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We've joined with FSC-UK to create a profile for all participants on their online training portal at training.fsc-uk.org. If you have any questions about this service, please contact FSC-UK's Olivia Davies: Olivia@fsc-uk.org

GFTN rapid risk assessor tool:

After our workshop in August, we sent out information about the risk assessor tool – so please contact James Horne if you're interested in testing a draft version. jhorne@wwf.org.uk

Upcoming GFTN-UK events:

WWF PAS 2021 launch event – likely to be mid to late November. Watch this space...

GFTN-UK thematic session – Conservation Values and Impacts, 12 December 2012 at Carillion's headquarters in London – we'll email confirmation of the location shortly.

Thank you!

We'd like to send a thank you to any members of staff who're doing a great job helping you to deliver your organisation's procurement policy. Please forward any names of staff you'd like to nominate and the reasons they deserve it to [James Horne](mailto:James.Horne@wwf.org.uk)

Our newsletters need you!

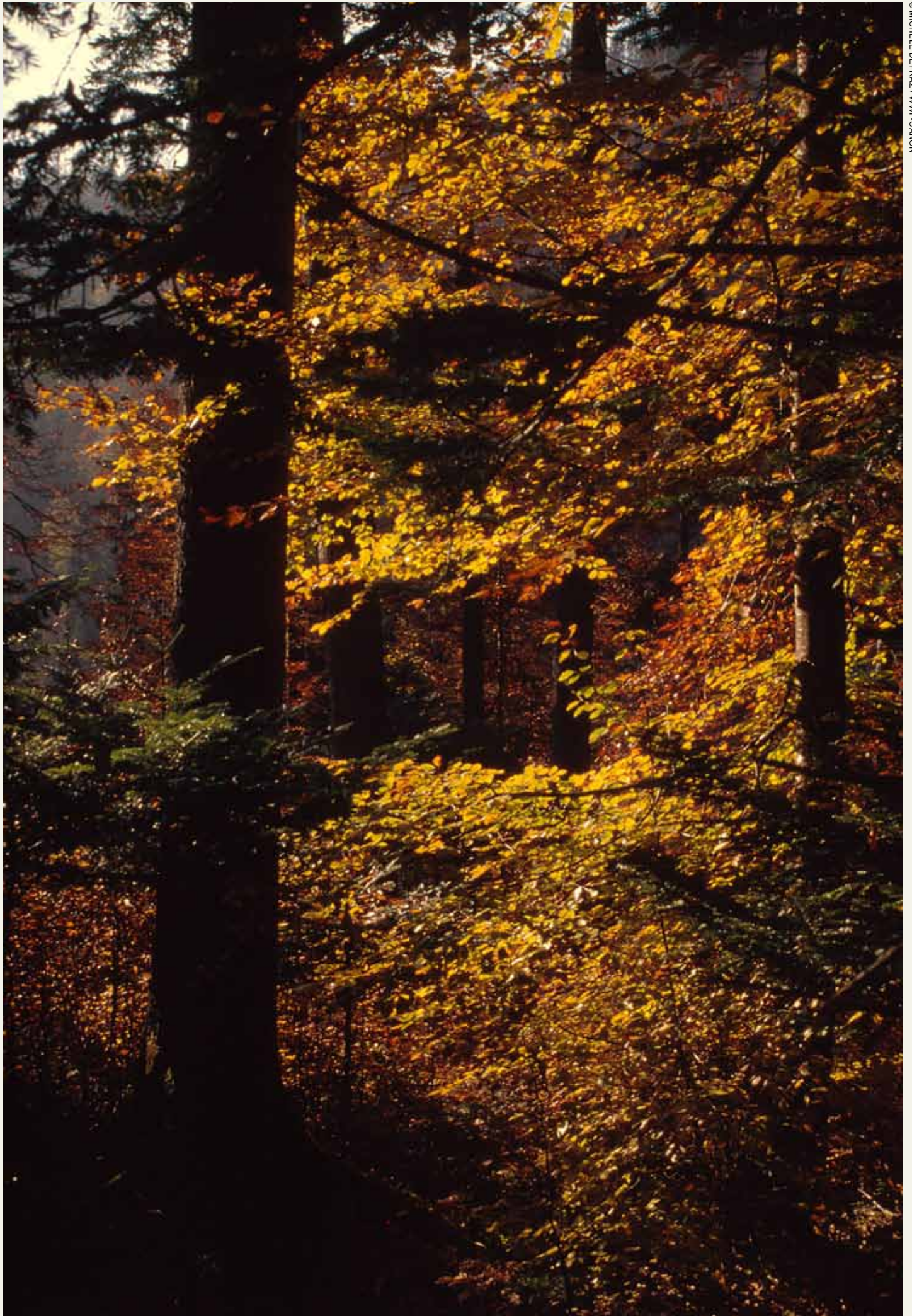
We'd like to include more participant successes in the forthcoming Winter 2012 newsletter. If you'd like to contribute, contact [James Horne](mailto:James.Horne@wwf.org.uk)

Your feedback is important to us

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

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GFTN-UK MEMBER NEWS STORIES

Wood is good for M&S

Marks & Spencer's new Cheshire Oaks store is the UK's first 100% FSC-certified retail structure.

Marks & Spencer's latest foray into the world of sustainable retail buildings has seen the recent launch of its third Sustainable Learning Store, Cheshire Oaks, near Chester. The store was designed and built with sustainable timber as a prerequisite and the building is even fuelled by the same replenishable commodity.

From the outset in 2005, Marks & Spencer challenged the architects to create a flagship sustainable store that would represent a significant departure from traditional steel box retail design. The end result? Cheshire Oaks was awarded full FSC® project certification (TT-PRO-003615) under licence of Simons Construction. It is the first retail store in the UK to have a 100% FSC-certified structural frame.

The elegant glulam structural frame and roof, which can be seen from all parts of the store, creates a light and inspiring space for customers and staff alike. The structure expresses the honesty of the build by limiting unnecessary finishes that would have increased maintenance demands.

Where practical, the team substituted energy-intensive materials with timber to reduce the embodied carbon in building materials. Although carbon accountants still need to validate the final numbers, the project will have a lower embodied carbon impact than a comparable baseline retail shell and fit out.

Other built environment sustainability issues were also considered. The site's biodiversity features are striking – the re-landscaped swale, sustainable urban drainage system, mature trees and extensive green wall on the car park all add to the store's aesthetic value while attracting wildlife to the area and sequestering carbon

Other highlights include:

- The store achieved an "Excellent" rating (74.65%) from BREEAM.
- It's designed to be 35% more carbon efficient and 30% more energy efficient than a peer store.
- The biomass boiler and heat reclaim from refrigeration are expected to deliver 70% of heating requirements.
- An 80,000 litre rainwater harvesting tank will feed sanitary and irrigation needs.
- Hempcrete (a low-carbon hemp-based concrete substitute) and hemp insulation wall panels – a retail first – will provide thermal stability and air tightness.
- All construction and demolition waste was diverted from landfill.
- Over 60% of aggregates used in the groundworks are from locally recycled sources.
- A comprehensive local engagement programme targeted schools, colleges, universities and business.

Designing and building a store overflowing with sustainable features is one thing. But Marks & Spencer will ensure design intent is reflected in reality through a rigorous evaluation over the next 18 months.

If you can't make it down to Cheshire Oaks to witness first-hand the tremendous sustainability features, you can find out more at the [M&S Stories website](#).

Kimberly-Clark announces ambitious forest goal

The world's largest tissue manufacturer will source 50% less wood fibre from natural forests by 2025

Kimberly-Clark Corporation has recently laid out a bold vision to significantly reduce its forest fibre footprint, including a goal to swap at least 50% of wood fibre sourced from natural forests for alternative fibre sources by 2025.

This new initiative, announced to coincide with the Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, will help protect biodiversity and forests while ensuring the fibre the company uses is sourced in an environmentally and socially responsible way. Equally importantly, the initiative will help insulate the company from continuing volatile price fluctuations in the world fibre market.

“We continue to strongly support sustainable forestry where those materials are needed but at the same time we are aggressively exploring high-potential alternatives to the traditional fibre sources used in our industry, while maintaining the high quality standards our customers and consumers have come to expect,” says Suhas Apte, vice president of global sustainability for Kimberly-Clark. “In the long run, we hope that one day all of our fibre needs will be met from sources that collectively have maximum land-use efficiencies while minimising impact on people and our planet.”

In 2011, the company used nearly 750,000 tonnes of primary wood fibre sourced from natural forests. With this new commitment, Kimberly-Clark pledges to cut the amount sourced from natural forests in half by 2025, an amount equivalent to over three and a half billion rolls of toilet paper. In its tradition of innovation and responsibility, the company will explore alternative sources of fibre for its products.

“Taking pressure off natural forests is a key measure to helping the world's remaining forests and curbing deforestation,” says Richard Brooks, Greenpeace forest campaign coordinator. “If done right, Kimberly-Clark's innovative practices could set a new high bar for other companies to meet. We applaud Kimberly-Clark on this initiative.”

As global demand for the world's forest resources increases, identifying and using fibre alternatives will be essential to the sustainability of both forests and businesses that rely on them.

“Even with modest projections for population growth, consumption and climate change, by 2030 we would need two Earths to keep up with global demand for food, fibre and fuel – so this announcement is a welcomed initiative that builds on Kimberly-Clark's commitment to responsible forestry,” says Kerry Cesareo, managing director of WWF-US's forests programme. “While we remain cautious in our optimism regarding alternative fibres as a strategy to reduce the company's forest fibre footprint, we all need to learn to ‘do more with less’.”

Alternative fibre sources

Kimberly-Clark is pursuing high-potential fibre alternatives such as fast-growing tree plantations and plants that make efficient and sustainable use of land and resources, without displacing food crops or leading to loss of natural forests. Andrex Eco bath tissue, launched in the UK, contains 10% bamboo and 90% recycled fibre, while K-C Professional is test marketing tissue products which contain 20% bamboo in North America. K-C has recently signed a development agreement with biotech firm Booshoot, the global leader in bamboo forestry. The agreement will enable further exploration of tissue products containing bamboo using Booshoot's unique bamboo propagation technology.

The company is also exploring processing technologies and supply chain solutions for using "waste" fibres that are currently discarded or considered of low value, such as agricultural crop residues that remain in the field after harvesting. K-C Professional is test marketing tissue products made in part with alternative fibres including wheat straw in North America.

To ensure it understands and responsibly manages the impacts of its decisions, K-C has commissioned a life cycle analysis (LCA) and broader sustainability risk assessment with the Georgia Institute of Technology.

For more information on Kimberly-Clark's leading sustainability initiatives and progress towards the company's Sustainability 2015 goals, view K-C's 2011 Sustainability Report – [Full Circle](#).

FEATURE: WOOD YOU BELIEVE IT?



by James Horne

In the past, progress with local authorities on timber procurement has been painfully slow – but now things are starting to change. James Horne explains why WWF has tried for many years to engage with local authorities on the procurement of their wood and paper products, as they are very big end-users. A recent report by WWF-UK, *Barking up the right tree*, showed that out of 124 local authorities that responded to our survey, only

16% had stand-alone procurement policies related to timber or paper. Out of those, only about a third were being monitored at all.

I've been heading up a campaign at WWF-UK helping local authorities set and achieve a series of sustainable timber pledges. It's been our most successful method of engagement with local authorities to date. At a time when councils are having to do more with fewer resources, they've appreciated the added value WWF-UK can bring to improve their responsible procurement processes, and help ensure that they are effectively monitoring their timber or paper procurement policy.

In this Olympic year, we decided to go for some Olympic-themed pledges – *Bronze*, *Silver* and *Gold*.

The uptake to date has been extremely encouraging: 71 councils across the UK have now made 94 pledges between them. Many more were expected to do so by the time the campaign finished at the end of October.

A number of councils have already achieved their Bronze, Silver and Gold pledge certificates for the work they have done. For example, Haringey, Lambeth, Edinburgh, Falkirk, Fife and East Dunbartonshire have all recently achieved silver. Durham became the first council to achieve its gold pledge back in March.

The initiative has been cited by organisations such as *Sustainable Scotland Network* and *CPET* as a very successful way of engaging with councils on responsible procurement. And by promoting the pledges on responsible timber procurement, we're actually helping the UK government implement its own timber procurement policy.

There have been a number of successes since the campaign was launched, including:

- **Supporter activism:** Councils may not necessarily listen to the government or to NGOs, but they do respond to their constituents' demands. Emails sent to council leaders by WWF-UK's supporters and ambassadors have resulted in several councils signing up to a pledge.
- **FSC preference:** Some councils are now considering giving preference to procuring FSC over other certification schemes at their next procurement policy review, due to WWF's influence and positive engagement.
- **Influencing suppliers:** Local authorities are now pushing their suppliers and contractors to supply certified timber. Many small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are being encouraged to go for FSC Group SME chain of custody certification. Previously, it's been hard to engage smaller companies on the issues of responsible procurement, due to the perceived burden of cost and bureaucracy.
- **Best practice sharing:** Councils such as Durham and Edinburgh, which have passed their pledge evaluations, have been sharing best practice tips with other councils and contractors.

Have a look at our *local authorities' section of the WWF-UK website*, to find out whether your local authority has made a pledge. You can also read my local authority campaign blog at: blogs.wwf.org.uk/blog/author/jhorne

FEATURE: WWF SEEKS REAL PROGRESS AT INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON WILDLIFE TRADE



by Heather Sohl

The sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP) to CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) is to be held 3-14 March 2013 in Bangkok, Thailand. With 176 Member States, CITES remains one of the world's most powerful tools for biodiversity conservation through the regulation of international trade in wild fauna and flora.

CITES regulates international trade in close to 35,000 species of plants and animals, including their products and derivatives, in order to ensure their survival in the wild. International trade is banned in those species

already at risk of extinction from overexploitation. For other listed species the CITES permit system seeks to ensure that international trade is sustainable, legal and traceable.

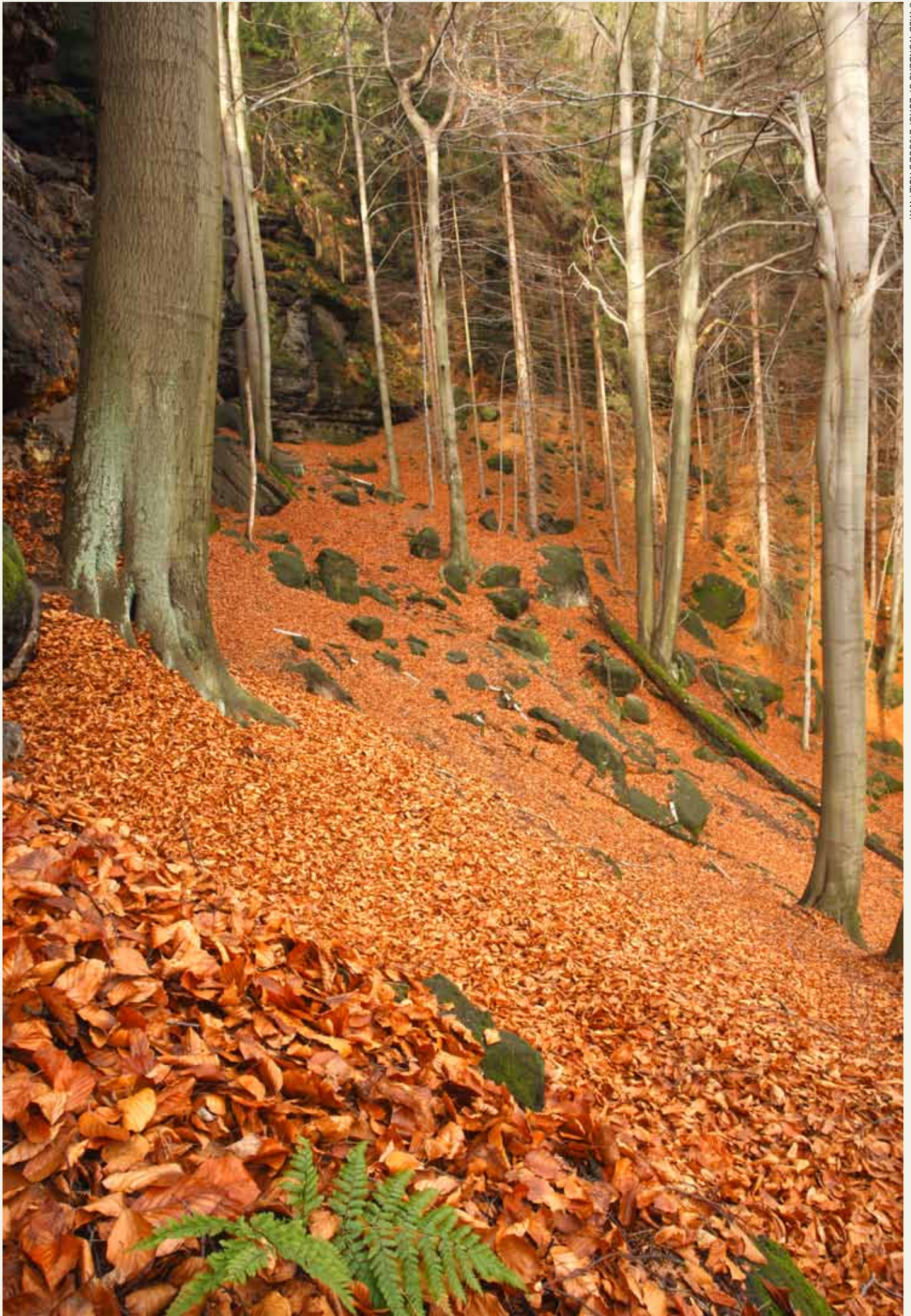
Illegal and unsustainable trade is the major threat to many of WWF's flagship species such as rhinos, elephants and tigers, and they are facing an unprecedented crisis. The rate of rhino poaching in South Africa alone has increased by over 3,000% in the last five years. As such WWF and TRAFFIC, the wildlife trade monitoring network and joint programme of WWF and IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature) have launched a global campaign to stop illegal wildlife trade.

The campaign's goal is to see governments recognise the serious nature of wildlife crime and increase wildlife law enforcement, ensure prosecutions of poachers, smugglers and traders, impose sufficient penalties to act as a deterrent to future wildlife crimes, and implement effective demand reduction strategies.

WWF will be urging all governments at CITES CoP16 to recognise the serious nature of wildlife crime and the extent to which certain parties have failed to implement their commitments under CITES, thus allowing such damaging and often organised crime to flourish. WWF will be calling on all Parties to uphold their commitments and hold other parties to account in cases of non-compliance.

WWF's priorities for the CoP include support for some of the proposals to list timber species on the CITES Appendices. Madagascar have submitted a proposal for their populations of ebony (*Diospyros* spp.) and rosewood (*Dalbergia* spp.) to be listed on Appendix II of CITES (limited to materials such as logs, sawn wood and veneer sheets by an annotation). This would mean that permits would be needed for trade in these species products. These groups of tree species, some of which are endemic, have undergone alarming declines in Madagascar, driven primarily by illegal logging for the international market. This is due to the high value of their timber. Their adoption is an essential component in efforts to combat illegal logging and habitat degradation in that country.

Belize has submitted a proposal for black rosewood (*Dalbergia retusa*), granadillo rosewood (*D. granadillo*) and Honduras rosewoods, (*D. stevensonii*) to be listed on Appendix II. These species were previously the subject of proposals that failed at CoP14 in 2007, when WWF supported the Appendix II listing of the black and granadillo species. Subsequent trade data corroborates the case for listing all three species in Appendix II.



NEW GFTN PARTICIPANTS

See all of the GFTN participants at: www.gftn.panda.org/about_gftn/current_participants

WWF GFTN NEWS

Harmful amendments dropped from Bulgaria's Forest Act

The controversial amendments to Bulgaria's Forest Act, which were adopted by the Bulgarian parliament in June, have been dropped from the final version of the legislation after weeks of massive pressure from environmentalists and citizen groups in Bulgaria. WWF had warned that the amendments would open the door to the plundering of Bulgarian forests, the country's last significant natural resource. Read more at: gftn.panda.org/newsroom

WWF/GFTN participates in ground-breaking FSC pilot project

WWF-Indonesia is partaking in an innovative project, led by the FSC, to address ecosystem services. By highlighting the untapped socio-economic value of ecosystem services, the Forest Certification for Ecosystem Services (ForCES) project aims to contribute towards global efforts to preserve the world's forests and enable forest owners, managers and communities to commit to responsible forest management. Read more at: awsassets.panda.org/downloads/gftn_newsletter_july_2012.pdf

Peru about to reach a million hectares of certified forests

Ten years after WWF began promoting forest certification in Peru, more than one million hectares of the country's will soon be FSC certified forests. Peru has almost 70 million hectares of forest – mostly in the Amazon – and has designated an area similar in size to UK (24,500,000 ha) to productive management. In such an extensive and biodiverse area, achieving forest certification is not an easy task. Read more at: gftn.panda.org/newsroom

Constructing a green future for China's real estate market

With its population and economy growing at a rapid pace, China's appetite for all products is reaching new heights, and forest products are no different. China is one of the world's top wood-producing countries with a forest area that is the fifth largest in the world. But demand far outweighs production, and timber imports have surged in recent years. Read more at: awsassets.panda.org/downloads/gftn_newsletter_july_2012.pdf

Dollar General drops APP due to rainforest destruction concerns

from Mongabay: Dollar General has stopped sourcing paper products from controversial brand Asia Pulp and Paper (APP). The US retailer is one of 20 companies WWF has targeted for selling APP-sourced tissue and paper towels.

Read more at: news.mongabay.com/2012/1010-hance-dollar-general-app.html#UeX5h46dpzu46B2G.99

GFTN works with forest concessionaire to protect Borneo pygmy elephants

WWF, through GFTN, is working with a forestry company in the Heart of Borneo to protect endangered pygmy elephants. With palm oil plantations increasingly encroaching on its forest home, the rare subspecies has come into conflict with the human population, damaging oil palm trees belonging to communities and plantation companies. PT. Adimitra Lestari is developing a forest management practice that integrates logging with conserving the Borneo pygmy elephants' habitat and home range as it works toward FSC certification. Read more at:

awsassets.panda.org/downloads/gftn_newsletter_july_2012.pdf

GFTN and NWFA sign agreement to advance responsible forestry

GFTN has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Wood Flooring Association (NWFA) to help drive responsible forestry in key regions such as the Amazon, Southeast Asia, Congo Basin, China, Russian Far East and North American forests. The NWFA provides technical support and training for wood flooring professionals. Read more at: gftn.panda.org/newsroom

GFTN regional/country factsheets

GFTN regional/country factsheets give insight into areas 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 contact person (updated on June 2012). Download these factsheets at: gftn.panda.org/newsroom



OTHER WWF/ FORESTS NEWS

Global Witness publishes 2011 Annual Transparency Report

from Global Witness: This report assesses 20 indicators on key aspects of forest sector governance, using a traffic lights system. It covers Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, Ghana, Guatemala, Liberia and Peru. Read more at: www.foresttransparency.info

New report compares timber import requirements to safeguard biodiversity

from TRAFFIC: TRAFFIC has launched a document analysing and comparing the requirements for legally importing timber into the EU under various regulatory systems. The report will help inform discussions on safeguards for biodiversity under the UN's REDD+ scheme, which aims to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and promote conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries (REDD+). Read more at: www.traffic.org/home/2012/10/11/new-report-compares-timber-import-requirements-to-safeguard.html

FSC tackles EUTR/certification issues

from TTJ Online: A new FSC publication tackles the issue of how timber product certification will work in the context of the EU Timber Regulation (EUTR). To view the whole document visit www.fsc-uk.org/?p=3908

FSC to hold briefing session during London Pulp Week

FSC will be hosting a briefing session during London Pulp Week to be held on Thursday 8 November. Staff from FSC International Centre and FSC-UK will provide updates, with the chief subject matter being how FSC is adapting its standards to help companies meet the due diligence requirements of the imminent EU Timber Regulation. The intention is to allow plenty of time for Q & A. For more information please contact Olivia Davies at FSC-UK: Olivia@fsc-uk.org

Organised crime trade worth over US\$30 billion responsible for up to 90% of tropical deforestation

from UNEP: Between 50% and 90% of logging in key tropical countries of the Amazon basin, Central Africa and Southeast Asia is being carried out by organised crime, threatening efforts to combat climate change, stop deforestation, conserve wildlife and eradicate poverty. Read more at: www.unep.org/newscentre/default.aspx?DocumentID=2694&ArticleID=9286

FSC-certified forest area in Germany set to double by 2014

from FSC.org: A change in the political landscape has brought good news for Germany's forests. In 2011 more "FSC-friendly" governments were elected in several federal states. Read more at: www.fsc.org/newsroom

FSC 2011 Annual Report now available

from FSC.org: A special video introduction by Director General Andre de Freitas highlights some of the events that made 2011 a landmark year for FSC. Read more at: www.fsc.org/newsroom

FSC appoints new Director General

from FSC.org: Kim Carstensen took over as FSC Director General on 1 October. With 20 years' executive experience at WWF, he has an extraordinary track record in multi-stakeholder leadership on complex social and environmental issues. Read more at: <http://www.fsc.org/newsroom>

Wood and fibre testing to support FSC certification

from FSC.org: Recently, the media has been abuzz with stories of illegal wood making its way into mainstream products. Recent legislative changes in Europe and the United States will go some way to crack down on the trade in illegal wood, but certification systems like FSC have an important role to play as well. Read more at: www.fsc.org/newsroom

Illim pulp building two new Siberian pulp mills

from Paparistas (Twitter) & The Paper Index Times: Illim Group is completing construction of the world's largest softwood pulp line in Bratsk, Siberia, an investment of approximately US\$800 million, and is building a new paper production line in Koryazhma at a cost of US\$270 million. Both projects will be completed by the end of 2012 and production will start flowing into markets during the first quarter of 2013. Read more at: <http://bit.ly/QNykrB>

FSC boosts Russian operations

from TTJ online: RusForest, a Swedish forestry company with operations in Russia, is aiming to increase its sales reach after achieving FSC certification. RusForest has forest management and chain of custody certificates for three harvesting areas of 2.6 million hectares and chain of custody certificates for three sawmills and its exporting business. Read more at: www.ttjonline.com

Ukraine State Forestry Agency to introduce electronic wood management system

from Kyiv Post, Ukraine: The State Forestry Agency of Ukraine is planning to introduce an electronic wood management system by the end of the year to prevent illegal logging. Read more at: www.kyivpost.com/content/ukraine/state-forestry-agency-to-introduce-electronic-wood-management-system-by-end-of-year-313050.html

Report: Illegal logging in Mexico's monarch butterfly reserve down to near zero

from The Washington Post: Illegal logging has practically been eliminated in the western Mexico wintering grounds of the monarch butterfly, according to a research report recently released. Mexican officials now hope to use the successful programme of anti-logging patrols and payments to rural residents to solve other forestry conflicts throughout the country. Read more at: www.washingtonpost.com/world/the_americas/report-illegal-logging-in-mexicos-monarch-butterfly-reserve-down-to-near-zero/2012/08/15/0803d78e-e6fb-11e1-9739-eef99c5fb285_story.html

Tanzania: community forestry programme ready for launch

from allAfrica.com: A much-awaited community forestry programme is finally being launched. Mama Msitu aims to empower people to know the value of their forest reserves and to combat illegal logging. Read more at: allafrica.com/stories/201207300240.html

East Africa's forests shrink, especially near parks

from Planet Ark (Reuters): Forests in East Africa have shrunk over the past years, especially around the fringes of parks, complicating efforts to protect wildlife and fight climate change, a recent study has shown. Read more at: planetark.org/wen/66064

Uganda: Government maintains timber ban

from AllAfrica.com: The Ugandan has announced a raft of stringent measures aimed at halting runaway deforestation in the country. A ban on timber harvesting, introduced in March, was expected to remain in place until new licences were agreed to streamline harvesting and trade in timber, improve governance and curb illegal timber trade. Read more at: allafrica.com/stories/201207130982.html

Calls to halt natural forest exploitation by 2013

from Viet Nam News: The Tay Nguyen Steering Committee has urged the government to ban natural forest exploitation in the region by early next year to protect and preserve the picturesque Central Highlands. The request will not apply to forest businesses in possession of an international sustainable forest development certificate, the committee said. Read more at: vietnamnews.vnagency.com.vn/Environment/230996/calls-to-halt-natural-forest-exploitation-by-2013.html

Indonesia denies it has any indigenous peoples

from Survival International: The government of Indonesia has responded to UN recommendations to recognise the rights of its indigenous peoples by claiming that none live in Indonesia. In fact, Indonesia is home to an estimated 50-70 million indigenous and tribal people. Read more at: www.survivalinternational.org/news/8710

Will APP turn over a new leaf?

from Mongabay.com: The Forest Trust (TFT) is working with Asia Pulp & Paper (APP) to implement and monitor a new sustainability programme, raising hopes that the controversial paper giant may finally be taking action to improve its environmental performance. Read more at news.mongabay.com/2012/0926-tft-app-interview.html

Indonesia ramps up criticism of Australia Illegal Timber Bill

from ICTSD: Indonesia has amplified its call for Australia to drop attempts at imposing restrictions on timber imports. Denny Lesmana, first secretary for economic affairs at Indonesia's embassy in Canberra, said he lamented Australia's refusal to postpone the landmark timber trade bill, stating that Jakarta had hoped to have the situation settled by now. Read more at: ictsd.org/i/news/biores/145029/?utm_content=cathypriddy%40btinternet.com&utm_source=VerticalResponse&utm_medium=Email&utm_term=Indonesia%20Ramps-Up%20Criticism%20of%20Australia%20Illegal%20Timber%20Bill&utm_campaign=News%20Digest%2

Indonesia Ministry of Forestry launches timber legality information system

from ACN Newswire: Indonesian forestry minister H E Zulkifli Hasan has launched the Timber Legality Information System (Sistem Informasi Legalitas Kayu/SILK), a new mechanism for assuring the legality and sustainability of Indonesian timber. Read more at: www.marketwatch.com/story/the-ministry-of-forestry-of-indonesia-launches-the-timber-legality-information-system-2012-08-01

Indonesian government helps small timber product firms get SVLK certification

from the Jakarta Post: Small-scale businesses that work with wood, such as handicraft producers in Bali and furniture makers in Jepara, East Java, will be able to get their products certified now that the government is subsidising those who join its certification programme. Read more at: www.thejakartapost.com/news/2012/08/03/govt-helps-small-timber-product-firms-get-svlk-certification.html

Two tigers killed by snares, and one teenager mauled to death

from EoF News: Human and Sumatran tiger conflicts have escalated in Riau province in recent months. Two endangered tigers were found dead in snares and a teenager labourer was fatally attacked by a tiger in three separate incidents. Read more at: www.eyesontheforest.or.id

Burma warns of deforestation crisis

from Mongabay.com: An official warned that Myanmar is facing a deforestation crisis due to poor forest management, illegal logging, and fuelwood collection, reports Chinese state media. Read more at: news.mongabay.com

Thai soldiers kill 38 Cambodian illegal loggers in 6 months: report

from MySinchew.com: Thirty-eight Cambodian people were shot dead by Thai armed forces during the first six months of this year when they crossed the border to log in Thai territory, according to a report of the Cambodia-Thailand Border Relation Office recently released to the media. Read more at: www.mysinchew.com/node/76517?tid=37

Gibson Guitars held accountable

from EIA International.org: Gibson Guitars' long-overdue acknowledgement of Lacey Act violations has landed the firm with US\$600,000 of penalties for importing illegal wood. The Criminal Enforcement Agreement with the US government, reached in August, sets a clear benchmark for EU governments' implementation of the EU Timber Regulation. Read more at: www.eia-international.org/gibson-guitars-held-accountable

Deforestation now driven by profit, not poverty

from Mongabay.com: The main drivers of deforestation worldwide are no longer subsistence-level farmers trying to put food on their tables, but corporations converting massive tracts of land for industrial agriculture. But this offers a rare opportunity for conservation, according to Rhett Butler, founder of the Mongabay environmental news website. Read more at: blog.cifor.org/10382/deforestation-now-driven-by-profit-not-poverty/#.UJBfNMVPdsl

Second generation of biofuels could give forests a break

from RTCC: Biofuel has been criticised for propelling deforestation, but second-generation biofuels have the potential to one day supply a larger proportion of our fuel sustainably, experts say. Read more at: www.rtcc.org/nature/second-generation-of-biofuels-could-give-forests-a-break



GFTN AT A GLANCE

(as of JULY 2012)

Quick GFTN Statistics:

Located across **34** countries, GFTN engages with companies committed to responsible forest management and trade around the world.

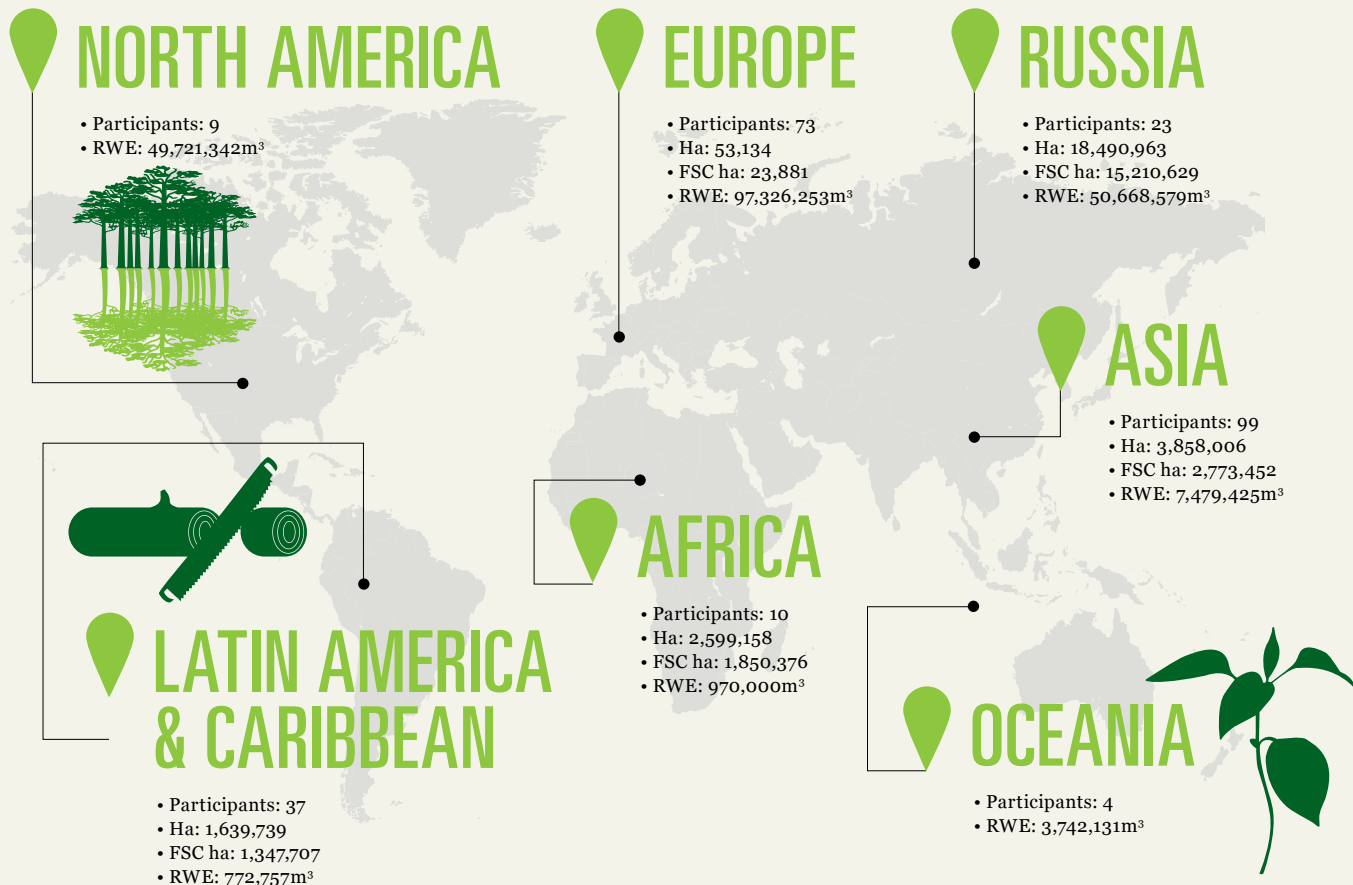
GFTN participants: As of 28 August 2012

GFTN works with approximately **250** companies employing over **1.5 million** people

- support **800** local families in community operations
- manage nearly 21 million hectares of credibly certified forests and further manage **5.4 million hectares** in progress to certification
- are responsible for **14%** of the global total of FSC-certified forest area
- sell **US\$64 billion** in forest products annually or an estimated 17% of the global total of forest products traded
- trade **12%** of the global harvest of industrial round wood (logs)
- engage in trade deals with other participants worth over **US\$111 million**

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

gftn.panda.org/about_gftn/current_participants



FSC GLOBAL UPDATES

FSC-certified forest area by continent:

As of October 2012

Total global FSC-certified area: **164,614,297 ha**

Number of countries: **80**

Total number of forest management certificates: **1,154**

For maps and data on FSC; FSC-certified forests by country; regional totals of FSC chain of custody certificates; and regional totals of FSC forest management certificates:

www.fsc.org/facts-figures.19.htm

For more information, please visit: www.fsc.org

USEFUL WWF DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS

WWF GFTN-UK Annual Report 2011/12



WWF, September 2012

GFTN has been working in the UK for just over 20 years, and we are still seeing great changes towards more responsible forest trade, to make a better future for global forests, and the people and nature that depend on them.

Learn about how we work with committed businesses to make a difference to the world's forest resources by

leafing through our new 2011/2012 interactive report, with videos, stories and photo galleries showing how we are all working towards sustainability.

You can download the full report at: assets.wwf.org.uk/custom/gftn

The 2050 Criteria: Guide to Responsible Investment in Agricultural, Forest and Seafood Commodities



WWF, September 2012

Combining scientific, industry and financial insights, The 2050 Criteria is a seminal guide to navigating the dynamic landscape of 21st century investing in food, fibre and biofuel markets. Serving as a field guide for investors to enter mainstream agricultural, forest and seafood commodities in a responsible manner, The 2050 Criteria provides a framework to identify responsible practices in 10 key soft commodity sectors around the globe.

You can download the full report at: wwf.panda.org/what_we_do/how_we_work/businesses/transforming_markets/solutions/methodology/commodity_financing/2050_criteria

Living Planet Report

WWF, May 2012

The latest edition of the Living Planet Report was released in May 2012.

You can download the full report at: wwf.panda.org/livingplanet

Barking up the right tree?



WWF, April 2012

A study of UK local authorities' timber procurement policies.

Download the report at:

assets.wwf.org.uk/downloads/wwf_timber_report.pdf

Government Barometer 2012

WWF, February 2012

WWF carried out our first 'Government Barometer on Illegal Logging and Trade' in early 2004. It was a gauge of how committed EU member state governments were to implementing the FLEGT Action Plan agreed in 2003. Our 2012 barometer is the 5th edition, and comes after a four-year break.

View the results at: barometer.wwf.org.uk

WWF-UK Annual Review 2011



WWF, January 2012

Our free, interactive online Annual Review is full of page-turning highlights from the past 12 months – including videos that bring our projects to life, wildlife photos and wallpapers to share, and unique views of our work.

You can download the full report at:

assets.wwf.org.uk/custom/annual_review/2011

Framework for assessing legality of forestry operations, timber processing and trade



WWF & TRAFFIC, December 2011

By providing information on a forest-focused subset of applicable laws and regulations in a clear and accessible manner, this legality framework can help both regulators and companies, in countries of export and import, to verify that timber and other forest products contribute to sustainable forest management.

Download this report at: gftn.panda.org/newsroom/?202483/Framework-for-Assessing-Legality-of-Forestry-Operations-Timber-Processing-and-Trade

Woods from Peru: A catalogue of Peru's lesser-known timber species

WWF, June 2011

Woods from Peru is a catalogue of 40 Peruvian Amazon lesser-known timber species, providing details such as wood characteristics, technical advice and what they can be used for.

Download this report at: gftn.panda.org/resources

WWF Check Your Paper database

WWF, January 2011

This tool rates the environmental quality of the paper-making process for a given product, including how well forests supplying fibre are managed, use of recycled fibre, fossil CO2 emissions, waste going to landfills 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

GFTN's guide to legal and responsible sourcing

WWF, June 2010

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

Interact with the report at: sourcing.gftn.panda.org

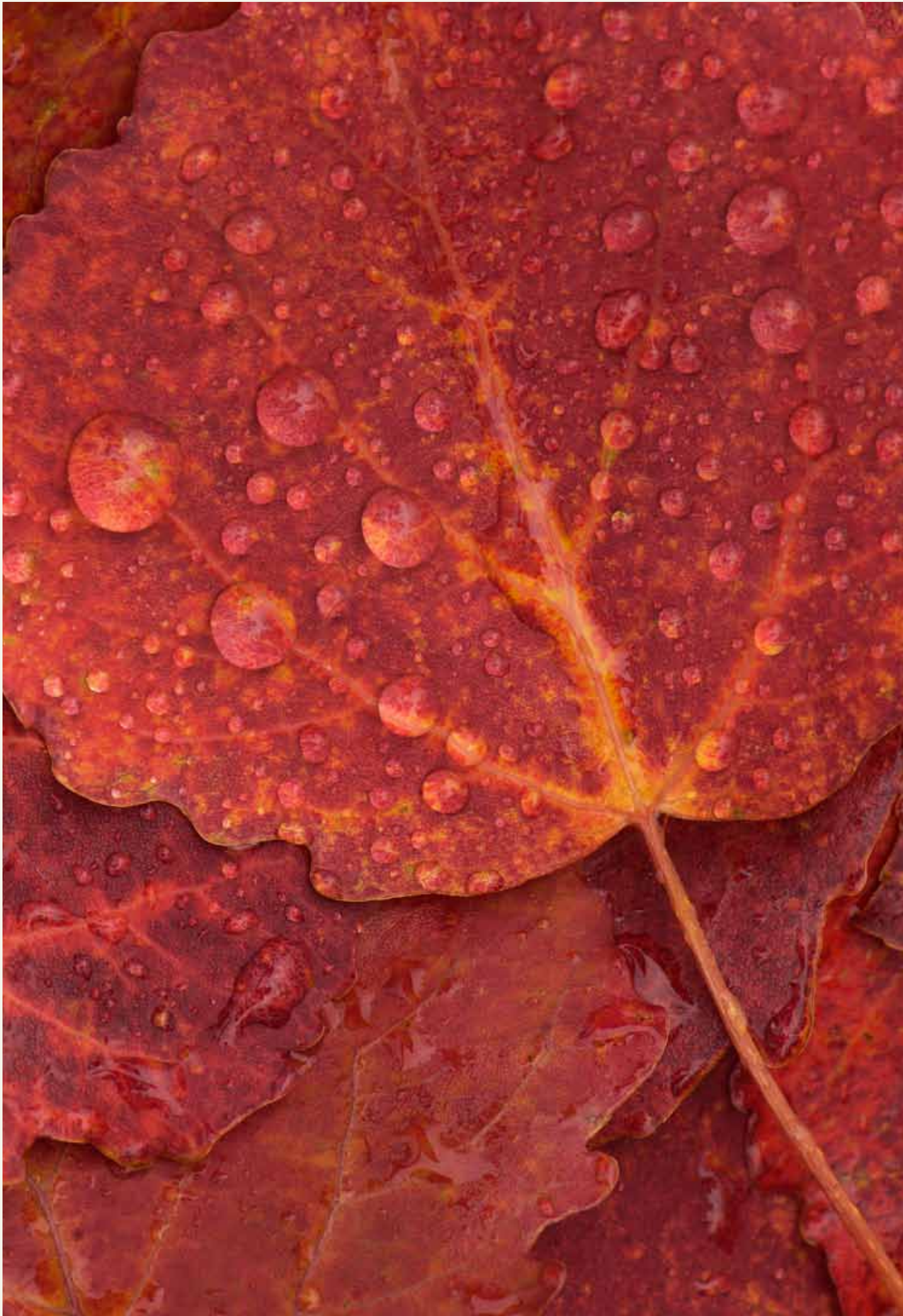
Exporting in a shifting legal landscape



WWF, June 2010

GFTN's guide to legal exports, Exporting in a Shifting Legal Landscape, is aimed at companies that currently export, or intend to export, forest products to the US market. It allows companies to assess their own performance and offers advice on how they can meet the needs of their customers in the US—who are required to know that the forest products they import have been legally harvested and traded.

Download this report at: www.gftn.panda.org/resources/tools



USEFUL WEBSITES

Eyes on the forest:

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

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

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 that verify they don't source non-FSC-certified material from controversial sources.

FSC-UK product & supplier database:

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

This database contains an ever-expanding range of FSC-certified organisations and authorised retailers in the UK (but not all). It should not be used for checking the validity of certificates but can be used to search for FSC-certified products and suppliers in the UK.

FSC-UK:

www.fsc-uk.org

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

IUCN red list of threatened species:

www.iucnredlist.org

Illegal logging:

www.illegal-logging.info

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

Transparency International:

www.transparency.org

Transparency International's 2011 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.

WWF Check Your Paper:

checkyourpaper.panda.org

The Check Your Paper scheme is WWF's global benchmarking tool for responsible producers, buyers, merchants and other distributors of paper products. It also provides a virtual meeting place for organisations who want to act sustainably and transparently when producing or buying paper products.

WWF International forest news and publications:

wwf.panda.org/forests

WWF forest position statements:

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

WWF GFTN-UK website:

wwf.org.uk/ftn

WWF Global Forest & Trade Network:

www.gftn.panda.org

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

WWF New generation plantations project:

www.newgenerationplantations.com

The New Generation Plantations project, a collaboration between WWF and private and public sector forestry organisations, is developing a set of principles for environmentally and socially responsible plantations. The site includes case studies of good plantation management.

WWF: 6 Steps to Responsible Paper Purchasing:

checkyourpaper.panda.org/paperbuyingtips

WWF-UK forest research information:

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.'

	<p>Why we are here To stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature.</p> <p>wwf.org.uk</p>
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