Global Illegal Logging and Associated Trade (ILAT) Risk Data Tool

User Guide

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Data Tool Overview

The Global Illegal Logging and Associated Trade (ILAT) Risk Data Tool (ILAT Risk Data Tool) allows users to access global timber and pulp & paper trade flows to identify, quantify and visualize key information which can help raise flags on the risk of illegal timber entering a supply chain.

The tool is comprised of six different tabs which are described in more detail below. Each type of tab is replicated for analyses of both Trade Value (US$) and Netweight (kg), bringing the total number of tabs included in the tool to twelve. The first three types of tabs (Country Analysis, Region Analysis, Product Analysis) provide bar-chart visualizations displaying the value of trade by country, region and forest product respectively. Three additional tabs (Exports to Regulated Markets, Import Risk Analysis, and Imports from LER/SER Markets) display the scale of trade with the growing number of countries that have enacted timber import measures designed to exclude illegal timber from entering their markets, the scale of imports based on source country “risk” (see Methodology for further information on our approach to defining risk in the context of this work), and the scale of logs and sawnwood sourced from countries that have active legislation restricting such exports.

This tool is designed to facilitate the simultaneous use of multiple tabs. As such, users can switch between tabs without the data visualizations resetting, allowing for easy comparison. Users can apply various filters within each tab to develop data visualizations on the specific trade flows of interest, as described in greater detail below.

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1 Examples of regulations that seek to exclude illegal timber include the U.S. Lacey Act, the Australian Illegal Logging Prohibition Act, the European Union Timber Regulation, the Japanese Clean Wood Act and the Korean Act on the Sustainable Use of Timbers. See page 5 of this User Guide for more details.


Chart Legends

Chart legends refer to the items being colorized - in essence, the fields by which each visualization is sorting the data. For the Country Analysis, Region Analysis, Product Analysis, and Imports from LER/SER Markets tabs, colorized legends are listed by increasing order of trade value (US$) or netweight (kg) over the entire time frame of this analysis (2012 – 2019). The order of these legends will automatically change with every visualization created by the user. For the Exports to Regulated Markets and Import Risk Analysis tabs, the colorized legends remain static, and will always be listed in the same order (e.g. “Lower Risk”, “Medium Risk”, “Higher Risk” in that exact order, or “Import Measure in Effect” below “No Import Measure”).

Filters

Each tab contains a number of filters that allow the user to examine specific trade relationships by removing unwanted data from the visualization. Users can apply multiple filters simultaneously within a given tab, and applying one or several filters in a given tab does not affect the data in other tabs. This data tool makes use of two different kinds of filters:

1. **Multi-item Dropdown Filters.** Most filters within the data tool follow this format. In the default setting, users will see a small box with the text “(All)” and a small arrow.

   ![Forest Product Dropdown](image)

   Clicking on the arrow opens a list of fields that users can check on or check off. Only the data that is checked will appear on the visualization. Several (or all) fields within a filter can be checked simultaneously.

   - (All)
   - Casks & Barrels
   - Charcoal
   - Densified wood
   - Fiberboard

   Users can also search for a specific field within a filter by typing within the empty box at the top or bottom of the list of fields.

   ![Year Dropdown](image)

   ![Insert text here](image)

2. **Slider Filters.** Only the Partner Country Risk Score filter follows this format. Users can adjust the minimum and maximum values of this field on a sliding scale; the visualization will exclude all Risk Scores that are below the specified minimum or above the specified maximum value.
Clicking on the button on the top right (with a small red “x”) will reset the filter to its default setting.

**Default Visualizations**

For all tabs excluding the *Imports from LER/SER Markets* tab, no filters are active in the default view. Users will have to check on each relevant filter to achieve their desired visualization.

For the *Imports from LER/SER Markets* tab, two filters are automatically checked: 1) the Forest Product filter has been set to “Logs”, excluding other products, and 2) the Partner Country Log Export Restriction (LER) filter has been set to “Active LER”. This is to facilitate analyses of log imports in potential contravention of source country legislation. If the user wishes to examine sawnwood imports from countries with an active sawnwood export ban, the user must change the values in the Forest Product, Partner Country Log Export Restriction (LER) and Partner Country Sawnwood Export Restriction (SER) filters.

**Forest Product**

- [Logs](#)

**Partner Country Log Export Restriction (LER)**

- [Active LER](#)

**Partner Country Sawnwood Export Restriction (SER)**

- [All](#)

The filters currently available on the ILAT Risk data tool are:

- **Reporting Country**: Country or countries that reported trade data under relevant Harmonized System (HS) Codes\(^4\) to UN Comtrade.\(^5\) Selecting specific fields within this filter allows users to only examine trade reported by one or several countries of interest. Selecting all values allows users to examine global imports or exports of forest products.

- **Trade Flow**: Imports, exports, re-imports and re-exports\(^6\) as reported by the Reporting Country or Countries.

- **Trade Year**: this refers to the calendar year of reported trade data.

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\(^4\) Forest Trends downloaded trade data for 33 Harmonized System (HS) Codes under Chapters 48, 44 (4401 - 4421), 47 (4701 - 4705) and 94 (940161, 940169, 940330, 940340, 940350, and 940360), covering the forest products potentially relevant to ILAT risk. For further information, see Methodology at Forest Trends, 2022.

\(^5\) In certain instances, Forest Trends estimated Reporting Country data by using globally-reported import and export data. For details, see Methodology at Forest Trends, 2022.

\(^6\) Re-imports are goods imported in the same state as previously exported. Re-exports are exports of foreign goods in the same state as previously imported.
Partner Country Region: this refers to the geographic region of the Trading Partner Country or Countries. These denominations were grouped by Forest Trends, based partly on the regional groupings defined by the United Nations\textsuperscript{7} and the World Bank.\textsuperscript{8}

Partner Country Subregion: this refers to a more detailed geographic description of the Trading Partner Country or Countries. These denominations were grouped by Forest Trends, based partly on the regional groupings defined by the United Nations and the World Bank.

Trading Partner Country: this refers to the country or countries with which the selected Reporting Country is trading.

Forest Product HS Code: this refers to the 2-, 4- or 6-digit Harmonized System (HS) Codes for commonly traded forest products as developed by the World Customs Organization.

Forest Product: this refers to the common trade name of major forest products.\textsuperscript{9} Note that the Imports from LER/SER Markets tab contains a simplified version of this filter, grouping all forest products other than logs and sawnwood together as “Other Forest Products - Do Not Use in LER/SER Analysis.” This is intended to clarify to the user that this tab is designed to only examine exports of logs and/or sawnwood – not other forest products.

Forest Product Type: this allows the user to filter between Timber products (HS Codes 4401 - 4421 and 94) and Pulp & Paper products (HS Codes 47 and 48).

Partner Country Import Measure: this refers to the existence of Partner Country regulations designed to exclude illegally-logged timber from their markets for wood product imports. These “demand-side” regulations include the European Union Timber Regulation, the U.S. Lacey Act, and the Australian Illegal Prohibition Act (see Figure 1 below), as well as Colombia’s Resolution No. 1367 of 2000 (not pictured). Timber and Pulp & Paper products that are illegally sourced in their countries of origin and exported into these countries are considered illegal in their destination markets. Some measures are more comprehensive in scope, implementation and enforcement than others. As this filter is based on partner country data, it is meant to be applied when analyzing source country exports; it is not designed to examine imports by “regulated markets.”


\textsuperscript{9} The term “forest products” is used to refer to timber products (including furniture) plus pulp and paper. While the term “forest products” is often used more broadly to cover non-timber and non-wood products such as mushrooms, botanicals, and wildlife, for Forest Trends analysis, “forest products” is used to refer to timber products plus pulp and paper.

\textsuperscript{10} Timber products include all wood products under HS codes of Chapter 44 and wood furniture products under HS codes of Chapter 94 (HS940161, HS940169, HS940330, HS940340, HS940350, and HS940360).
The data included in this ILAT Risk data tool extends back to 2012. Therefore, while certain countries passed import regulations in preceding years, the following countries are considered to have an “Import Measure in Effect” for the following years of data within this tool:

- Colombia: 2012 – 2019
- USA: 2012 – 2019
- Australia: 2013 – 2019
- EU + EFTA: 2013 – 2019
- Canada: 2014 – 2019
- Indonesia: 2016 – 2019
- Japan: 2017 – 2019
- Malaysia: 2017 – 2019

All other countries, as well as the above-mentioned countries in years preceding their import control measures (e.g. Rep. of Korea prior to 2018), are considered to have “No Import Measure” under this filter.

- **Partner Country Risk Score**: this refers to the ILAT Risk Score assigned to each Partner Country. The ILAT Risk Score indicates the potential governance and harvest risk associated with a source country directly trading with an importer, and is not a reflection

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12 All references to “EU + EFTA” signify the 27 Member States of the European Union, as well as Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.
of trade value or volume.\textsuperscript{13} ILAT Risk Scores reflect Preferred by Nature’s Timber Risk Scores,\textsuperscript{14} which measure the risk of illegality occurring in 21 areas of law relevant to timber legality for 66 countries, as well as Forest Trends Governance Scores, which provide average relative governance and corruption risk scores for 211 countries globally.\textsuperscript{15} Higher ILAT Risk Scores are associated with greater governance and corruption challenges. An average of both the Preferred by Nature and Forest Trends scores has been calculated for 66 countries where both are available. For all other countries, the ILAT Risk Score reflects their Forest Trends Governance Scores. Countries scoring less than 25 are considered “Lower Risk”, countries scoring between 25 and 50 are “Medium Risk” and countries scoring above 50 are “Higher Risk”. It is important to note that it is possible to source illegal wood from a well-governed, “Lower Risk” state and it is also possible to source legal wood from a “Higher Risk” country. As such, the risk scores can only give an indication of the likely level of illegal logging in a country and ultimately speaks to the risk of corruption and poor governance undermining rule of law in the forest sector.

- **Partner Country Risk Profile:** this refers to a risk category based on a given Partner Country’s Risk Score and its inclusion on the World Bank Harmonized List of Fragile Situations (see Methodology for further details). The Risk Profiles are as follows:
  - Risk Score of 0 - 24.99: Lower Risk
  - Risk Score of 25 - 49.99: Medium Risk
  - Risk Score of 50 - 100: Higher Risk
  - No Risk Score: Unknown Risk
  - Conflict State: Based on the World Bank Harmonized List of Fragile Situations (2021).\textsuperscript{16} These designations are:
    - Conflict State (High Intensity Conflict)
    - Conflict State (Medium Intensity Conflict)
    - Conflict State (High Institutional and Social Fragility)

- **Partner Country Log Export Restriction (LER):** this refers to the existence of Partner Country regulations that partially or completely prohibit the export of logs. Exports of logs from countries with active Log Export Restrictions signal a need for additional risk assessment and mitigation actions to ensure the legality of such trade. For the purposes of trade data, a LER is considered “active” in years in which the LER is reported to be in

\textsuperscript{13} For a full list of 2022 ILAT Risk Scores for each country and details on their calculations, see Methodology at Forest Trends, 2022.


\textsuperscript{15} For a full list of 2022 Forest Trends Governance Scores for each country and details on their calculations, see Methodology at Forest Trends, 2022.

effect for at least a majority of the year (see Methodology\textsuperscript{17} for further details, as well as Forest Trends’ list of Known Forest Product Export Restrictions).\textsuperscript{18}

- *Partner Country Sawnwood Export Restriction (SER):* this refers to the existence of Partner Country regulations that partially or completely prohibit the export of sawnwood. Exports of sawnwood from countries with active Sawnwood Export Bans signal a need for additional risk assessment and mitigation actions to ensure the legality of such trade. For the purposes of trade data, a SER is considered “active” in years in which the SER is reported to be in effect for at least a majority of the year (see Methodology\textsuperscript{19} for further details, as well as Forest Trends’ list of Known Forest Product Export Restrictions).\textsuperscript{20}

### Country Analysis Tab

This tab is best used to explore:

- Global trade (imports or exports) as reported by a specific Reporting Country or set of Reporting Countries;
- Trade between one or several Reporting Countries and one or several Partner Countries

In order to examine reported global imports or exports from one or several Reporting Countries, users should select the specific Reporting Country(ies) of interest, select either “Import” or “Export” in the Trade Flow filter, and keep all countries active (i.e. checked) in the Trading Partner Country filter.

To explore trade relationships between specific Reporting Countries and Partner Countries, users should select the specific Reporting Country(ies) and Trading Partner Country(ies) of interest, and select either “Import” or “Export” in the Trade Flow filter.

Due to the typically large number of results found in most visualizations created in this tab (due to the large number of trade partner countries), users should note that the ILAT Risk data tool


often cannot display all of the results on screen at the same time. Users will often have to scroll down to see the top results using the scrollbar hidden to the right of the results:

![Hidden scroll bar](image)

**Region Analysis Tab**

This tab is best used to examine regional geographic trends over time. It may reveal, for example, if a Reporting Country has changed its geographic sourcing of certain forest products, or has found new destination markets for its exports. This may in turn inform more detailed analyses conducted in other tabs.

Users should select the specific Reporting Country or Reporting Countries of interest, select either “Import” or “Export” in the Trade Flow filter, and apply any other applicable filters to achieve the desired data visualization.

**Product Analysis Tab**

This tab is best used to explore:

- The global import profile or export profile of a specific Reporting Country or Countries;
• The trade relationship between one or several Reporting Country or Countries and one or several Trading Partner Countries. Users may wish to restrict their visualizations to only timber or pulp & paper products (chosen in the Forest Product Type filter).

To explore the global forest product import or export profile of one or several Reporting Countries, users should select the specific Reporting Country or Reporting Countries of interest, select either “Import” or “Export” in the Trade Flow filter, and keep all countries active (i.e. checked on) in the Trading Partner Country filter.

In order to examine trade between specific Reporting Countries and Partner Countries, users should select the specific Reporting Country or Countries and Trading Partner Country or Countries of interest, and select either “Import” or “Export” in the Trade Flow filter.

Exports to Regulated Markets Tab

This tab is best used to examine changes in Reporting Countries’ exports to “regulated markets”, i.e. trading partner countries with active regulations restricting the import of illegally-sourced timber. A full list of Regulated Markets is located in the description of the Existence of Partner Country Import Measure filter on Page 5 of this User Guide.

As this tab exclusively examines Reporting Countries’ exports, this tab does not have a Trade Flow filter; the data is already pre-filtered to show only exports from source countries.

Users should select the Reporting Country or Countries of interest, and may wish to restrict their visualizations to only certain forest products (chosen in the Forest Product or Forest Product Type filters).

This tab contains two rows of columns. The top row shows the total annual value or volume (by netweight) of trade to or from “regulated” and “unregulated markets” or those markets yet to develop or operationalize a timber legality import regulation. The bottom row (“% of Annual Trade Value (US$)”) meanwhile, shows the annual percentage of trade going to or coming from regulated and unregulated markets.

Import Risk Analysis Tab

This tab allows users to assess the risk profile of imports for a Reporting Country/countries. This scatter chart measures trade value or volume (by netweight) on the y-axis (on a logarithmic scale) and Partner Country Risk Score on the x-axis. It allows the user to develop an understanding of the most significant high-risk source countries for a given Reporting Country or Countries.

As this tab exclusively examines Reporting Countries’ imports, this tab does not have a Trade Flow filter; the data is already pre-filtered to show only imports. For this reason, Partner Country Risk Score is renamed as Source Country Risk Score on the x-axis of these charts for additional clarity.

Users should select the Reporting Country or Countries of interest and the Forest Product or Products of interest.

Imports from LER/SER Markets

This tab allows users to examine:

- Global imports of logs and sawnwood in potential violation of log export restrictions (LER) and sawnwood export restrictions (SER) policies, or
- Specific Reporting Countries’ imports of logs and sawnwood in potential violation of LER and SER policies.

As this tab exclusively examines Reporting Countries’ imports, this tab does not have a Trade Flow filter; the data is already pre-filtered to show only imports from source countries.

To assess global imports of such products, users should keep all countries active (i.e. checked) in the Reporting Country and Trading Partner Country filters, select either “Logs” or “Sawnwood” in the Forest Product filter, and activate the appropriate LER or SER filter (Partner Country Log Export Restriction (LER) or Partner Country Sawnwood Export Restriction (SER)). Users should take care to ensure that only one product is selected at a time from the Forest Product filter, and that only the appropriate LER or SER filter is active at any given time. Activating both the LER and SER filters simultaneously will only show imports from countries with both a LER and SER policy, rather than one policy or the other.

In this tab, the Forest Product filter is simplified, compiling all non-log and non-sawnwood forest products into a category named “Other Forest Products – Do Not Use for LER/SER Analysis” for added clarity.
To assess specific Reporting Countries’ imports of such products, users should set the filters as described above, except for selecting the Reporting Country or Countries of interest.

**Data Manipulation Within a Visualization**

*Selecting Data within a Visualization*

By holding down the CTRL button while clicking on a column or data point (i.e. the colorized values in a chart), or by drag-clicking across multiple data points, users are able to select specific data points within a given visualization. This allows users to access additional functions within the ILAT Risk data tool.

Selected data is made bolder and clearer, while the remaining unselected data within a visualization fades into the background. The example below shows a user selecting “USA”, “China”, “Germany” and “Canada” in the Country Analysis tab by drag clicking across these columns:
Users can also select all of the data within a chart by clicking on the Y-Axis, as below:

This has the same effect as drag-clicking one’s mouse to select all of the data in a visualization.

**Summary Information for Selected Data Points**

If a user selects multiple data points simultaneously by CTRL-clicking or drag-clicking, hovering over one of these selected data points provides users with an aggregated count of the number selected data points and the total sum of their values.
Removing Data from a Visualization

Should a user select one or several data points and hover over a selected data point (as just described above), the user can use the “Keep Only” or “Exclude” tools to remove unwanted data from the visualization.

1) *Keep Only*

This allows the user to only view the selected data point or data points, excluding all other data from the visualization. For example, in the *Region Analysis* tab, clicking on North America within a given year and selecting “Keep Only” will produce a visualization that only shows the value of trade with North America in that year.

![Graph showing data for different years with Keep Only selected]

The resulting visualization will remove all other data, as shown below:

![Graph showing data for different years with other data removed]

Users should take care to note that while this function effectively serves as a filter, it does not affect the actual filters listed on the right side of the visualization. For example,
selecting “Keep Only” for North America in the example above would not affect the Partner Country Region filter in the Region Analysis tab. As such, in order to return to a previous visualization, users will have to use the Undo or Reset buttons described below. Users will not be able to use filters to return to a previous or default visualization.

2) **Exclude**

This function is the opposite of “Keep Only” - it excludes the selected data point or points from the visualization. In the example below, the user excludes North America data from the Region Analysis tab.

As with Keep Only, users should take note that while this function affects the visualization displayed on screen, it does not affect the filters listed to the right of the visualization. As such, in order to return to a previous visualization, users will have to use the Undo or Reset buttons described below. **Users will not be able to use filters to return to a previous or default visualization.**
Sorting Results by a Specific Year

The data in the Country Analysis, Region Analysis, Product Analysis, and Imports from LER/SER Markets tabs in the ILAT Risk data tool is automatically sorted by increasing trade value or trade volume (by netweight) across the timespan of the desired visualization (2012 - 2019 being the default, but changing if the user wishes to restrict the analysis to only specific years). However, users can adapt visualizations to sort results in increasing or decreasing order for any given year or years. This changes the order in which the results are displayed in the visualization.

In order to do so, a user should click on the desired year or years at the bottom of a visualization. Selected data will be highlighted in blue, as below:

As with previous instances of selecting data within a visualization, hovering over the selected data will produce a pop-up summary menu that allows users to manipulate the data further:

From this menu, users can sort the data for that year or those years in order of increasing or decreasing trade value.

Sort by increasing value:

Sort by decreasing value:
**Grouping Results Together**

When working in a tab with a large number of colorized legends (e.g. the *Country Analysis* tab), users may wish to group results together to better fit the visualization into a single downloadable page, or to avoid having to scroll down to see the top results when they are sorted in order of increasing trade value. Alternatively, this function is helpful for grouping certain categories together – including member states of the European Union, or certain forest products.

To achieve this, users should select the results they wish to group together by CTRL + clicking or holding down the SHIFT key while clicking across the colorized legends. In the example below, the user has selected the USA, China, Germany, Canada, France, Italy, Poland and the United Kingdom in the “Trading Partner Country” legend with the intention of grouping them together:

![Chart showing grouped results](chart.png)

This is similar to the process used to “Exclude” or “Keep Only” certain results, as described above. However, when selecting these results in the list of colorized legends, users will see an additional “paper clip”-like symbol that allows users to group selected results together, as shown below:

![Grouping symbol](symbol.png)
When grouped, results appear as such:

This is particularly useful when grouping results in the *Country Analysis* tab to only show top 10, top 15, top 20 results and so forth. An example of a visualization condensed in this way is below:

*Warning note:* a consequence of grouping results together in the data tool is that the visualization subsequently sorts results by alphabetic order, rather than by increasing trade value or volume (as seen above). Users will have to sort the visualization by a specific year or years (as described in page 15 of this User Guide) in order to create a visualization with results ordered by trade value or volume. Furthermore, unlike results grouped directly in Tableau software, users are unable to rename the grouped results (i.e. there is no option of renaming “Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria and 224 more” to something like “Other Markets”).
Returning to a Previous or Default Visualization

Users do not have to reapply or deactivate filters to return each tab to a previous or original (default) visualization. Users can use the Undo or Reset buttons found on the bottom-right of each chart in order to return to the previous or default visualization, respectively. Conversely, users can also use the Redo Button to move back and forth between the current and previous visualizations in any given tab.

Users should note that these buttons only affect the tab that the user is currently in. If a user applies filters to several tabs (e.g. Country Analysis and Product Analysis) and hits the Reset Button while in one tab, it will not reset the other.

Undo Button:

Reset Button:

Redo Button:
**Downloading Data Visualizations**

Once a user has created the desired visualization, the user can download the visualization in .PNG or .PDF image formats, as well as in a preformatted PowerPoint file or a Tableau workbook. This can be achieved through the download button on the bottom-right of each chart:

Clicking on the download button will pull up the following menu:

Selecting the “Image” file format will result in a .PNG file.

Selecting the “PDF” file format will result in a .PDF file. When choosing to download as a PDF, users are encouraged to set “Scaling” to “At most 1 page wide” for best results.

Users are only encouraged to download the data in the “Tableau Workbook” file format if they have the requisite Tableau software.
**Downloading Data**

The ILAT Risk Data Tool does not allow users to download Excel CSV files from a visualization without first selecting the desired results by drag-clicking or CTRL-clicking within the visualization (as detailed in this User Guide). There are two methods to do so: by using the download button on the bottom-right of the tool, or by hovering over the selected results.

1. **Download Button**

   If the user wishes to download the data underpinning part of a data visualization, then the user should select the desired data, as below:

   ![Image of data visualization]

   Once the data is selected, users can use the download button to download a .CSV file using either the “Data” file format or the “Crosstab” file format.

   The “Data” file format pulls up a pop-up window that allows users to either download a summary of the data (the year of trade and the annual value or netweight of trade per result) or the full underlying data (which includes additional descriptive columns and disaggregates all data into its most detailed form).

   The “Crosstab” file format creates a .CSV file with a summary of all of the data in the visualization - whether or not it’s been selected. In the image above, the “Crosstab” download would include summary data for not just the USA, China and Germany, but also Canada, France, Italy, and so forth.

   In order to get the full underlying data for all of the results shown in a visualization, the simplest method of selecting all of the data in the chart is to click on the Y-Axis, as below, and then download the full data through the “Data” file format:
2. **View Data**

After having selected data within a visualization (either a subset of the visualization, or the entire visualization), hovering over the selected data allows users to access the “View Data” tool, shown here below:

Clicking on the “View Data” button results in a pop-up window equivalent to using the “Data” file format from the visualization download button. This allows the user to download either a summary version of the data, or the full underlying data.
Example Scenario: Working Across Tabs

A user is interested in Country X’s timber import profile and how it may have changed over time. The user begins in the Region Analysis tab, selects Country X as the Reporting Country, sets Trade Flow to Import and sets the Forest Product Type to Timber. The resulting visualization shows a significant increase in timber imports from Africa. The user decides to examine this trend further.

The user goes to the Import Risk Analysis tab, selects Country X as the Reporting Country, sets the Forest Product Type to Timber, and sets the Partner Country Region to Africa. Examining the top-right quadrant of the scatter plot reveals that two African countries (Countries Y & Z) are both significant trade partners and are considered “Higher Risk”.

The user then goes into the Country Analysis Tab, selects Country X as the Reporting Country, sets Trade Flow to Import, sets the Forest Product Type to Timber, and selects Countries Y and Z as Trading Partner Countries. The resulting visualization reveals a marked increase in timber imports from Country Y, whereas trade with Country Z has remained relatively stable over time.

The user then goes into the Product Analysis tab, selects Country X as the Reporting Country, selects Country Y as the Trading Partner Country, and sets Trade Flow to Import. This visualization allows the user to understand what products Country X is importing from Country Y and how that’s changed over time. This reveals that much of the timber traded directly between these countries is relatively unprocessed.

The user then wishes to better understand how prominent Country X is for Country Y’s exports. The user goes back into the Country Analysis tab, selects Country Y as the Reporting Country, sets Trade Flow to Export, and selects Logs, Sawnwood and Veneer as the Forest Products. This visualization reveals that Country X is only the fourth-largest export market for Country Y; timber processing hub Country P is the most significant export market for these products.

Using the Product Analysis tab, the user discovers that Country X’s imports from Country P are primarily highly-processed timber products, most notably wood furniture. Furthermore, the Exports to Regulated Markets tab reveals that Country P is increasingly exporting wood furniture to regulated markets. This may suggest that Country P is importing high-risk timber from Country Y, processing it, and ultimately exporting high-value timber products into regulated markets. This may prompt further analysis on the part of the user into these trends.