

LIST OF CHINA'S MoUs RELATED TO FORESTRY: AS OF MARCH 2020

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China is the largest timber importer in the world. Its imported timber comes from more than 100 countries, and some of them, particularly those tropical timber producing countries have experienced weak forest governance. Thus, China plays an important role in promoting global forest governance and combating illegal logging and related trade.

China's policy approach to addressing its import of forest products which are at high risk of having been illegally harvested has to date mainly been to develop voluntary guidelines and Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) of collaboration with other countries around the world, which themselves are non-binding. China views bilateral MoUs as a common way of setting up a communication mechanism with partner country, and specifying collaboration. It is a common practice to set up a working group or task force under a MoU.

China signs numerous MoUs with other countries for collaboration in different sectors. The National Forests and Grasslands Agency, however, has been more active than other ministries such as the Ministry of Ecology and the Environment. NGOs have played important roles in facilitating some MoUs. For example, the MoU between China and Mozambique was largely supported by WWF, and the Chinese NGO GEI played an important role facilitating the MoU signed between China and Myanmar.

The following is a list of MoUs that China has established with other countries in the realm of forestry collaboration, as of March 2020. This list is by no means inclusive. The focus of the MoUs can range from illegal logging and associated trade specifically, CITES, or on forest products trade and sustainable forest management in general. Some remain unpublished.



	Parties	Type	title/content	Notes
2019	China-New Zealand	MoA	Memorandum of Arrangement between NFGA and the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries on Forestry Cooperation	available at http://www.forestry.gov.cn/main/5069/
2018	China-Mozambique	MoU	on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade, Forest products processing industry, Afforestation and forestry tending	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/main/5071/20181102/180657611948455.html
2018	China-Germany	Joint Declaration of Intent	On the establishment of a Forest Policy Facility	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/main/5071/20181102/182251052270122.html
2017	China-Sri Lanka	MoU	on cooperation in the field of natural resources conservation	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/main/5071/20181106/194103173942703.html
2017	China-Laos	MoU	on afforestation and tree planting, forest protection and sustainable forest management, wildlife protection, forest law enforcement and forest management, forestry industry development, wood products trade	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/main/5071/20181113/193628273923192.html
2017	China-Ethiopia	MoU	on forestry cooperation	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/main/5071/20181112/200530232146439.html
2017	China-Myanmar	MoU	on Cooperation to combat illegal timber trade	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/main/5071/20181112/200933580447692.html
2016	China-Russia	MoU	on forestry legislation and law enforcement, sustainable forest management, forest monitoring and forest inventory, forest protection and utilization, combating illegal logging and related trade, desertification control, forestry investment	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/main/5071/20181114/132020556634993.html
2016	China-Cambodia	MoU	between SFA & Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/main/5071/20181113/194435370385729.html
2016	China-Vietnam	MoU	Cooperation in the field of forestry	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/main/5071/20181113/194838092696678.html
2016	China-Uruguay	MoU	on forest cultivation, sustainable forest management, forestry investment and forest products trade, forest resource conservation and utilization, forestry science and technology research , forestry information and forestry policy research	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/main/5071/20181113/194043459161336.html
2016	China-ASEAN	Nanning Initiative/Action Plan	Exchange and cooperation with ASEAN member states on forestry mitigation and adaptation to climate change, forest products industry and related trade, forestry science and technology, wildlife protection, and forestry disaster prevention	

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2015	China-Slovenia	MoU	on cooperation in the field of forestry	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/
2015	China-Slovenia	MoU	on the establishment of the coordination mechanism for the cooperation in forestry between China and Central and Eastern European countries	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/main/5071/20181114/134257906765002.html
2015	China-Fiji	MoU	on Cooperation in the field of forestry	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/
2015	China-Germany	Joint Declaration of Intent	on cooperation in the field of CITES	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/
2015	China-Uganda	MoU	on Cooperation in the fields of forestry and ecological conservation	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/
2014	China-Poland	MoU	on Cooperation in the field of forestry	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/
2014	China-Tanzania	MoU	on cooperation in the fields of wildlife and natural resources conservation	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/main/5071/20160120/894011.html
2014	China-Kenya		on Cooperation in the fields of forestry and ecological conservation	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/
2014	China-S Korea	MoU	on cooperation in the field of wildlife and ecosystem conservation	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/
2014	China-Romania	MoU	on cooperation in the field of forests, wetland conservation and wildlife protection	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/
2013	China-Switzerland	MoU	on cooperation in the field of forestry	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/
2013	China-Peru	MoU	on Cooperation in the field of forestry	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/
2013	China-EU	Cooperation Agreement	on CITES related matters	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/
2012	China-Mexico	MoU	on cooperation in the field of forestry	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/
2012	China-Japan-ROK	A part of FTA negotiation	Joint statement on cooperation in sustainable forest management, combating desertification and wildlife protection.	Annual DG meetings are then hosted in turns by three countries' forestry administrations, starting from 2014.
2011	China-Japan	MoU	to coordinate efforts on illegal timber trade	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/
2010	China-Indonesia	MoU	on Cooperation in the field of forestry	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/
2010	China-Vietnam	MoU	on forestry policies, reducing deforestation, combating climate change, forest fire prevention, forest pest control, forest law enforcement etc.	replaced by the MoU signed in 2016

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2010	China-Nepal	MoU	forest protection and sustainable forest management, forestry industry development, wood products trade	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/main/5071/20160120/861241.html
2010	China-the Republic of Congo	MoU	on Cooperation on forestry	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/
2009	China-Australia	MoU	on combatting illegal logging and associated trade in support of sustainable forest management	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/
2009	China-EU	BCM	on Forest Law Enforcement and Governance	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/
2008	China-US	MoU	on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/
2007	China-Germany	Agreement	Concerning cooperation in the fields of forestry, forest industries and wildlife management	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/
2006	China-India	Agreement	on forestry cooperation	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/
2006	China-South Africa	MoU	on cooperation in the field of forestry	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/
2006	China-Cote D'Ivoire	MoU	on Cooperation in the field of forestry	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/
2002	China-Greece	MoU	on forestry policies, reducing deforestation	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/
2002	China-Indonesia	MoU	Concerning cooperation in combatting illegal trade of forest products	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/
2002	China-UK	MoU	on forestry cooperation	http://www.forestry.gov.cn/
1998	China-Canada	MoU	on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade, Scientific research, technical cooperation, training	A joint working group was formed. MoU was signed in 1998 with general terms of collaboration, combating IL was addressed in recent years. http://www.forestry.gov.cn/
2017	Guyana	Country guidelines	Sustainable Forest Management Timber Processing Legality of Timber Trade Protection of Ecological Environment Community Relation	Not officially published
2017	Gabon	Country guidelines	Sustainable Forest Management Timber Processing Legality of Timber Trade Protection of Ecological Environment Community Relation	
2017	Myanmar	Country guidelines	Sustainable Forest Management Timber Processing Legality of Timber Trade Protection of Ecological Environment Community Relation	