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## 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 at [jhorne@wwf.org.uk](mailto:jhorne@wwf.org.uk)

## More members' stories needed!

We want to include more member successes in the forthcoming autumn 2011 newsletter. If you'd like to contribute, contact James Horne: [jhorne@wwf.org.uk](mailto:jhorne@wwf.org.uk)

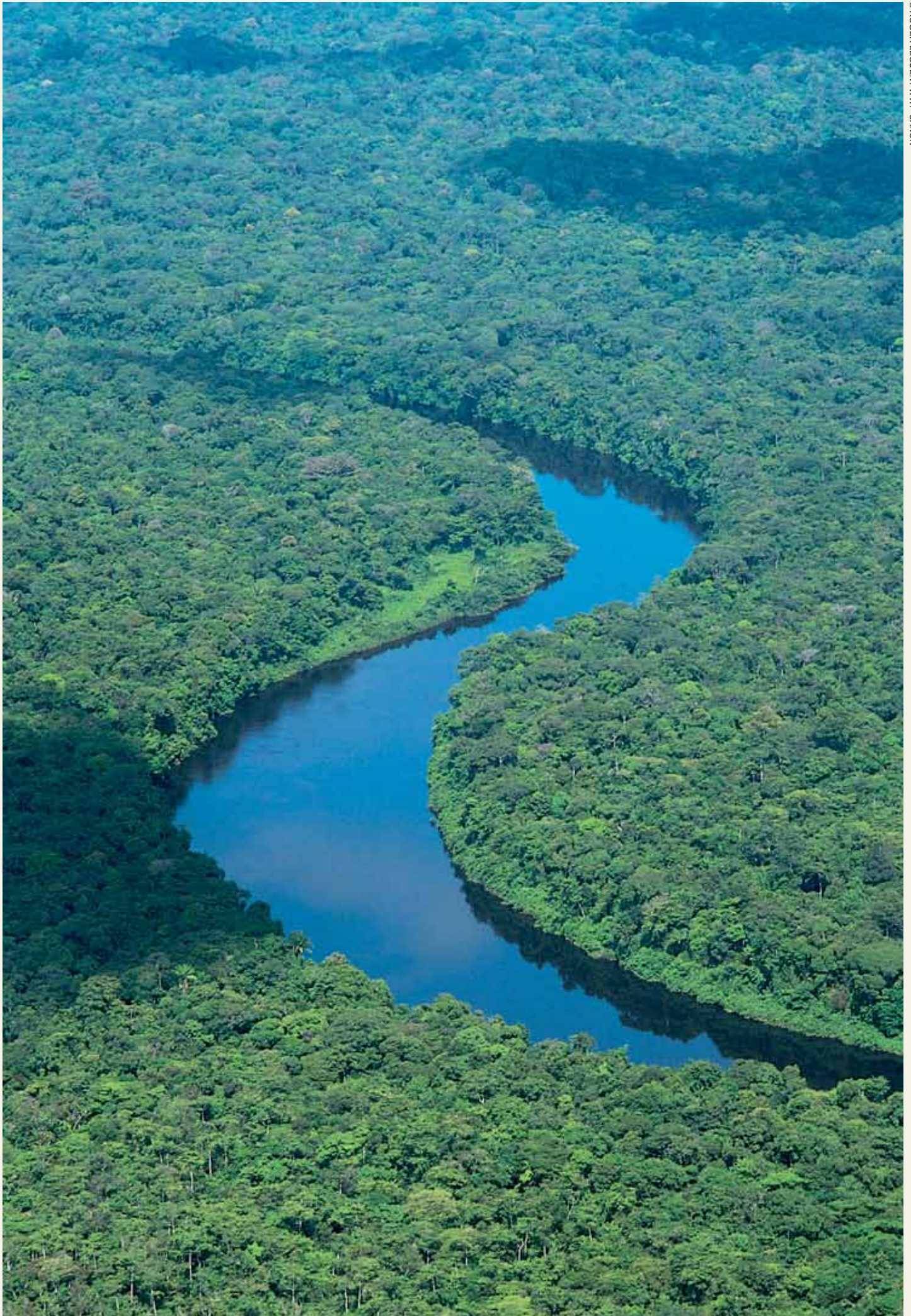
## Member feedback

If you have suggestions or feedback about this newsletter, or the WWF GFTN-UK website, we'd like to hear from you. Contact James Horne: [jhorne@wwf.org.uk](mailto:jhorne@wwf.org.uk)

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# GFTN-UK MEMBER NEWS STORIES

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## Co-operative Funeralcare commits to forest-friendly funerals

Forest-friendly funerals will be available in 850 funeral homes across the UK after The Co-operative Funeralcare launched a 17-point ethical strategy. It sets out the organisation's intentions to protect the environment, support communities, help tackle global poverty and lead the way in funerals.

As part of its commitment to reduce its impact on the environment The Co-operative Funeralcare, which is the UK's largest funeral director and responsible for 100,000 funerals each year, has become an FSC-certified supplier. It's received FSC certification for the coffins manufactured at its facility in Glasgow.

In 2010, 93% of the coffins manufactured at its facility in Glasgow were made from wood certified by the FSC, which promotes responsible forest management worldwide. The Co-operative Funeralcare will continue to work with its supply base to push for further credible certification and responsible sourcing.

George Tinning, managing director of The Co-operative Funeralcare, said: "Protecting the environment is an important consideration for many people and we recognise that in death this is no different."

As well as the commitment to FSC, other initiatives within the strategy include becoming the first UK-wide carbon neutral funeral director, acquiring more woodland burial grounds, and providing teachers with free guidance on how to support suddenly bereaved children. The Co-operative Funeralcare's Ethical Strategy forms a part of The Co-operative Group's overall Ethical Operating Plan, launched earlier this year. The plan encompasses all of The Co-operative, including Funeralcare, and puts ethical issues on the same footing as the group's other business priorities.

New targets include an increase in loans for renewable energy projects in the UK to £1bn, and a pledge to cut greenhouse gas emissions from the group's operations by 35% by 2017.

For more information on how The Co-operative Funeralcare is working towards a better legacy for everyone, visit [www.co-operativefuneralcare.co.uk](http://www.co-operativefuneralcare.co.uk)

# FEATURE: GFTN ANNUAL MEETING AT ST JAMES' PALACE



by Julia Young

Twenty years of transformation – that is the title we went with for our annual report for 2010/2011, and it was a privilege to be able to release this year's report at the GFTN 20th Anniversary annual meeting, which was held at St. James' Palace. We were fortunate that GFTN was selected to be the first event at which HRH The Prince of Wales participated, with the announcement of his presidency of WWF-UK that day.

The morning started off with a series of WWF speakers to set the scene, but also reinforce a key message – that the challenges faced by the world's forest resources, and the people and nature that depend on them, remain severe and complex. An insight was given into some of the recent WWF work to model the way in which different scenarios affect the future of forest resources, which is being published in the form of our Living Forests report sections. [http://wwf.panda.org/what\\_we\\_do/how\\_we\\_work/conservation/forests/publications/living\\_forests\\_report/](http://wwf.panda.org/what_we_do/how_we_work/conservation/forests/publications/living_forests_report/)

The gathered audience comprised GFTN participants, other business stakeholders including WWF corporate partner representatives, WWF trustees and ambassadors, so it was a real opportunity to raise awareness about the need to mainstream responsible forest trade through a series of intervention points, and with a greater sense of urgency to act. To help bring this message across, we benefitted from the participation of Datuk Sam Mannan, Director of Forestry for the Sabah Forest Department, Malaysia, who gave an inspiring account of forest history in the region, and then heard directly from HRH The Prince of Wales, who gave a very personal and heart felt speech impressing on us the need to reconnect with nature and not forget our own total dependency on functioning natural systems for our own survival.

Following a break and time for introductions, we re-convened to roll up our sleeves and brainstorm the question of how to mainstream responsible forest trade. To be clear on what mainstream meant in this challenge, we expanded that according to the GFTN strategy goal for 2020, mainstream is to have 75% of the global trade in forest goods being credibly certified from responsibly managed forests. There was an impressive level of dedication and willingness to engage in the task, as we held a "café" style session, getting people to move and share their thoughts and ideas.

A lively session produced very interesting themes in answer to the question. Should regulation be used to drive sustainability? There was a real belief that the need for action on sustainability and renewing people's contact with nature had to be built in to education, and in a more inspiring way. A hard component of this storytelling remains the way in which price of goods – often higher due to the investments made, was related to sustainability. Would people pay more for these goods? Availability of supply of responsibly produced forest goods was highlighted as a major constraint on change, but there was natural recognition this is not just a UK problem. Other forest certification schemes needed to get up to scratch and demonstrate they delivered credible levels of responsible forest management to increase supply and improve choice and confidence for buyers.

This is just a flavour of the discussions and ideas, but also really the challenges to be faced where many groups need to come together and take action to mainstream responsible forest trade. The session raised energy around the issue, at a time when compliance with the incoming EU Timber Regulation risks focus on legal compliance only. This will not protect forest resources either for production or for conservation for the future however, and we anticipate continuing our working on some of the themes brought out.

A proceedings document covering all the speeches and sessions will be available shortly.



# NEW GFTN PARTICIPANTS

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## **Kimberly-Clark's new global commitment to responsible forestry**

Kimberly-Clark has extended its GFTN membership to include its worldwide operations, building on its existing membership in select countries. The company has committed to responsible sourcing of all wood fibres for all of the products sold globally in the Personal Care,

Consumer Tissue and Kimberly-Clark Professional businesses. Kimberly-Clark's paper-based products include Kleenex tissues, Huggies nappies and Andrex toilet paper. Read more at: [gftn.panda.org/newsroom](http://gftn.panda.org/newsroom)

## **Five more participants join GFTN-China**

Hunchun Forest Bureau, Zhongshan Susfor Oasis Wood, Songjianghe Forest Bureau, Lushuihe Forest Bureau and Chai He Forest Bureau joined GFTN-China in June.

To find out more about them, please visit:

[gftn.panda.org/gftn\\_worldwide/asia/china\\_ftn/china\\_members](http://gftn.panda.org/gftn_worldwide/asia/china_ftn/china_members)

## **Atheena Exports joins GFTN-India**

Atheena Exports joined GFTN-India in June. Atheena is a manufacturer and exporter of wooden parts for musical instruments, parquet floor tiles, balusters and veneers.

Read more about Atheena at: [gftn.panda.org/about\\_gftn/current\\_participants/gftn\\_members.cfm?country=India&countryid=13](http://gftn.panda.org/about_gftn/current_participants/gftn_members.cfm?country=India&countryid=13)

## **Piedade Group joins GFTN-Portugal**

New GFTN-Portugal member Piedade Group is one of the world leaders in cork stoppers. Founded in 1963, it controls the entire production process, from sourcing the raw material through manufacturing to product commercialisation. Read more at:

[gftn.panda.org/about\\_gftn/current\\_participants/gftn\\_members.cfm?country=Portugal&countryid=23](http://gftn.panda.org/about_gftn/current_participants/gftn_members.cfm?country=Portugal&countryid=23)

## **Essam Timber joins GFTN-Indonesia**

PT Essam Timber is member of Sumalindo Group, an integrated wood forest management and industry company. Find out more about this new participant at:

[www.sumalindo.com](http://www.sumalindo.com)

See all of the GFTN participants at:

[gftn.panda.org/about\\_gftn/current\\_participants](http://gftn.panda.org/about_gftn/current_participants)



# WWF GFTN NEWS

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## **WWF response to Global Witness report**

In response Global Witness' report *Pandering to the Loggers* released on Monday 25 July, WWF issues the following statement:

In the light of recent criticisms of WWF's Global Forest and Trade Network (GFTN), WWF today announced that it will commission an independent review of the GFTN programme. WWF has already started the process of finding an experienced, independent and reputable third party with the aim of completing the review by the end of 2011.

GFTN had already scheduled a review of all its activities to take place in 2012, but we believe that in view of the current controversy, and in the interests of transparency, it is appropriate to bring it forward. This decision in no way implies that WWF accepts the allegations or recommendations contained in the recent Global Witness report *Pandering to the Loggers*.

We repeat our earlier view that the Global Witness report contains a number of errors and misleading statements. We do, however, take these allegations very seriously and that's why we are commissioning an independent review of GFTN activities - a review which we are confident will demonstrate that our current set of performance and monitoring procedures are fit for purpose. WWF remains committed to promoting responsible forestry and trade, combating illegal logging and protecting some of the planet's most valuable resources.

GFTN believes in providing practical solutions that allow companies to develop and implement region-specific strategies that promote responsible forestry and trade, combat illegal logging and protect some of planet's most valuable resources.

Read more at: <http://gftn.panda.org/newsroom>

## **Good news for conservation in the Heart of Borneo**

Orang-utan and pygmy elephant survival in the Heart of Borneo has received a major boost with the certification of nearly 300,000 ha of important habitat in the forest reserves of Ulu Segama-Malua and Tangkulap-Pinangah, in the Malaysian state of Sabah, Borneo. The FSC-certified sites are considered to have the highest density in the world of the North-east Bornean orang-utan sub-species and the Borneo pygmy elephant. The area also includes the 34,000 ha Malua Biobank, an innovative public-private financial partnership that brings business investment into conservation management. Read more at: [wwf.panda.org/?uNewsID=200806](http://wwf.panda.org/?uNewsID=200806)

## **Timber firm could axe endangered Amur tiger habitat**

The discovery of plans to log key Amur tiger habitat in a proposed UNESCO World Heritage Site has led to a public outcry demanding the cancellation of the logging lease in Russia's Primorsky province. Read more at: [wwf.panda.org/wwf\\_news/?200579/Timber-firm-could-axe-endangered-Amur-tiger-habitat](http://wwf.panda.org/wwf_news/?200579/Timber-firm-could-axe-endangered-Amur-tiger-habitat)

## **Environmental vow signed by council**

In April, Leicestershire County Council became the first local authority in the country to sign up to a WWF pledge to make sure it procures timber and wood-derived products from sustainable and legal sources. So far, 19 local authorities have signed the pledge. Read more at: [wwf.org.uk/what\\_we\\_do/campaigning/what\\_wood\\_you\\_choose/local\\_authorities](http://wwf.org.uk/what_we_do/campaigning/what_wood_you_choose/local_authorities)

### **GFTN makes achievements but challenges remain**

from TTJ Online: In its 20 years, the GFTN has made a positive difference to the UK's impact on the world's forests, says Julia Young. Read more at: [www.ttjonline.com](http://www.ttjonline.com)

### **New Malagasy species discovered weekly, many already endangered**

Scientists in Madagascar discovered more than 615 species, including 41 mammals, between 1999 and 2010. But many of the exciting and colourful creatures are already endangered, with illegal and unsustainable logging posing the biggest threat.

Read more at: [wwf.org.uk/wwf\\_articles.cfm?newsid=4980](http://wwf.org.uk/wwf_articles.cfm?newsid=4980)

### **WWF calls for justice on Amazon assassinations**

WWF-Brazil has called on federal police to conduct "an agile, in-depth investigation" of the murder of a couple who were prominent community leaders in the fight against illegal logging. Read more at: <http://gftn.panda.org/newsroom/>

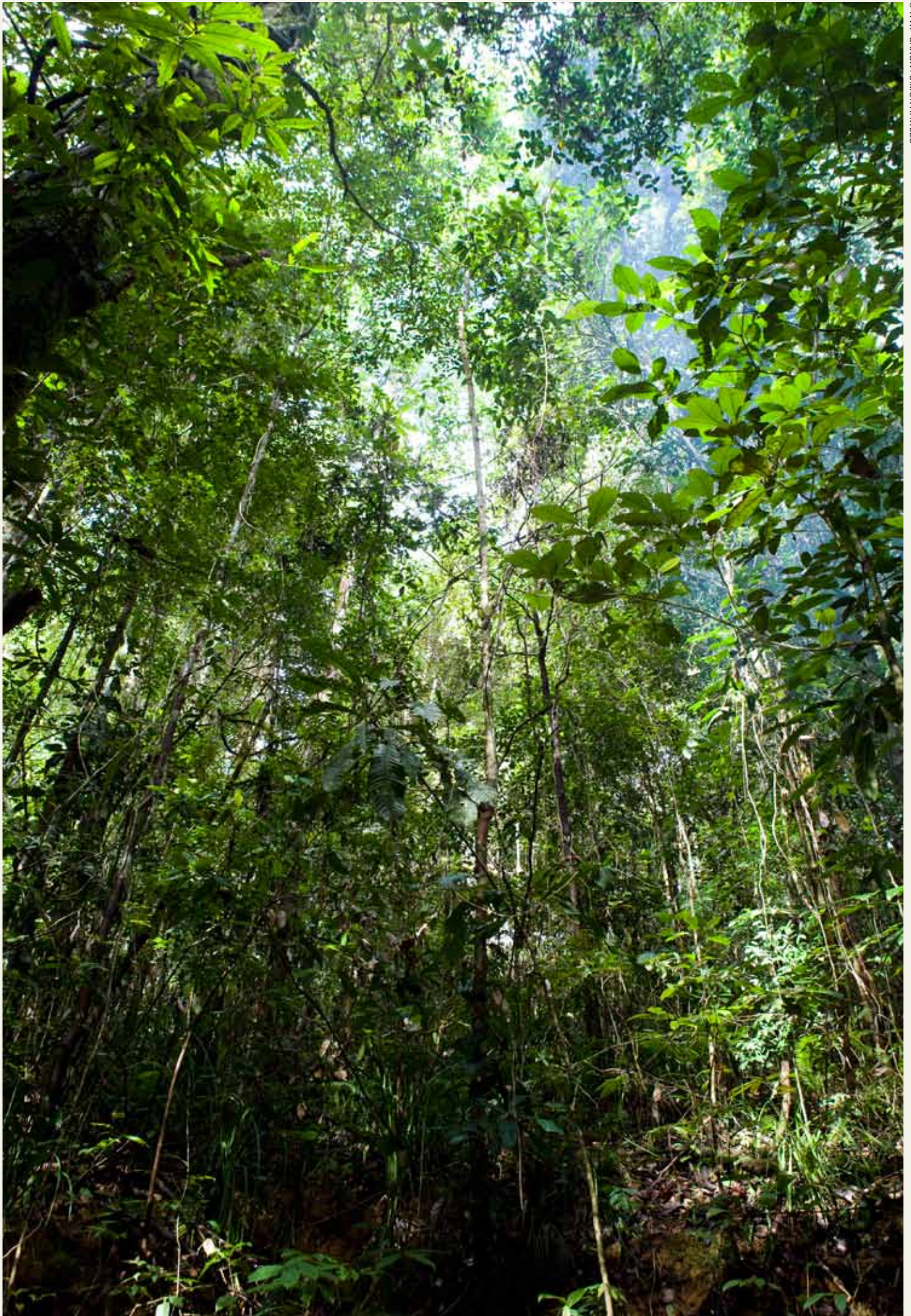
### **Brazil forest law again under fire**

Brazil's most important environmental legislation is on the chopping block again, with politicians in the country's lower chamber proposing to alter it by claiming it impedes economic growth. Read more at: <http://gftn.panda.org/newsroom>

### **Governments and businesses must unite to stop forest loss**

Policy-makers and business leaders must quickly back a bold target to stop forest loss as part of efforts to conserve biodiversity and fight climate change, according to a new WWF report.

The first chapter of WWF's Living Forests Report examines the drivers of deforestation and identifies the opportunities to shift from 'business as usual' to a new model of sustainability, which can benefit government, business and communities. Download the report at: <http://gftn.panda.org/newsroom/>



# OTHER WWF/ FORESTS NEWS

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## **Businesses agree climate is right for ambitious emissions cuts**

In June, over 70 major businesses called on the European Union to increase its climate ambition, in order to preserve the EU's competitiveness and build a low-carbon economy. The Joint Business Declaration called for the EU to cut carbon emissions by 30% below 1990 levels by 2020.

The declaration received significant attention in a broad section of international and national media. Businesses, policy-makers and other stakeholders have repeatedly referred to it in the weeks since its release.

Business support for stronger climate targets continues to be an important part of the European debate. Neither the European Parliament nor the European Council have yet reached agreement on this issue – in June the European Council was only one member short of unanimity, with 26 member states supporting the climate roadmap to 2050. However, climate and energy remain firmly on the agenda of the EU and WWF will continue lobbying and campaigning for a higher target for EU emissions cuts.

The Joint Business Declaration remains open for signatories – if your business would like to sign up, please contact [bsmiththomas@wwf.org.uk](mailto:bsmiththomas@wwf.org.uk)

## **FSC certification helps stop the 'bleeding' in Tanzanian forests**

Rafii Hashim bears an optimistic look on his face as he speaks to us about FSC certification and the challenges his community experienced before coming to the decision to harvest their timber in a sustainable manner. Read more at:

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

## **New FSC standard strengthens chain of custody social requirements**

*from fsc.org:* On 21 June 2011, FSC published a new version of the Chain of Custody certification standard (FSC-STD-40-004 V2-1) which explicitly incorporates the social requirements of the Policy for the Association of Organizations with FSC. The standard also makes a clear reference to occupational health and safety. Read more at: [www.fsc.org](http://www.fsc.org)

## **Proposed changes to Brazil's Forest Code could hurt economy**

*from Mongabay.com:* Proposed changes to Brazil's Forest Code will hurt Brazilian agriculture, argues a leading conservationist. Carlos Alberto de Mattos Scaramuzza, WWF-Brazil's director for conservation, says the reform bill currently being evaluated by Brazil's senate could have unexpected economic implications for Brazilian ranchers and farmers. Read more at: [news.mongabay.com](http://news.mongabay.com)

## **Indonesian government announces dramatic shift in forest policy**

*from Rights and Resources Initiative:* The Indonesian government has announced a dramatic shift in forest policy, signalling its commitment to expand the rights of communities and indigenous peoples. High-level government leaders committed to implement traditional rights lost since the colonial era. Read more at:

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

### **Successful FSC general assembly passes 27 motions**

*from FSC .org:* At the FSC general assembly, 38 motions were voted on, of which 27 passed and 11 failed. Read more at: [www.fsc.org](http://www.fsc.org)

### **More than 1,000 new species found in New Guinea**

A remarkable 1,060 new species have been discovered on the island of New Guinea from 1998 to 2008, but poorly planned and unsustainable development – particularly from logging and forest conversion to agriculture – is putting many of these unique creatures at risk, a new WWF study finds. Read more at: [wwf.panda.org/wwf\\_news/?200766/More-than-1000-new-species-found-in-New-Guinea](http://wwf.panda.org/wwf_news/?200766/More-than-1000-new-species-found-in-New-Guinea)

### **FSC strengthens controlled wood system**

*from TTJ Online:* A motion to strengthen FSC's Controlled Wood System has been passed unanimously at the FSC General Assembly in Malaysia. The move recognised that the FSC membership had identified a range of serious deficiencies in guaranteeing that controlled wood was actually controlled. Read more at: [www.ttjonline.com](http://www.ttjonline.com)

### **National group approved to set FSC standard for Malaysia**

*from TTJ Online:* FSC certification in Malaysia has received a boost following the approval of a group to develop the FSC National Forest Management Standards for Malaysia. Read more at: [www.ttjonline.com](http://www.ttjonline.com)

### **Kai Wah and Altripan achieve first ever VLC supply chain in China**

*from TFT:* In June, plywood company Suzhou Kai Wah Wooden Co. received the first Verification of Legal Compliance (VLC) certificate in China from the certification body SmartWood of the Rainforest Alliance. The company was nominated for its Timber Trade Action Plan project with Altripan, Read more at: [www.tft-forests.org/news](http://www.tft-forests.org/news)

### **Ministers back binding European forest agreement**

*from BBC News:* Ministers have agreed to back plans to introduce a legally binding agreement to protect Europe's forests. Delegates also agreed to adopt resolutions that would help shape forest policy over the next decade. Read more at: [www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-13733996](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-13733996)

### **Togo, Nigeria and Ghana have highest rates of deforestation, study shows**

*from Bloomberg:* Togo, Nigeria and Ghana have the biggest rates of deforestation out of 65 nations, according to a study described by its authors as the most comprehensive analysis of tropical forests. Read more at: [www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-06-06/togo-nigeria-lead-in-deforestation-rates-timber-organization-study-shows.html](http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-06-06/togo-nigeria-lead-in-deforestation-rates-timber-organization-study-shows.html)

### **Kähns claims FSC/Fairtrade first**

*from TTJ Online:* Kähns claims it is the first company to be able to offer dual-labelled FSC/Fairtrade-certified timber. Read more at: [www.ttjonline.com](http://www.ttjonline.com)

### **Chain of custody investigation finds PT MKS is clear-cutting HCVF**

*from EoF News:* An investigation conducted last year proved that PT MKS, which is affiliated to PT RAPP and APRIL, sourced timbers from potential High Conservation Value Forest (HCVF), meaning that APRIL has broken its commitment to protect HCVF. Read more at: [eyesontheforest.or.id](http://eyesontheforest.or.id)

### **Bronze medal for FSC UK at Chelsea flower show**

*from FSC UK:* FSC UK has been awarded a bronze Lindley medal at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. Read more at: [www.fsc-uk.org/?p=2040](http://www.fsc-uk.org/?p=2040)

### **Rainforest basin nations agree to tackle deforestation**

*from AFP:* The 32 countries sharing the world's three largest rainforest basins have agreed to cooperate in tackling deforestation and called on industrialised nations to help finance their efforts. Read more at: [www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5hmPifnZThjYd7ZfEgKwCR61e96kg?docId=CNG.0c5600ba871e01177a8ea11fe546d524.551](http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5hmPifnZThjYd7ZfEgKwCR61e96kg?docId=CNG.0c5600ba871e01177a8ea11fe546d524.551)

### **Indonesian president urges others not to buy illegal wood from Indonesia**

*from Mongabay.com:* Indonesian president Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono has asked timber-consuming countries to join the fight against illegal logging in Indonesia, reports the Jakarta Globe. Read more at: <http://www.mongabay.com/>

### **UN presents new checklist to manage forest stocks**

*from UN News Centre:* The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and the World Bank have released a checklist that will help countries assess the governance of their forest resources. Read more at: [www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=38477&Cr=forests&Cr1=](http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=38477&Cr=forests&Cr1=)

### **States unite to protect primeval European forests**

Europe's largest areas of old-growth forests outside Russia are to be protected across the seven-country span of the Carpathian mountains. Read more at: [gftn.panda.org/newsroom](http://gftn.panda.org/newsroom)

### **Tropical forests are now 'better managed'**

*from BBC News:* The world's tropical forests are better managed now than five years ago, concludes a survey by the International Tropical Timber Organisation. Read more at: [www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-13686872](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-13686872)

### **Barbie, Lego and other toys linked to Indonesian rainforest destruction**

*from Mongabay.com:* Some of the world's largest and most prominent toy-makers are sourcing their packaging materials from companies linked to large-scale destruction of Indonesia's rainforests, alleges a new report from Greenpeace. Read more at: <http://news.mongabay.com>

### **UNEP spotlights economic and human benefits of boosting forest funding**

*from UNEP:* Investing an extra US\$40 billion a year in the forestry sector could halve deforestation rates by 2030, increase rates of tree planting by around 140% by 2050, and help create millions of new jobs, according to a report by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP). Read more at: [www.unep.org/Documents.Multilingual/Default.asp?DocumentID=2645&ArticleID=8761&l=en](http://www.unep.org/Documents.Multilingual/Default.asp?DocumentID=2645&ArticleID=8761&l=en)

### **Ecosystem goods and services from plantation forests**

*from Mongabay.com:* Plantations often have a negative image, but they can play a vital role in providing ecosystem services as well as wood products, according to a new book. Ecosystem Goods and Services from Plantation Forests discusses the potential benefits and challenges of the world's 140 million hectares of plantation forests. Read more at: <http://www.mongabay.com/>

### **Voluntary partnership agreement update**

*from FERN:* Every six months FERN produces an update of Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) Voluntary Partnership Agreements. Read more at: [www.fern.org/sites/fern.org/files/VPA%20Update%20May%202011\\_o.pdf](http://www.fern.org/sites/fern.org/files/VPA%20Update%20May%202011_o.pdf)

### **2010 a year of retrenchment for the UK paper industry, claims CPI**

*from Printweek.com:* Last year was “a year of retrenchment” for the UK paper industry, with “some positive growth” compared with 2009, according to the Confederation of Paper Industries (CPI). Read more at: [www.printweek.com/Environment](http://www.printweek.com/Environment)

### **Valuable hardwoods harvested from Ghana's Volta Lake**

*from TTJ Online:* After more than four decades under water, a tropical forest in Ghana is being harvested. Read more at: [www.ttjonline.com](http://www.ttjonline.com)

### **Government cracks down on illegal logging in Madagascar**

*from Mongabay.com:* Authorities in Madagascar seized roughly a thousand logs during an ongoing operation in the north-eastern part of the country, which has been besieged by illegal logging, reports l'Express de Madagascar. Seven people were arrested. Read more at: <http://www.mongabay.com/>

### **Green groups urge Japan to avoid illegally-logged wood from Indonesia to aid reconstruction**

*from Mongabay.com:* Following Japan's devastating earthquake and tsunami, it needs to rebuild. And to do so, the battered nation has already turned to neighbouring Indonesia for timber. However, the Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA) and Indonesian NGO Telapak warn that much of the timber that reaches Japan's shores from Indonesia could be illegally logged from rainforests, unless Japan pledges to purchase only legally-certified wood under Indonesia's new assurance system. Read more at: <http://www.mongabay.com/>

### **Boreal forest agreement implementation gathers pace**

*from TTJ Online:* Environmental groups and forest products companies that signed the Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement say significant strides have been made in implementing the accord. Read more at: [www.ttjonline.com](http://www.ttjonline.com)

### **Down to 50 – conservationists fight to save Javan rhino from extinction**

*from Mongabay.com:* Earlier this year, the International Rhino Foundation launched 'Operation Javan Rhino' to prevent the extinction of the critically endangered Javan rhinoceros. The Javan rhino was once found in rainforests across South-east Asia, but now just 50 remain in the wild. Read more at: <http://www.mongabay.com/>

### **WWF captures rare footage of Sumatran tiger triplets playing**

*from EoF News:* WWF camera traps have recorded an astounding 12 tigers in just two months in the central Sumatran landscape of Bukit Tigapuluh, including two mothers with cubs. A video camera trap captured footage of three young tiger siblings playfully chasing a leaf. Read more at: <http://www.eyesontheforest.or.id/>

### **FSC stricter but simpler**

*from TTJ Online:* FSC UK business adviser Tallulah Chapman outlines developments including changes to chain of custody documentation, the increasing of FSC input percentages in FSC Mix products, the development of country-wide controlled wood risk assessments, including one for the UK, and the review of the FSC Product Classification. Read more at: [www.ttjonline.com](http://www.ttjonline.com)

### **Cameroon suspends wenge and bubinga exports**

*from TTJ Online:* Cameroon has announced that it is suspending the export of wenge and bubinga, according to the International Tropical Timber Organisation (ITTO). Read more at: [www.ttjonline.com](http://www.ttjonline.com)

### **Liberia and EU sign bilateral trade agreement to stop illegal logging**

*from FERN.org:* Liberia and the EU have signed a legally binding comprehensive agreement to control illegal logging and improve forest sector governance in Liberia. It takes the form of a trade agreement, known as a Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA). Unusually for trade agreements, it's been developed with the full participation of local civil society organisations, the timber trade and – for the first time – forest-dwelling communities. Once implemented, only timber verified as legal will be exported to the EU, local communities will get the benefits they are due and their rights recognised, and the timber trade will be regulated and controlled. Read more at: [www.fern.org/liberiaEU](http://www.fern.org/liberiaEU)

### **China's log and sawnwood imports jump**

*from Mongabay.com:* China imported US\$6.1 billion worth of logs in 2010, a 22.4% increase over 2009, according to the country's customs bureau. Read more at: <http://www.mongabay.com/>

### **PNG suspends controversial community forest grants to foreign corporations**

*from Mongabay.com:* The government of Papua New Guinea (PNG) has suspended its controversial Special Agricultural and Business Leases programme which has granted logging and plantation development concessions to mostly foreign corporations across 5.2 million hectares of community forest land. Read more at: <http://www.mongabay.com/>



### **Indonesia and the EU reach agreement on illegal wood trade**

*from Mongabay.com:* A new agreement will work to keep illegal wood from Indonesia out of European Union markets. The Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA) will force Indonesia to ship to the EU only wood that has been approved as legal by a national authority, while EU customs workers are set to send any unapproved wood back to Indonesia. The VPA is a step forward in tackling the illegal timber market in Indonesia that is estimated to be worth US\$1 billion and has been responsible, in part, for levelling rainforests across the Indonesia islands. Read more at: <http://www.mongabay.com/>

### **Workshop strengthens communities' engagement in FSC-certified plantations**

*from FSC.org:* In Brazil, 100 participants from companies, communities, NGOs and unions from 17 countries around the world gathered to discuss the positive and negative impacts that FSC-certified plantations have on local communities, the working conditions of employees, and the rights of indigenous peoples. Read more at: [www.fsc.org/news.htm](http://www.fsc.org/news.htm)

### **APRIL's timber supplier clears Sumatran tiger forest**

*from EoF News:* A major timber supplier of Asian Pacific Resources International Holdings Limited (APRIL) is destroying vital Sumatran tiger habitat. PT Riau Andalan Pulp and Paper (RAPP) clear-cut natural forest in the Bukit Rimbang–Bukit Baling wildlife corridor in central Sumatra, an investigation by the Eyes on the Forest coalition has revealed. Read more at: [www.eyesontheforest.org](http://www.eyesontheforest.org)

### **Timber tracking a priority for Russian forestry**

*from ENPI:* Establishing effective timber tracking systems should be a key priority of the Russian forest sector, according to the conclusions of a recent seminar in Veliky Novgorod. Read more at: [http://enpi-info.eu/maineast.php?id=24696&id\\_type=1&lang\\_id=450](http://enpi-info.eu/maineast.php?id=24696&id_type=1&lang_id=450)



# GFTN AT A GLANCE

(as of 15th August 2011)

## Quick GFTN Statistics:

- GFTN encompasses 272 participation companies, employing 2.8 million people

### GFTN participants:

- represent 19% of all forest products traded globally every year, with combined annual sales of US\$73 billion.
- are engaged in 205 trading deals with other GFTN participants, with an estimated value of US\$95 million.
- manage over 20.5 million ha of FSC-certified forests, and 6.1 million ha are in progress to certification

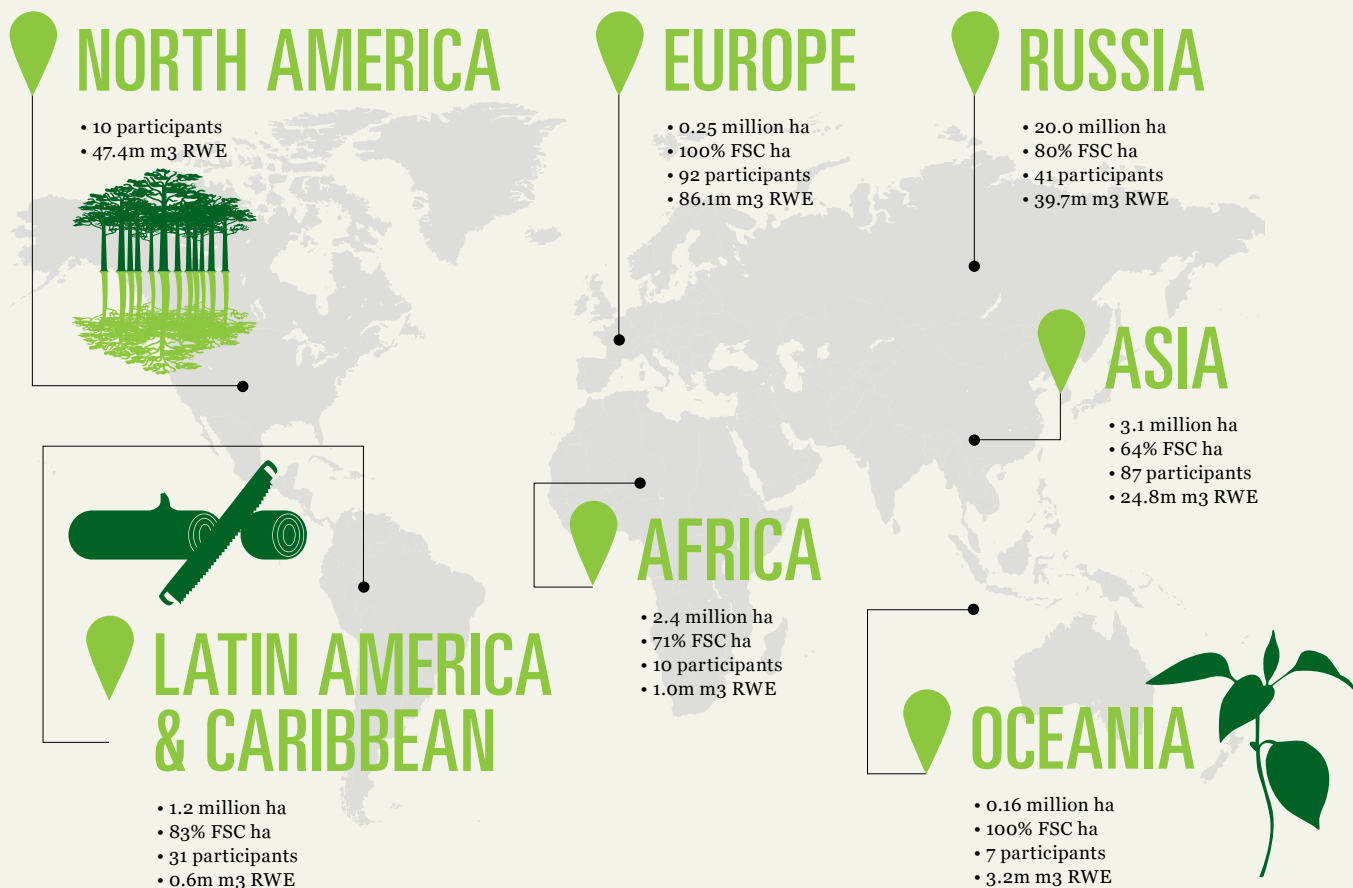
For a list of all the current WWF GFTN participants, please visit:

[gftn.panda.org/about\\_gftn/current\\_participants/](http://gftn.panda.org/about_gftn/current_participants/)

### GFTN regional/country factsheets: As of February 2011

The GFTN regional/country factsheets give a specific insight into each region or country where GFTN works. You'll find information such as the region/country background, how the GFTN office was established, who the participants are, some quick statistics and a contact person. To download these factsheets, please visit:

[www.gftn.panda.org/newsroom/?173121/GFTN-regional-country-factsheets](http://www.gftn.panda.org/newsroom/?173121/GFTN-regional-country-factsheets)



# FSC GLOBAL UPDATES

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## **FSC certified forest area by continent** – as of June 2011

Europe: 60,094,243 ha

North America: 54,492,596 ha

Latin America and Caribbean: 13,404,335 ha

Africa: 7,688,716 ha

Asia: 3,401,726 ha

Oceania: 2,081,365 ha

Total global FSC-certified area: 143,162,335 ha

Number of countries: 81

Total number of forest management certificates: 1,044

For more information – including 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 – please visit [www.fsc.org](http://www.fsc.org)

# USEFUL WWF DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS

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## **Analysis of the PEFC system for forest management certification using the Forest Certification Assessment Guide (FCAG)**

*WWF, February 2011*

Download this report at: [wwf.panda.org/what\\_we\\_do/footprint/forestry/certification/which\\_system](http://wwf.panda.org/what_we_do/footprint/forestry/certification/which_system)



## **WWF GFTN annual report 2010**

*WWF, February 2011*

As we move in to GFTN's 20th year, it is only right we pause to reflect on where we have come and where we are going.

Download this report at: [www.gftn.panda.org/newsroom](http://www.gftn.panda.org/newsroom)

## **WWF Check Your Paper database**

*WWF, January 2011*

This tool rates the environmental impacts of various paper products, including how well forests supplying fibre are managed, use of recycled fibre, fossil CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, waste going to landfill and water pollution from mills. The fibre in all papers featured on the audited list on the website must come from known, legal sources. Paper products posted on the official list have been audited by third-party certification bodies to ensure high credibility.

Find out more at: [checkyourpaper.panda.org](http://checkyourpaper.panda.org)



### **WWF GFTN-UK annual report 2010-11**

*WWF, September 2011*

This is WWF GFTN-UK's seventh annual report, which covers the management, activities and achievements of its members in 2010-11.

Download this report at: [http://www.wwf.org.uk/what\\_we\\_do/safeguarding\\_the\\_natural\\_world/forests/responsible\\_forestry\\_and\\_trade/forest\\_trade\\_network/ftn\\_links.cfm?5242/WWF-GFTN-UK-Annual-Report-201011](http://www.wwf.org.uk/what_we_do/safeguarding_the_natural_world/forests/responsible_forestry_and_trade/forest_trade_network/ftn_links.cfm?5242/WWF-GFTN-UK-Annual-Report-201011)



### **GFTN's guide to legal and responsible sourcing**

*WWF, June 2010*

Since we first published our 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: [sourcing.gftn.panda.org](http://sourcing.gftn.panda.org)



### **Exporting in a shifting legal landscape**

*WWF, June 2010*

Our 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's 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: [gftn.panda.org/resources/tools](http://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. You can also find out about various types of certified timber and lesser-known species available in the region.

Download the report at: [gftn.panda.org/resources](http://gftn.panda.org/resources)

### **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.

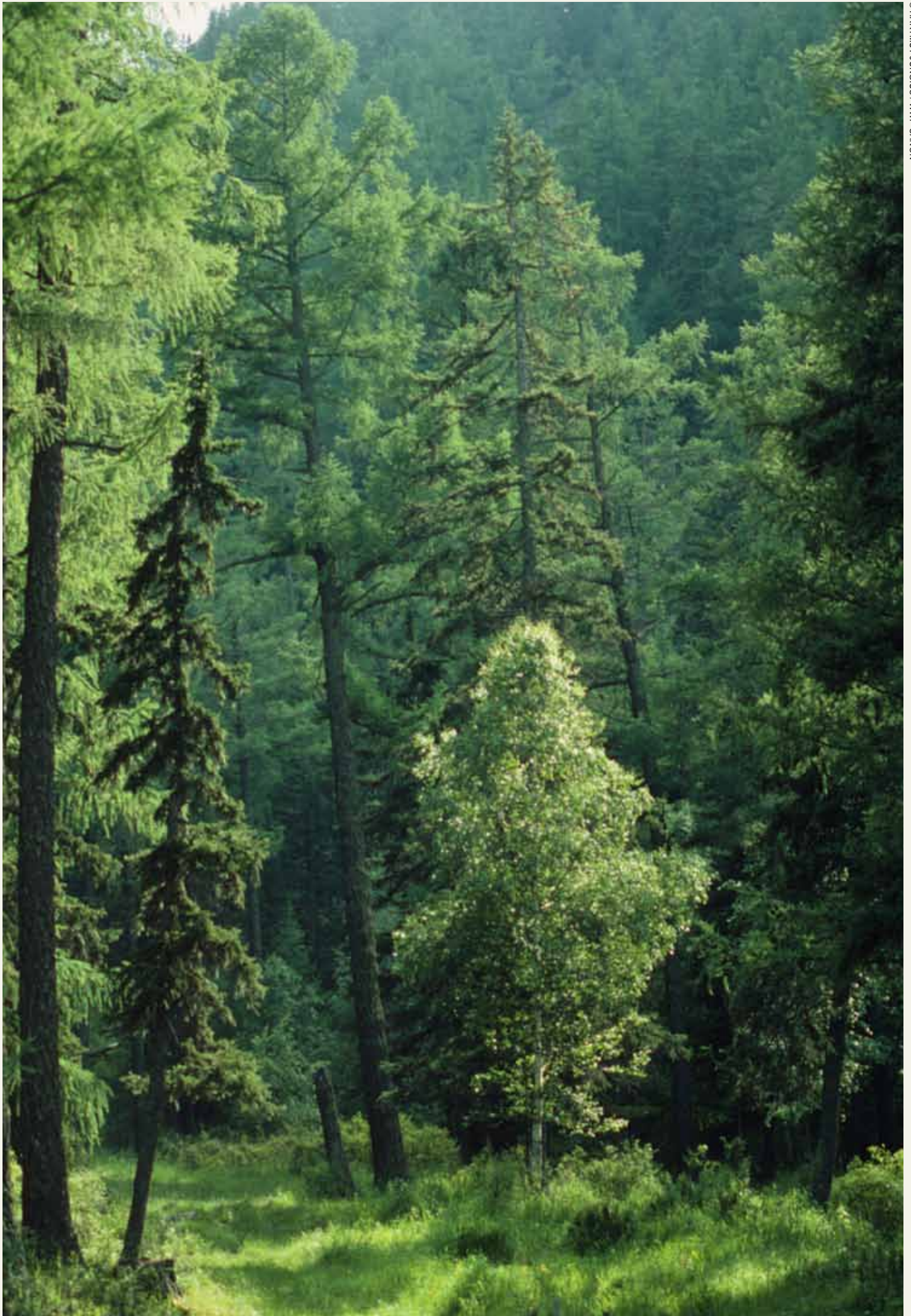
Download the report at: [gftn.panda.org/resources/reports](http://gftn.panda.org/resources/reports)

### **WWF guide to conservation finance**

*WWF, October 2009*

The WWF guide to conservation finance provides an overview of conservation financing mechanisms 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: [gftn.panda.org/resources/tools](http://gftn.panda.org/resources/tools)



## **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 2008, we used it to review the two global certification systems, FSC and PEFC. We supplemented this by assessing a sample of national FSC and PEFC standards and schemes – in Germany, Australia and Chile – so we could evaluate elements that couldn't be assessed at an international level.

View the summary of this report at: [gftn.panda.org/resources/reports](http://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 for anyone involved in planning and conducting HCV assessments, and for certifying bodies auditing HCV identification reports and management plans. It's particularly useful for assessments of large, complex or controversial cases.

Download this document at: [gftn.panda.org/resources/tools](http://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.

View this report at: [wwf.dk/dk/Service/Bibliotek/Skov/Rapporter+mv./Illegal+Wood+for+the+European+Market](http://wwf.dk/dk/Service/Bibliotek/Skov/Rapporter+mv./Illegal+Wood+for+the+European+Market)



### **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 its environmental footprint.

View this guide at: [gftn.panda.org/resources/tools](http://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: [gftn.panda.org/resources/tools](http://gftn.panda.org/resources/tools)

# USEFUL WEBSITES

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## **Eyes on the forest:**

[www.eyesontheforest.or.id](http://www.eyesontheforest.or.id)

A coalition of three local environmental organisations in Riau, Sumatra, Indonesia: WWF Indonesia's Tesso Nilo Programme, Jikalahari (Forest Rescue Network Riau) and Walhi Riau (Friends of the Earth Indonesia).

## **FSC certificate and product search database:**

[www.fsc-info.org](http://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.

## **FSC global risk assessment:**

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

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.

## **FSC UK Product and Supplier Database:**

[www.fsc-uk.org/products/search.aspx](http://www.fsc-uk.org/products/search.aspx)

This database contains an ever-expanding (but not exhaustive) range of FSC-certified organisations and authorised retailers in the UK. It shouldn't be used for checking the validity of certificates but you can use it to search for FSC-certified products and suppliers in the UK.

## **FSC UK:**

[www.fsc-uk.org](http://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](mailto:info@fsc-uk.org)

## **IUCN red list of threatened species:**

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

## **Illegal logging:**

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

## **One planet future:**

[wwf.org.uk/campaigning](http://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.



**Transparency International:**

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

Transparency International's 2010 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.

**What wood you choose:**

[wwf.org.uk/whatwoodyouchoose](http://wwf.org.uk/whatwoodyouchoose)

Two-year campaign led by WWF-Germany and WWF-UK highlighting the negative impacts illegal and unsustainable logging have on the environment and forest-dependent communities, and the benefits of FSC certification. It focuses on Indonesia and the Congo basin.

**WWF International forest news and publications:**

[panda.org/about\\_our\\_earth/about\\_forests/forest\\_news\\_resources](http://panda.org/about_our_earth/about_forests/forest_news_resources)

**WWF forest position statements:**

[panda.org/what\\_we\\_do/how\\_we\\_work/conservation/forests/publications/position\\_papers](http://panda.org/what_we_do/how_we_work/conservation/forests/publications/position_papers)

**WWF GFTN-UK website:**

[wwf.org.uk/ftn](http://wwf.org.uk/ftn)

**WWF Global Forest & Trade Network:**

[gftn.panda.org](http://gftn.panda.org)

This website includes links to the GFTN's Interactive Guide to Legal and Responsible Sourcing.

**WWF-UK forest research information:**

[wwf.org.uk/forests](http://wwf.org.uk/forests)

# Illegal logging in numbers

**€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.'

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