is outstripping the supply of FSC material, as is the case in some sectors, should active steps be taken to address the shortfalls, or should market forces simply be allowed to run their course?

On a completely different subject, should FSC's national presence – currently known as the National Initiatives – be given more formal powers and responsibilities within the FSC system than at present, so that when companies want answers from FSC UK they know I respond with the authority of the worldwide organisation?

One can confidently predict, however, that the new executive director will continue to act on the single priority that leads all the others: the need to maintain the integrity and reliability of FSC certifications. Great effort has been put into this challenge over the last 12 months, but almost everyone agrees that there is still more work to be done.

The second event will be the introduction of a fee-structure for the use of the trademark. I can be no more forthcoming on this subject than I was on the appointment of the executive director, in that very few details have been released so far. We are, however, promised a measured introduction of all extra charges that might result from this exercise, with due

recognition being given to those companies who have been loyal to the system for the longest. Of course, any form of new charge is unpopular. However, it has become increasingly clear that more resources must be found to meet the ever-growing expectations demanded of FSC by its stakeholders. I am glad to say that one of the principal objectives behind the greater commercialisation of FSC is to improve the services on offer to certificate holders, so I am confident that the new fee-structure will not just be an exercise of 'all take and no give'.

Finally, we have our General Assembly meeting in South Africa in November. As many of you know, a number of motions and papers addressing the way decisions are taken within the whole FSC structure will be on the table. Please look on the FSC website for all the detail, but it is already clear that these, a new executive director and hopefully more income in the system will provide a new impetus for the whole of FSC to face the undoubted challenges of the future.



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WWF Global Forest & Trade Network News

Major manufacturers commit to responsibly source forest products

Procter & Gamble and Domtar Corporation have joined the North America Forest & Trade Network (NAFTN) By facilitating trade links between companies committed to supporting responsible forestry, the Global Forest & Trade Network creates market conditions that help conserve the world's forests while providing economic and social benefits for the businesses and people that depend on them.

"Companies that seriously commit to responsible wood sourcing can have significant positive impacts on forest conservation," said Kerry Cesareo, manager of the NAFTN. *"WWF is delighted to have two of North America's leading manufacturers of paper and consumer care products join the network. Their commitments to source fibre responsibly and promote credible forest certification of their sources set an example for other companies to follow."*

Read more at: http://gftn.panda.org/gftn_worldwide/north_america/index.cfm?uNewsID=130821

Vietnam Forest & Trade Network welcomes two new members

On 26 February, the Vietnam Forest & Trade Network (VFTN) officially announced two new members – Nestco Ltd, a timber trading company, and the Tran Duc Group, a wood-processing manufacturer. Since its founding in 2005, the VFTN has been helping to transform the global marketplace into a force for saving valuable and threatened forests in Vietnam, and in countries where timber is sourced for production in Vietnam. It provides economic and social benefits for the businesses and people that depend on those forests.

The VFTN's goal is to establish responsible forest management and trade as the standard practice in Vietnam's forest products industry.

Read more at: http://gftn.panda.org/newsroom/press_releases/index.cfm?uNewsID=125982

Samartex awarded compliance certificate by Smartwood

Samartex Timber & Plywood Company Ltd was recently awarded a compliance certificate by Smartwood for meeting FSC Controlled Wood standards in its forest concession areas. This is an important milestone on the road to full FSC certification for GFTN participant Samartex, and is the result of three years of support by GFTN.

With GFTN encouragement, Samartex joined the Rainforest Alliance's Smartstep programme, which will provide additional certification audit expertise and monitoring oversight as Samartex prepares for its primary FSC assessment, scheduled to occur in a year.

Samartex recently reported increased efficiencies and market pick-up after implementing reduced impact logging techniques. *"Samartex has shown that our efforts toward sustainable forest management make good business. We have managed to bring innovation into forestry, and raise the benchmark of forest management in Ghana,"* stated Gilmour Dickson, general manager of Samartex.

"Certainly such commitment to drive improvement in forest management practices, eliminate illegal logging and improve company-community relations whilst driving local development is what is required by all logging companies and forest managers in our efforts to achieve sustainability in the forestry sector," said Abraham Baffoe of the WWF-West Africa Regional Forest Programme Office.

Situated in the Ghanaian town of Samreboi, Samartex holds long-term concessions for 14 forest reserve leases totalling 160,000 hectares; it also has timber felling leases for four off-forest reserves totalling 32,000 hectares. Currently it operates sawmill, veneer mill, ply mill and wood carving production facilities, and has plans to establish a garden furniture production facility. A free-zone company, Samartex is one of the leading producers in Ghana, with average annual sales of €17 million. It intends to include its Mamiri Forest Reserve – which is being converted from a timber production facility to a wildlife management reserve – in the FSC certification process.

This is wonderful news for the Ghana Forest & Trade Network, which is working with five industry leaders in the country. Together, these manage more than half the forest reserve concession areas and work toward full legal compliance and certification for their forests and mill facilities.

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First certified wood from south-east Cameroon

The Société d'Exploration Forestière et Agricole du Cameroun (SEFAC), a logging group carrying out timber operations across nearly 315,000 hectares of forest in the east province of Cameroon recently became the first logging company in south-east Cameroon to be awarded FSC certification. This certification is indicative of the company's determination to embrace responsible forest management rules as specified in FSC criteria.

SEFAC operates two sawmills in Libongo and Bela, near the Sangha river on Cameroon's border with the Central African Republic. Its success is in part due to technical assistance offered by WWF Cameroon's Jengi project, which aims to achieve the sustainable management of biodiversity in the south-east region of Cameroon, contributing to improved living conditions for local people. The WWF-Central Africa Regional Programme (CARPO) and other partners also guided SEFAC in its bid.

According to SEFAC group commercial director, Giorgio Coates: *"This is a hallmark in the entire south-east that should be taken seriously by the government of Cameroon and international organisations. We are very happy about this success."*

To qualify for FSC certification, SEFAC implemented projects that contributed to improving living conditions for its workers and local communities. *"This is just the beginning of the hard work. The company has to permanently ensure the respect of FSC standards, and there will be annual assessments of SEFAC's efforts to live up to expectations,"* said WWF Jengi's senior forest officer, Alphonse Ngniado.

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Indonesia Forest & Trade Network signs participation agreement with Kalamur

In November 2007, the Indonesia Forest & Trade Network welcomed its 31st member since the end of 2003. PT Kalamur signed a participation agreement to officially acknowledge its commitment to responsible forestry. To date, the Indonesia FTN has successfully recruited nine forest participants and 22 manufacturers.

"We strongly believe that sustainable forestry is the answer to the growing concern over the degradation and deforestation in Indonesia. Hopefully, our participation with the Indonesia Forest & Trade Network will be beneficial to the Indonesia forest and business environments. We want to show that environmental sustainability and best management practices complement each other," said Soenardi Winarto, Kalamur's managing director.

Established in 1980, PT Kalamur manufactures plywood, blockboard and fancy floor products that are exported mainly to the US, Europe and Korea. Plywood and fancy floor represent 54% and 42% respectively of Kalamur's business turnover, with combined annual sales of roughly US\$32 million.

PT Kalamur has incorporated environmental issues into its corporate vision as it begins to expand into Australia. Kalamur is committed to progressively improving the status of its raw materials to meet the requirements of the GFTN.

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OTHER WWF / Forests News

For all the following stories, visit: www.panda.org/about_wwf/what_we_do/forests/news/index.cfm

More than 100 million hectares certified to FSC standards

More than 100 million hectares of forest lands were managed according to FSC requirements as at March 2008. The FSC standards for responsible forest management are widely regarded as the most rigorous social and environmental standards in the industry.

Read more at: www.fsc.org/en/whats_new/news/news/125

FSC certification more effective than protection in Guatemala

FSC forest management certification has proven to conserve the rainforest more effectively than strict protection in Guatemala's Maya Biosphere Reserve. These are the findings of a new Rainforest Alliance study.

Read more at: www.fsc.org/en/whats_new/news/news/126

APP irregularities threaten massive impact on climate and tigers

An absence of permits and other irregularities suggest that the new road cutting into Indonesia's Kampar peninsula is likely to be illegal, says Riau's Eyes on the Forest group, a coalition of local NGOs in Indonesia.

The new road threatens indigenous peoples, elephants, orang-utans and tigers in Sumatra's Bukit Tigapuluh forest landscape. It has been constructed by companies linked to the controversial conglomerate Asia Pulp and Paper (APP).

Read more at: www.panda.org/index.cfm?uNewsID=128041

Vietnam becomes hub for the region's illegal timber trade

Vietnam is operating as a centre for processing huge quantities of unlawfully-logged timber from across Indochina, threatening some of the last intact forests in the region, a major new report reveals. Undercover investigations by the UK-based Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA) and Indonesian NGO Telapak have revealed how Vietnam's booming economy and demand for cheap furniture in the West are driving rapid deforestation throughout the Mekong river region.

Read the report at: www.eia-international.org/cgi/news/news.cgi?t=template&a=447&source=

FSC launches market info pack

From FSC press release: FSC has launched a market information pack that provides many revealing figures and statistics on FSC growth, market share, label recognition and other strong indicators of the growth in supply and demand for FSC products.

Read more at: www.fsc.org/en/whats_new/news/news/120



Cameroon suspends 27 timber firms in clampdown

From illegal-logging.info: Cameroon has suspended 27 logging firms for failing to justify the origin of the timber they were trying to export, the central African country's Forestry and Wildlife Ministry said.

Forestry and wildlife minister Elvis Ngolle Ngolle had called on the companies to present documentation showing the origin of products seized at the country's port of Douala, where they were waiting to be shipped. None of the companies turned up.

Read more at: www.illegal-logging.info/item_single.php?item=news&item_id=2552&approach_id=

Ghana minister orders withdrawal of licence

From myjoyonline: Ghana's Minister of Lands, Forestry and Mines, Esther Obeng Dapaah, has instructed the Forestry Commission to revoke the timber harvesting licence of Royal Vissage Ghana Limited. She said the company was illegally harvesting timber from the Bomfi Biri wildlife sanctuary in the eastern region of Ghana.

Read more at: www.myjoyonline.com/news/200802/13739.asp

Call for new laws on stolen logs

Suppliers of illegally-logged timber could be prosecuted in the countries where it is sold, under new proposals. The move is being tabled at a gathering in Brazil of legislators from the G8 group of richest economies and five key developing countries. It calls for countries to pass domestic legislation making it a criminal offence to handle such timber. The risk of prosecution would make wholesalers pay attention to the origin of wood they supply, advocates argue.

Read more at: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/7257008.stm>

International experts convene to discuss illegal logging

An international forum, many of whose participants are specialists in development and trade, has concluded that while some major initiatives are being developed to address the critical issue of illegal logging, stakeholders around the world must work together to develop tools to address this problem.

Read more at: www.illegal-logging.info/item_single.php?item=news&item_id=2549&approach_id=

Report on wood products legality verification systems

This assessment, based on desktop analysis and direct correspondence with the world's primary verifiers, grades seven legality verification systems against criteria providing the essential minimum requirements to ensure credibility.

Download the report at: www.greenpeace.org/international/press/reports/lvs-assessment

Brazil says Amazon destruction is soaring again

From Planetark.com: The destruction of the Amazon forest surged over the last five months of 2007, said the Brazilian government. The news comes only months after the Brazil government hailed progress in curbing deforestation.

Read more at: www.planetark.com/dailynewsstory.cfm/newsid/46619/story.htm

WWF and Abu Dhabi unveil plans for sustainable city

WWF and the government of Abu Dhabi have launched a sustainability strategy to deliver the world's greenest city – Masdar City.

The six square kilometre city, designed by Foster and Associates, is to house 50,000 people in accordance with WWF One Planet Living sustainability standards, which include specific targets for the city's ecological footprint. Independent and public verification of Masdar City's performance in meeting these standards is just one of the features distinguishing the project. Another is the commitment that the project will not just preserve existing regional biodiversity but enhance it.

Read more at: www.panda.org/news_facts/newsroom/index.cfm?uNewsID=121361

Bali launches climate negotiations but is weak on substance

Political leaders meeting in Bali for the UN's Climate Change Summit hammered out a deal that launches formal negotiations with a 2009 end date, but the deal falls short in its ambition, says WWF.

Governments gathered in Bali for the most important climate talks in a decade to put on track a future treaty that would cut developed countries' emissions by between 25% and 40% below 1990 levels by 2020. The findings of the IPCC's 4th Assessment Report, awarded the Nobel Peace Prize this year, show clearly that to keep the world below 2°C warming compared with pre-industrial times, global emissions need to peak and decline before 2020.

During an emotional showdown in the final hours of the 15-day meeting, the US delegation, under intense public pressure, decided to join the global talks. The price of US participation, however, was a deal weak on substance.

Read more at: www.panda.org/about_wwf/what_we_do/forests/news/index.cfm?uNewsID=120020

World's first chain-of-custody paper market study confirms FSC is leading certification scheme by quality and quantity

From FSC website: Global FSC paper consumption will grow to nearly 6.5 million tonnes in 2012, according to a new market study by Pira International. The market study – entitled Global Markets for Chain-of-Custody Certified Papers – also estimates that paper consumption by PEFC (the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification schemes) will grow to almost two million tonnes over the same period, while paper use under the SFI (Sustainable Forestry Initiative) will grow to 0.5 million tonnes.

Read more at: www.fsc.org/en/whats_new/news/news/119

China spurring illegal timber trade in Tanzania

From Thaindian News: Scientists have said that China's increasing demands for timber have led to illegal trade activities emerging in the forest sector of Tanzania, which is one of its main exporters of timber.

Read more at:

<http://gftn.panda.org/index.cfm?uNewsID=120580>

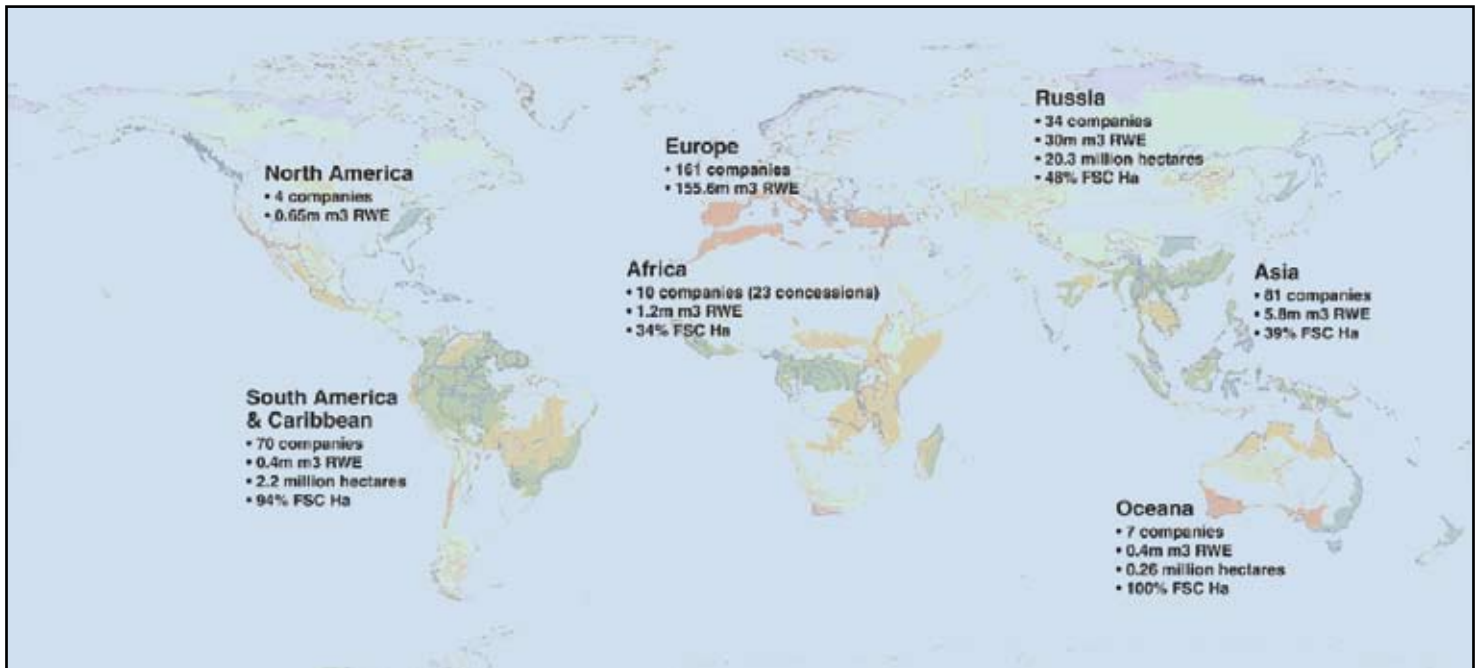
Sustainable logging doesn't add to global warming

From theage.com: An unparalleled determination to conserve tropical rainforests was a welcome development at the UN Climate Change Summit in Bali. But the recent call by Greens' senator Christine Milne for Australia to "tackle our forestry emissions by stopping logging in Tasmania and Victoria" highlights the need to clearly differentiate between the damaging climate change implications of tropical deforestation and the benefits of sustainable Australian native forest wood production.

Read more at: <http://business.theage.com.au/sustainable-logging-doesnt-add-to-global-warming/20071217-1hmc.html>

GFTN Global Totals (as at January 2008)

GFTN hectares/percentage of GFTN hectares that are FSC certified – across 360 participants (legal entities) in 34 countries:



FSC certified area by continent

Europe – 51,738,120 hectares

North America – 33,568,390 hectares

South America and Caribbean – 11,541,973 hectares

Africa – 3,011,293 hectares

Asia – 1,974,650 hectares

Oceania – 1,621,973 hectares

Total FSC certified area – **103,456,399 hectares**

For more information, visit: www.fsc.org

FSC Global Updates

Maps and data on FSC (April 2008):

www.fsc.org/keepout/en/content_areas/67/1/files/08_04_01_FSC_certs__maps_graphs_and_stats__FINAL.pdf

FSC certified forests by country (March 2008):

www.fsc.org/keepout/en/content_areas/92/1/files/2008_03_31_FSC_Certified_Forests.pdf

Regional totals – FSC chain of custody certificates (March 2008):

www.fsc.org/keepout/en/content_areas/92/1/files/2008_03_31_FSC_Chain_of_Custody_by_Continent.pdf

Regional totals – FSC forest management certificates (March 2008):

www.fsc.org/keepout/en/content_areas/92/1/files/2008_03_31_FSC_Forest_Management_Certificates_by_Continent.pdf



Useful WWF Reports

Deforestation, forest degradation, biodiversity loss, and CO2 emissions in Riau, Sumatra, Indonesia

WWF, February 2008

The study found that in central Sumatra's Riau Province, 4.2 million hectares of tropical forests and peat swamp have been cleared in the last 25 years. Forest loss and degradation and peat decomposition and fires are behind average annual carbon emissions equivalent to 39% of annual UK emissions.

View this report at: www.panda.org/about_wwf/what_we_do/forests/news/index.cfm?uNewsID=125780

The Amazon's vicious cycles: drought and fire in the greenhouse

WWF, December 2007

This report reveals the dramatic consequences for the local and global climate as well as the impacts on people's livelihoods in South America.

View this report at: www.panda.org/about_wwf/what_we_do/forests/news/index.cfm?uNewsID=118741

WWF guide to buying paper

WWF, November 2007

This new guide from WWF makes it easy for any organisation to understand the most important environmental impacts of paper-making and to source responsibly-produced paper products, thus reducing their environmental footprint.

View this report at: http://assets.panda.org/downloads/wwf_paper_guide_1.pdf

WWF-UK FTN Annual Report 2006/07

WWF, October 2007

This is the WWF-UK Forest & Trade Network's third annual report. It covers the management, activities and achievements of its members in 2006/2007.

View this report at: www.wwf.org.uk/ftn/report.asp

Natural capital – financing forest certification in Malaysia

WWF, September 2007

A new report from WWF/GFTN, which attempts to highlight key challenges and opportunities involved in financing forest certification in Malaysia.

View this report at: http://assets.panda.org/downloads/natural_capital.pdf

Government barometer 2007

WWF, April 2007

The first government barometer on illegal logging and trade was carried out in early 2004, as a means of gauging the commitment of EU Member State governments to implementing the FLEGT action plan agreed in 2003. The barometer is now undertaken annually to assess how the actions are being progressed by EU Member States, and this is the fourth such review. This year, as in previous years, there are some positive actions to report; however, at a general level, progress towards meeting the commitments is unacceptably slow.

View this report at: www.wwf.org.uk/barometer/intro.asp

Illegal logging: cut it out!

WWF, January 2007

This report looks at the UK's consumption of illegal timber, agreements with other countries, and more. The report ties in with the FLEGT process looking at how EU countries plan to reduce illegal timber consumption.

Download this report as a PDF: www.wwf.org.uk/news/n_0000003562.asp

Gone in an instant

WWF, January 2007

This report highlights the trade in illegally grown coffee, and how it is driving the destruction of rhino, tiger and elephant habitats in the Bukit Barisan Selatan National Park in Sumatra, Indonesia.

Download *Gone in an instant* as a PDF: <http://assets.panda.org/downloads/goneinainstantbbscoffeereport2007.pdf>

OPL in the suburbs

WWF and Bioregional, November 2006

This report uses the principles of One Planet Living to highlight the challenges and opportunities of creating sustainable communities in existing areas. As 86% of the UK population lives in suburbs, and the ecological impact of these areas is generally large, this report focuses on suburbia, using Solihull in the West Midlands as a primary case study.

Download OPL in the suburbs as a PDF: www.wwf.org.uk/sustainablehomes/index.asp

Keep it legal – best practices for keeping illegally harvested timber out of your supply chain

WWF, October 2006

This manual has been developed by WWF's Global Forest & Trade Network for use by organisations wishing to extend a programme of responsible purchasing to further address difficulties arising from possible trade in 'illegal' forest products. The manual has been developed to add detail to legality issues encountered by companies adopting a responsible purchasing programme.

WWF intends the manual to become the first point of reference for all parts of the timber supply chain seeking to establish what represents current best practice with respect to buying, processing and selling legal timber and timber products. It consolidates the efforts of many different parties, including those companies at the forefront of efforts to avoid use of illegally harvested timber.

Download Keep it legal as a PDF: www.panda.org/about_wwf/what_we_do/forests/publications/index.cfm?uNewsID=82060

Guide to responsible purchasing of forest products – second edition

WWF, September 2006

WWF's Global Forest & Trade Network has developed this guide for use by a purchasing organisation wishing to develop a programme for the responsible purchasing of forest products. The guide lays out a generic approach for the development and implementation of a responsible purchasing policy.

Download the Guide to responsible purchasing of forest products – second edition as a PDF: www.panda.org/about_wwf/what_we_do/forests/publications/index.cfm?uNewsID=80500

Cork screwed? Environmental and economical impacts of the cork stoppers market

WWF, May 2006

This report looks at the benefits of cork, and the impacts and threats faced by cork oak landscapes. It has a particular focus on the cork stopper market.

Download Cork screwed? as a PDF: www.wwf.org.uk/filelibrary/pdf/corkscrewed.pdf

Capital offence

WWF, March 2006

This report takes the form of a league table of London local authorities and their policies on sourcing timber.

Download Capital offence as a PDF: www.wwf.org.uk/filelibrary/pdf/capitaloffence.pdf

Useful Websites

WWF Global Forest & Trade Network (GFTN)

website: www.panda.org/forestandtrade

Includes links to the GFTN Responsible purchasing guide for forest products, GFTN members list, GFTN contacts list and the latest news.

WWF Paper Toolbox: www.panda.org/about_wwf/what_we_do/forests/what_you_can_do/business/paper_toolbox/index.cfm

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

WWF-UK Annual Review 2007: wwf.org.uk/annualreview/0607/welcome.asp

WWF International forest news and publications: www.panda.org/about_wwf/what_we_do/forests/news/index.cfm

WWF forest position statements:

www.panda.org/about_wwf/what_we_do/forests/publications/position_papers/index.cfm

WWF-UK forest research information:

wwf.org.uk/researcher/issues/forests/index.asp

Guidance for High Conservation Value Forests

assessment: www.panda.org/about_wwf/what_we_do/forests/our_solutions/protection/tools/hcvf_toolkit/index.cfm

One Planet Future: wwf.org.uk/oneplanet

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

Joint ENGO statement on Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT):

www.panda.org/downloads/europe/controllingtimberimportsintotheeu.pdf

FSC certificate 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.certifiedwoodsearch.org/searchproducts.aspx

Confirmation of FSC certification of a company by certification number or company name.

Transparency International:

www.transparency.org/publications/publications/gcr_2007

The Global Corruption Report offers an annual, systematic analysis of corruption, reporting on the state of corruption around the globe. The Global Corruption Report 2007 focuses on corruption in judicial systems and includes recommendations for practitioners, actors in the judiciary and civil society, on how to fight corruption in the sector.

Illegal logging:

www.illegal-logging.info

This Royal Institute of International Affairs site is a central point of information on all aspects of the current international debate around the control of illegal logging and forest crimes. The site contains brief summaries of the key issues, key documents and links to other relevant sites.

Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) UK:

www.fsc-uk.org

For any information regarding FSC certification or chain of custody, contact the FSC UK Advisory service at: info@fsc-uk.org

FSC Online Controlled Wood Resource Centre:

This web-based tool offers guidance to certified companies and other stakeholders to better understand FSC controlled wood standards. www.fsccontrolledwood.org



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- conserving the world's biological diversity
- ensuring that the use of renewable natural resources is sustainable
- reducing pollution and wasteful consumption

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