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## WWF-UK Forest & Trade Network news

### **Updated membership documents**

The following membership documents have now been updated:  
WWF-UK Forest & Trade Network membership benefits, requirements, procedures and communications code of practice; and  
WWF-UK Forest & Trade Network Fees and Services 2006/07.  
If you have not received these updates, please contact James Horne: [jhorne@wwf.org.uk](mailto:jhorne@wwf.org.uk)

### **Membership fee reminder**

Invoices for the new UK-FTN membership year have now been sent to all WWF-UK FTN Members. Please can you ensure early payment, as it ensures that the activities planned for this financial year can take place.

### **Annual members' meeting update**

We are now looking for a venue to host the WWF-UK FTN annual members' meeting for 2007. If you are interested in being a host please contact James Horne at: [jhorne@wwf.org.uk](mailto:jhorne@wwf.org.uk)

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## More member news stories

### **More Member News Stories Please!**

We are looking for positive member stories to include in forthcoming UK-FTN Newsletters and the 2006/07 WWF-UK FTN Annual Report. Please send details, including any press releases, quotes or photos, to James Horne: [jhorne@wwf.org.uk](mailto:jhorne@wwf.org.uk)

## FTN-UK Member news stories

### **Bovis supply chain contractor gets FSC chain of custody**

Sipral UK Ltd, a cladding contractor working on the Adelaide Wharf project in east London has recently gained FSC chain of custody certification with BM Trada.

Adelaide Wharf is being constructed by Bovis Lend Lease on behalf of First Base – a consortium created to deliver new homes for key workers such as nurses and teachers in London. Lend Lease, the parent company of Bovis Lend Lease, is a major partner in First Base.

The five-storey development beside Regent's Canal comprises 147 homes – 41 for key workers, 73 private and 33 for social rent – as well as 700 square metres of flexible and affordable workspace designed for community use. The development will be extensively clad in timber, and is aiming for an EcoHomes Excellent rating.

Following discussions between Bovis Lend Lease Project Manager, Guy Hunt, and Sipral UK Ltd, the latter decided to obtain certification to assist in obtaining the required EcoHomes rating and comply with the Bovis Lend Lease UK Timber Procurement Policy. Guy was able to demonstrate how Byrne Bros, another contractor working for Bovis Lend Lease, had gone through the process earlier in the year.

Andrew Kinsey, Head of Sustainability for Bovis Lend Lease said: "This is excellent news. Sipral UK Ltd are the second supply chain contractor working for Bovis Lend Lease to have gained certification this year. It is a tangible demonstration of the commitment of Bovis Lend Lease and our supply chain to increase the volume of timber procured from legal and sustainable sources."

### **Lambeth Housing Leading the Way in Sustainable Construction with New Development**

Boatemah Walk, a new timber framed development of 18 flats, was part of a successful regeneration of Angell Town, Brixton by Lambeth Housing.

Designed by Anne Thorne Architects Partnership, they reflect The London Borough of Lambeth's agenda to pursue best practice in sustainable construction. These award winning, sustainably designed, low energy homes clearly demonstrate Lambeth Housing's commitment to use Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified sustainable timber. Two companies gained FSC certification to carry out the project: Sandwood Design and Build and Global Timber Frame.

FSC's construction advisor met with Lambeth Housing and the contractors before the site was cleared and has supported them throughout the contract. Experience was gained during the project which helped develop the FSC Project Certification standard. The building used a fantastic 95% of FSC timber products and, with many other environmental features, has achieved the EcoHomes "Excellent" award. Chain of custody certification enables Lambeth Housing to use the FSC trademarks to promote the completed project.

Contractor Richard Garland from Sandwood Design and Build commented "At the tender stage we were aware of FSC but like many in our industry had not heard of Chain of Custody. The company is now one of only two UK construction companies to have obtained chain of custody and is progressing with this innovative timber frame sustainable new build project. Chain of Custody for a building is a very different prospect than for a garden bench incorporating, as it does, so many timber elements from different sources."

Steve Crewe, WWF-UK Forest & Trade Network Manager, said "This is a fantastic achievement and Lambeth Housing should be heartily congratulated. We hope that other local authorities will follow this lead."

Sourcing FSC timber from certified suppliers, whilst meeting other design requirements within a tight building project timescale, presents a challenge. Procurement of the timber frame, for example, which is a major part of the timber input in the building, required the supplier Global Timber Frame Ltd. to apply for and obtain FSC certification themselves and to find FSC suppliers for their own materials. Although there are a number of issues that need to be resolved for future projects the experience to date has shown that a client led approach to Chain of Custody procurement can have a cascading effect down the supply chain whilst raising awareness within the industry.

“The experience gained in helping to source products and the insight into how timber content was calculated by a quantity surveyor was invaluable in the development of FSC Project Certification.” said Beck Woodrow, FSC UK’s Construction Advisor.

“Since Lambeth first made their commitment to FSC in 2000, availability of FSC construction timber, and the number of suppliers with FSC Chain of Custody certification, has increased enormously so there really is no excuse for not following this groundbreaking example”.

“Lambeth Housing has demonstrated that you can close the gap between policy and practice on sustainable timber procurement. We have shown in both refurbishment and new build that the Forest Stewardship Council offers a viable certification system. Project based chain of custody enables us to confirm how much of the timber used is both legal and sustainable, and we were thrilled to hit 95% on our new homes at Boatmah walk”, said Jon Lissimore, Environment Manager at London Borough of Lambeth , “In my view all timber procurement involving public money should be required to address this issue. Housing Associations in particular could promote best practice and use FSC project certification when they build new timber framed homes”.

Lambeth Council is the only local authority member of the WWF-UK Forest & Trade Network, and is determined to continue to promote best practice on sustainable timber procurement.

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020 7926 3572, or [jlissimore@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:jlissimore@lambeth.gov.uk)



## Local authority update

A very interesting first meeting was held in October with the London boroughs of Lambeth, Camden and Croydon. The objective was to explore the potential value of developing a WWF-UK FTN sub-group for Local Authorities. The UK-FTN is currently undertaking a project with the London Borough of Lambeth to look at how it can more successfully implement its forest product procurement objectives.

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## New members

Williams Lea, a leading global provider of corporate information solutions and a major player in the UK paper market joined the WWF-UK Forest & Trade Network in November 2006. Conor Davey, Chief Operating Officer at Williams Lea commented: "Our commitment to the responsible sourcing of forest products is an important element of our environmental strategy and we look forward to working with the WWF-UK Forest & Trade Network to achieve these goals."

Christina Meyer Superior Wood Products has also joined the WWF-UK Forest & Trade Network. The company distributes high quality FSC-certified flooring and other products, particularly from Eastern Europe.

Steve Crewe, WWF-UK FTN Manager, commented: "I am pleased to welcome Williams Lea and Christina Meyer Superior Wood Products to the WWF-UK Forest & Trade Network. Their decision to join the Network demonstrates their commitment to source their forest products from responsibly managed forests."

## WWF Global Forest & Trade Network news

### **'GFTN approach' highlighted on BBC Earth Report, broadcast globally on 2-4 December 2006**

After almost two months of production, including filming and interviewing in Indonesia and the UK, the 'Timber Futures' episode of the Earth Report series was broadcast on BBC World on 2-4 December 2006, in over 140 countries, reaching nearly 260 million homes worldwide and around a million hotel bedrooms in 200 countries.

Produced with assistance from WWF, the 22-minute programme highlights several participant companies such as B&Q and Homebase and features soundbites from GFTN staff. The aim of the

documentary is to provide a balanced overview of market-driven responsible forestry and certification schemes.

To view the trailer, please visit the homepage of [www.forestandtradeasia.org](http://www.forestandtradeasia.org)

For more information, please contact Carrie Svingen: [csvingen@wallacea.wwf.or.id](mailto:csvingen@wallacea.wwf.or.id)



## Other WWF/Forests news

For all the following stories, visit:

[www.panda.org/about\\_wwf/what\\_we\\_do/forests/news/index.cfm](http://www.panda.org/about_wwf/what_we_do/forests/news/index.cfm)

### **Saving the Arabian ghaf tree**

WWF and its partners in the United Arab Emirates have launched a campaign to protect the endangered ghaf tree.

The ghaf (*Prosopis cineraria*) grows in the desert regions of south-eastern Arabia, including Iran, Afghanistan, India and Pakistan.

For centuries it has been an essential food source, as well as a source of fuel, shelter and medicine. Its leaves were once used instead of rice; its elongated pods provide fodder for animals which in turn supply milk, butter, cheese and meat. The ghaf woodlands also support large populations of insects, providing food for reptiles, birds and small mammals. This sturdy, evergreen tree can withstand prolonged drought and high salinity, tapping water deep in the sands. The existence of ghaf in an area indicates the presence of groundwater.

Read more at:

[www.panda.org/about\\_wwf/what\\_we\\_do/forests/news/index.cfm?uNewsID=89720](http://www.panda.org/about_wwf/what_we_do/forests/news/index.cfm?uNewsID=89720)

### **Green light given for sustainable housing in the UK**

A WWF campaign to build more sustainable homes has won support from the UK government with the announcement that all new homes will be 'zero carbon' in less than 10 years. Stamp duty exemption will also be introduced on sustainable homes, providing homebuyers with an incentive to go 'green'.

The commitment, made in a report by UK Chancellor Gordon Brown, follows more than four years of lobbying efforts by WWF's One Million Sustainable Homes campaign.

"This is a great breakthrough," said Paul King, WWF-UK's Director of Campaigns. "For the first time, the Chancellor has shown he really backs 'green' housing development. It is also a victory for WWF which has been campaigning for many years to bring 'green' homes from the fringes to the mainstream."

The introduction of stamp duty exemptions for sustainable homes also sends a clear signal to the house building industry and homebuyers that energy efficient homes are a good investment, both in up-front savings and long-term reduced running costs.

Read more at:

[www.panda.org/news\\_facts/newsroom/index.cfm?uNewsID=89040](http://www.panda.org/news_facts/newsroom/index.cfm?uNewsID=89040)

### **New protected areas boost Amazon conservation**

The creation of more than 16 million hectares of new protected areas in Brazil's north is a significant step for conservation in the Amazon, according to WWF-Brazil.

The Governor of the state of Pará, Simão Jatene, signed the decrees setting up the protected areas that will create the biggest mosaic of protected areas on the planet, including the largest strict preservation area.

"The creation of these new protected areas is of enormous relevance for conservation of the Amazon," said Denise Hamú, CEO of WWF-Brazil.

"It should be seen not only as a solution to the environmental problems faced by our country, but also essential as an immediate action to reduce deforestation in the Amazon," added Cláudio Maretti, head of WWF-Brazil's Protected Areas Programme.

Read more at:

[www.panda.org/about\\_wwf/what\\_we\\_do/forests/news/index.cfm?uNewsID=88720](http://www.panda.org/about_wwf/what_we_do/forests/news/index.cfm?uNewsID=88720)



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### **WWF survey: Borneo orang-utan population threatened**

Drastic habitat reduction, poaching and the illegal pet trade have left the world's largest population of western Bornean orang-utans facing local extinction unless immediate protection measures are taken, a WWF survey has found.

The survey reveals that about 1,030 western Bornean orang-utan (*Pongo pygmaeus*) – out of an estimated population of 4,800 throughout Borneo – are found in and around Indonesia's Betung Kerihun National Park.

“The western Bornean orang-utan is the most threatened of the three Bornean orang-utan

subspecies to start with,” said Albertus Tjiu, WWF-Indonesia's Species Officer in West Kalimantan. “The orang-utan population in Betung needs protection now to make sure it doesn't become extinct.”

In addition, the survey reveals that a significant number of these western Bornean orang-utans are found outside the park, particularly in forests used by the local population for various purposes, making those individuals especially vulnerable to exploitation and habitat loss.

Read more at:

[www.panda.org/about\\_wwf/what\\_we\\_do/forests/news/index.cfm?uNewsID=88700](http://www.panda.org/about_wwf/what_we_do/forests/news/index.cfm?uNewsID=88700)

### **Support for Carpathian protected areas**

WWF has begun a five-year, ?1.1 million project to support protected areas across the Carpathian mountains. The overall goal of the project is to enable Carpathian countries to achieve the 2010/2012 targets of the Convention on Biological Diversity's programme of work on protected areas, in particular establishing a scientifically based and representative regional network of well-managed protected areas with sustainable financing, and ensuring that local communities and stakeholders participate in management of, and benefit from, the protected areas.

"This project should not only contribute to effective management of national and nature parks in the Carpathians, which too often lack human and financial resources needed for efficient protection, but also help showcase real socio-economic benefits for local communities from the parks," said Erika Stanciu, Head of Carpathians/Forests and Protected Areas for the WWF Danube-Carpathian Programme.

Read more at:

[www.panda.org/about\\_wwf/where\\_we\\_work/europe/news/index.cfm?uNewsID=87560](http://www.panda.org/about_wwf/where_we_work/europe/news/index.cfm?uNewsID=87560)

### **21-22 November 2006: Fourth Roundtable meeting on sustainable palm oil**

Since its formation in April 2004, the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) has grown steadily in size, complexity and accomplishments. At the third Roundtable meeting on sustainable palm oil, and second general assembly of members held in November last year, the principles and criteria for sustainable palm oil production (P&C) were adopted by the RSPO. Programmes were initiated to provide a framework for verification of the P&C, to develop a code of conduct for all members, and a smallholder task force and several other activities were launched.

The RSPO moved from defining "sustainable palm oil" to defining its uptake and use in the market. The fourth meeting provided the key event for RSPO, and inspired stakeholders to discuss and exchange experiences related to implementation of the P&C, verification and supply-chain aspects.

Furthermore the new code of conduct for members has been ratified.

Read more at:

[www.panda.org/about\\_wwf/what\\_we\\_do/forests/news/events\\_/index.cfm?uNewsID=83200](http://www.panda.org/about_wwf/what_we_do/forests/news/events_/index.cfm?uNewsID=83200)

### **Municipality of Santa Cruz, Bolivia, will adopt policy for responsible purchase of forest products**

With support from WWF, the Municipality of Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, has committed to adopting a policy for the responsible purchase of forest products.

A policy for responsible purchases consists of an institutional declaration establishing the structure upon which to build and promote a culture of responsibly purchasing forest products, through the progressive increase of responsible wood consumption obtained from different supply sources.

"Any responsible forest products consumer – retailer, importer, furniture manufacturer, public administration and construction company, among others – should make sure that the consumption of wood doesn't generate a negative impact upon the forests," explained Adolfo Moreno, WWF Bolivia's Conservation Director. "Thus, the adoption of a policy for responsible purchases of forest products on behalf of the municipal government is an essential first step that shows a social and environmental commitment."

Read more at:

[www.panda.org/about\\_wwf/where\\_we\\_work/latin\\_america\\_and\\_caribbean/news/index.cfm?uNewsID=86020](http://www.panda.org/about_wwf/where_we_work/latin_america_and_caribbean/news/index.cfm?uNewsID=86020)

### **More efforts needed to further reduce Amazon deforestation**

The Brazilian government has announced revised figures on the rate of deforestation in the Amazon, indicating less forest destruction than in previous years.

According to the government, 13,000 sq km of rainforest were destroyed in the 12-month period between August 2005 and 2006 – the second

lowest rate since figures started being compiled in 1988.

The current number represents a 30% reduction when compared to the figures in 2004 and 2005.

“The rates are a positive result of the government’s efforts to address deforestation,” said WWF-Brazil’s CEO, Denise Hamu. “Nonetheless, it is important to guarantee conditions for the consolidation and sustainability of these reduction levels.”

WWF-Brazil believes that this will only happen when clear, public forest policies are implemented and financial resources are made available to tackle ongoing deforestation, stimulate sustainable forestry activities, and encourage state governments in the Amazon region to better cooperate when addressing such important environmental issues.

According to WWF-Brazil, a number of factors may explain the current decrease, including a reduction in the price of soy, Brazil’s most important agricultural commodity, which may have reduced the incentive to cut down the Amazon to make way for new plantations.

Read more at:

[www.panda.org/about\\_wwf/what\\_we\\_do/forests/news/index.cfm?uNewsID=84620](http://www.panda.org/about_wwf/what_we_do/forests/news/index.cfm?uNewsID=84620)

### **WWF honours Chileans for coastal forest conservation**

WWF has presented the Chilean timber company Masisa and the Mapu Lahual Indigenous Association with a ‘Leaders for a Living Planet’ award in recognition of their conservation efforts to protect the coastal forests of the Valdivian ecoregion.

Masisa was recognised for its pledge to strengthen the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification system in Chile, under which it has managed its plantations since 2004. The timber company has also committed to identifying forests of high conservation value within its own properties and creating more protected areas.

“Like all companies, we are in business to make a profit, but our objective is not to obtain this profit at whatever cost,” said Masisa representative Claudio Caro at the award ceremony.

“We have incorporated respect for the environment and local communities as common business practice. We hope to be good neighbours with those who inhabit the forest.”

The Mapu Lahual Indigenous Association, located along the coastal range of Chile’s Osorno Province, was also recognised for its efforts in conserving temperate rainforests on its ancestral land, and for creating the first network of indigenous parks in Chile. The association is also undertaking ecotourism projects that seek to promote the value of the forest and coastal ecosystems within their territory, while providing economic benefits for the communities.

Read more at:

[www.panda.org/about\\_wwf/what\\_we\\_do/forests/news/index.cfm?uNewsID=84580](http://www.panda.org/about_wwf/what_we_do/forests/news/index.cfm?uNewsID=84580)

### **Half of world’s wild pandas to be protected**

China has committed to protecting more than 700 giant pandas, almost half the total surviving in the wild.

The commitment by China’s south-western provinces of Sichuan and Gansu to establish almost 1.6 million hectares of new protected areas in the Minshan mountains will link isolated panda populations, further helping to ensure the future health and survival of this iconic species.

WWF has recognised the efforts by the two provinces to preserve giant panda habitat in Minshan as a ‘Gift to the Earth’, the global conservation organisation’s highest accolade for significant conservation achievements.

“The Gift to the Earth recognises the two provinces for their long-term cooperative contribution to biodiversity protection in Minshan, one of the most biologically diverse temperate forest landscapes on Earth,” said WWF International Director General James Leape.

Read more at:

[www.panda.org/about\\_wwf/what\\_we\\_do/forests/news/index.cfm?uNewsID=84200](http://www.panda.org/about_wwf/what_we_do/forests/news/index.cfm?uNewsID=84200)

### **New protected areas for Papua New Guinea**

Local communities in Papua New Guinea gathered along the volcanic slopes of Mount Bosavi, in the country's Southern Highlands, to celebrate the creation of three new protected areas.

The new wildlife management areas, covering 80,000 hectares of PNG's Kikori River Basin, are home to pristine rainforests and such rich wildlife as the world's longest lizard, giant pigeons and butterflies. It is also the region where eight new orchid species were recently discovered by WWF.

"This announcement is an important milestone in strengthening the system of protected areas in PNG and gives a boost to the efforts of WWF and its partners in achieving big conservation results in the Kikori region," said WWF PNG protected areas officer Saina Jeffrey. "The declaration signifies a commitment by local landowners to conserve and safeguard their land, and to protect it against destructive development such as unsustainable logging."

Read more at:

[www.panda.org/about\\_wwf/what\\_we\\_do/forests/news/index.cfm?uNewsID=84160](http://www.panda.org/about_wwf/what_we_do/forests/news/index.cfm?uNewsID=84160)

### **Human footprint too big for nature**

The world's natural ecosystems are being degraded at a rate unprecedented in human history, according to a report released by WWF.

WWF's 2006 Living Planet Report, the group's biennial statement on the state of the natural world, says that on current projections humanity will be using two planets' worth of natural resources by 2050 – if those resources have not run out by then. It also confirms the trend of biodiversity loss seen in previous Living Planet reports.

Resources are already being depleted: the report shows that vertebrate species populations have declined by about a third between 1970 and 2003. At the same time, humanity's Ecological Footprint – the demand people place upon the natural world – has increased to the point where the Earth is unable to keep up in the struggle to regenerate.

"We are in serious ecological overshoot, consuming resources faster than the Earth can replace them," said WWF International's Director General James Leape. "The consequences of this are predictable and dire.

"It is time to make some vital choices," he added. "Change that improves living standards while reducing our impact on the natural world will not be easy. The cities, power plants and homes we build today will either lock society into damaging over-consumption beyond our lifetimes, or begin to propel this and future generations towards sustainable living."

Read more at:

[www.panda.org/about\\_wwf/what\\_we\\_do/forests/news/index.cfm?uNewsID=83520](http://www.panda.org/about_wwf/what_we_do/forests/news/index.cfm?uNewsID=83520)

## Useful reports

### **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:  
[wwf.org.uk/sustainablehomes/index.asp](http://wwf.org.uk/sustainablehomes/index.asp)

### **Tissue giants get mixed scores for forest-friendly practices**

WWF, October 2006

As part of its annual environmental performance assessment, WWF scored five 'giant' tissue manufacturers that make up 75% of the European market – Georgia-Pacific, Kimberly-Clark, Metsa Tissue, Procter & Gamble and SCA Tissue – across a range of criteria, including their levels of recycled content, wood sourcing practices, pollution control and transparency.

This year, two of the five companies achieved a score of more than 50%, compared with none in 2005. Metsa Tissue received a 53% score, while SCA Tissue achieved 69%, the only company to get a 'green mark'.

To view the results of this study please visit:  
[www.panda.org/news\\_facts/newsroom/index.cfm?uNewsID=82120](http://www.panda.org/news_facts/newsroom/index.cfm?uNewsID=82120)

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](http://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](http://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:  
[wwf.org.uk/filelibrary/pdf/corkscrewed.pdf](http://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:

[wwf.org.uk/filelibrary/pdf/capitaloffence.pdf](http://wwf.org.uk/filelibrary/pdf/capitaloffence.pdf)

**Beyond Belief – Linking faiths and protected areas for biodiversity conservation**

WWF/ARC, February 2006

A WWF/ARC publication with a special focus on the links between faiths and the world's growing protected areas network.

Download Beyond Belief as a PDF:

<http://assets.panda.org/downloads/beyondbelief.pdf>

**Legal Forest Destruction**

WWF and other NGOs, February 2006

This report aims to provide more insight into the realities of illegal logging. It presents cases of illegal logging on every continent and in a variety of forest types, in which the negative social and ecological effects are profound.

For a copy of this report, please contact James Horne: [jhorne@wwf.org.uk](mailto:jhorne@wwf.org.uk)

**Failing the Forests: Europe's illegal timber trade**

WWF, November 2005

The report, which focuses on the trade between EU countries and the Amazon and Congo basins, east Africa, Indonesia, the Baltic States and Russia, found that the EU is responsible for around ?3 billion of the global ?10-15 billion in lost revenue due to illegal logging each year.

Download Failing the Forests: Europe's illegal timber trade as a PDF:

<http://assets.panda.org/downloads/failingforests.pdf>

**Oil palm, soy and tropical forests: a strategy for life**

WWF, October 2005

Plantations of soy and oil palm in the tropics already cover an area the size of France, and every year yet more forest is cleared for these crops. As well as animal feed, palm oil and soy are used in a vast range of everyday products, from margarine to ice cream, cosmetics to detergents. WWF is encouraging responsible soy and oil palm cultivation that conserves both the natural environment and the livelihoods of people.

Download Oil palm, soy and tropical forests: a strategy for life as a PDF:

<http://assets.panda.org/downloads/fcibrochure.pdf>

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## Forthcoming WWF reports

WWF-UK is currently looking at timber trade between the UK and a number of countries. Reports will be published on these later in 2007. One such report is a UK illegal logging report, looking at particular sectors, considering actions that are being taken to counteract illegal logging and looking at

how effective current measures and policies are. If any other upcoming reports refer to FTN members in any way, WWF will endeavour to be in touch before the report is published.

## Useful websites

WWF-UK policy and WWF International position statements:  
[www.wwf.org.uk/researcher/issues/forests/0000000198.asp](http://www.wwf.org.uk/researcher/issues/forests/0000000198.asp)

WWF-UK forests information: [www.wwf.org.uk/forests](http://www.wwf.org.uk/forests)

Joint ENGO statement on Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT):  
[www.panda.org/downloads/europe/controllingtimberimportsintotheeu.pdf](http://www.panda.org/downloads/europe/controllingtimberimportsintotheeu.pdf)

WWF Global Forest & Trade Network (GFTN) website: [www.panda.org/forestandtrade](http://www.panda.org/forestandtrade)  
 Includes links to the GFTN Responsible Purchasing Guide for forest products, GFTN members list, and GFTN contacts list.

WWF GFTN Asia website:  
[www.forestandtradeasia.org](http://www.forestandtradeasia.org)  
 Provides practical guidance and news updates on forest certification, responsible wood sourcing and forest-friendly investment in the Asia-Pacific region (China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea and Vietnam).

WWF International forest news and publications:  
[www.panda.org/about\\_wwf/what\\_we\\_do/forests/our\\_solutions/responsible\\_forestry/news/index.cfm](http://www.panda.org/about_wwf/what_we_do/forests/our_solutions/responsible_forestry/news/index.cfm)

Forest Certification Resource Centre:

[www.certifiedwood.org](http://www.certifiedwood.org)

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

Transparency International: [www.transparency.org](http://www.transparency.org)

The 2005 Transparency International Corruption Perceptions Index 2005 has been released – the index focuses on illegal activities in the forest sector.

Illegal logging: [www.illegal-logging.info](http://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:

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