

**China's Efforts in Advancing the  
Production and Trade of Legal  
timber and Understanding of  
China-EU Cooperation**

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# **China's Efforts in Advancing the Production and Trade of Legal Timber**

## **Domestic Systems and Actions**

- 1、 Legislation System**
- 2、 Law Enforcement System**
- 3、 Actions of all stakeholder**

# China's Efforts in Advancing the Production and Trade of Legal Timber → Domestic

## 1、 Legislation System

- Forest Law in 1979; Wildlife Conservation Law; Desertification Combating Law; etc
- Related regulations on punishment procedure, supervision, etc.
- Criminal Law

# China's Efforts in Advancing the Production and Trade of Legal Timber → Domestic

## 2、 Law Enforcement System

- Forestry administrative bodies at all levels
- Forest police, fire control offices, plant quarantine agencies, natural reserve mngt. offices, local forestry stations, etc.
- Over 200,000 persons

# China's Efforts in Advancing the Production and Trade of Legal Timber → Domestic

## 3、 Efforts of All Stakeholder

- **Government**  
forest management, market access, awareness enhance, etc.
- **Association and Federation**  
self-discipline, promote certification, enhance awareness of industry, etc.
- **Company and Consumer**  
awareness of purchasing legal timber enhancing, attend activities to promote the production and trade of legal timber, etc.
- **Cooperation among the government, association, company and consumer.**

# **China's Efforts in Advancing the Production and Trade of Legal Timber**

## **International Level**

- 1、 Firm Standpoint and Principle**
- 2、 Active Actions**
- 3、 Broad International Cooperation**

# China's Efforts in Advancing the Production and Trade of Legal Timber → International

## 1、 Firm Standpoint and Principle

### ➤ Standpoint

The Chinese government is consistent in the combating on international illegal logging and associated trade, and advance the production and trade of legal and sustainable forest products.

### ➤ Principle

- ❖ Based on national sovereignty
- ❖ Led by domestic governments
- ❖ Focus on sustainable forest management
- ❖ Promote normal international trade
- ❖ Guarantee community participation and benefits
- ❖ Strengthen international cooperation



# China's Efforts in Advancing the Production and Trade of Legal Timber → International

## 2、Active Actions

- Established the Asian-Pacific Network for Sustainable Forest Management and Rehabilitation
- Published two Guide
  - In 2007, <A Guide on Sustainable Overseas Silviculture by Chinese Enterprises>
  - In 2009, <A Guide on Overseas Sustainable Forest Management and Using by Chinese Enterprises>
- Strengthen cooperation with NGOs

# China's Efforts in Advancing the Production and Trade of Legal Timber → International

## 3、 Broad International Cooperation

### ➤ Bilateral Cooperation

#### ★ Signed MOU

Indonesia (2002), US (2008) , EU (2009)

#### ★ Negotiating MoUs

Australia, Japan.

#### ★ SFM Cooperation

Russia, UK, Germany, Finland, Myanmar, Malaysia, etc.



# China's Efforts in Advancing the Production and Trade of Legal Timber → International

## EU – China Bilateral Coordination Mechanism on FLEG

- **Develop a shared approach towards legality verification schemes for timber and timber products**
- **Exchange information :**  
private and public procurement policies for forest products,  
forest certification schemes,  
forest governance in the context of international processes
- **Relevant co-ordinate training**
- **Facilitate business to business contacts between EU and Chinese to increasing information on the supply chains of timber products**
- **Identify policy and technical research priorities and co-ordinate relevant bilateral activities.**

# China's Efforts in Advancing the Production and Trade of Legal Timber → International

## 3、 Broad International Cooperation

### ➤ Multilateral Activities

★ Actively participate in international and regional events

UNFF, FLEG, CBFP, Chatham House's meeting, etc.

★ Actively organize events

China-EU FLEG international conference in 2007,

China-Russia Forest Policy consultation and training meeting in 2008,

Timber and Timber Products Trade Policy International Workshop in 2008

# **Understanding of China-EU Cooperation**

## **Experiences of Working and Training in the UK in 2008**

- 1、 Background**
- 2、 Program**
- 3、 Understanding**

# Understanding of China-EU Cooperation → Experiences of Working and Training in the UK in 2008

## Background

- **China-UK Sustainable Development Dialogue: annual**
  - Based on Inter-governmental Joint Announcement in 2005, chaired by China NDRC & UK Defra
  - Forestry as one of the first-tranche priorities
- **China-UK Forestry Working Group**
  - Based on MoU between SFA and UK FC in 2002
  - Current activities: SFM, FLR, Forest Certification, IL, etc
- **Objective**
  - to help 2 staff from SFA to develop the knowledge of forest governance and trade, in particular illegal logging, covering both policy and policy development and a range of practical implementation mechanisms.

# Understanding of China-EU Cooperation → Experiences of Working and Training in the UK in 2008

## Program

### ➤ Program 1

July, 2008: Proforest 5-day Training Course  
forest certification, responsible purchasing of forest products, forest governance and illegal logging, forest and climate change

### ➤ Program 2

Sep. –Nov. 2008 (11 weeks)  
meetings, conferences & study tours



# Understanding of China-EU Cooperation

## Experiences of Working and Training in the UK in 2008

### Program

#### ➤ Government policies & practices

- EC DGENV + DGDEV:  
FLEGT VPA + due diligence,  
green procurement policies

- UK DFID, Defra, EAC:  
international cooperation  
policies, govt. operation,  
FLEGT, UK PPP

- UK FC, UKWAS, Tay  
forest district: SFM, FC, state  
forests management

- Finland MMM, MTK:  
Laws, SFM (UPM forests),  
FLEGT





# Understanding of China-EU Cooperation → Experiences of Working and Training in the UK in 2008

## Program

### ➤ Industries responses

- **Companies:** wood tracing systems (Finland - Russian wood), certification, purchasing policies , nonfeasance

**Finland:** Stora Enso, UPM-Kymmene, Metsaliitto (giants)

**UK:** Finnforest, Wolseley, SCA, James Latham (not yet), small retailer

- **Sector associations:** services, operation, relationship; RPP, code of conduct

**Finland:** FFIF, MTK, FMAs; **UK:** TTF, CONFOR

- **Financial institutions:** assistant policy

**HSBC:** Equator principles, forest policy

# **Understanding of China-EU Cooperation** → **Experiences of Working and Training in the UK in 2008**

## **Program**

- **NGOs & Independent Organizations initiatives**  
roles & functions, projects/products, understandings  
& solutions, comments on govt./companies actions
  - NGOs: WWF GFTN, IUCN, TFT, TTAP, Global Witness, Greenpeace
  - Independent: SGS verification; consulting companies like Proforest, Track Record; EFI, Chatham House
- **Conferences: experiences and lessons**
  - FLEGT: From Theory to Practice
  - International Timber Trade Federation Day



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# **Understanding of China-EU Cooperation** → **Experiences of Working and Training in the UK in 2008**

## **Understanding**

- **Knowledge**
- ★ Understood the ideas and measures of combating illegal logging in the EU.
- ★ SFM of state and private owner
- ★ Experience of forest industry  
Multi-National operation
- ★ Development of forest certification
- ★ Good forestry consultation system

# **Understanding of China-EU Cooperation** → **Experiences of Working and Training in the UK in 2008**

## **Understanding**

### ➤ **Inspiration**

- ★ **Forest products supply chain**
- ★ **Strengthen China-EU cooperation for the timber legality verification**
- ★ **Advance the Chinese forest certification rapidly**
- ★ **Enhance forest association building**
- ★ **Research the Chinese forestry planning reform**
- ★ **Research the Chinese public timber procurement policy**
- ★ **Concern the SFM of the central Africa tropical forest**

# **Understanding of China-EU Cooperation** → **Experiences of Working and Training in the UK in 2008**

## **Understanding**

### ➤ **Outcome**

- ★ Promote understanding and facilitate to sign <EU – China Bilateral Coordination Mechanism on FLEG>
- ★ Get inspiration from training to organize the Timber and Timber Products Trade Policy International Workshop in Dec. 2008

# Thinking of combating illegal logging

## Strengthen FLEG

- **FLEG is the foundation and key measure of combating illegal logging**
- **All governments of forest country should responsible for and right to manage and use their forest. The developed countries should aid the developing countries for FLEG**
- **Share the Chinese experience of FLEG with other countries**

# Thinking of combating illegal logging

## Timber Legality Verification

### ➤ Background

**Current initiatives:** complicated, expensive, lack of unified standard, confusing definition of legal and sustainable, insufficient government action

**Conclusion:** difficult to implement in developing countries, need to explore a new simple and low cost scheme which led by government.



# Thinking of combating illegal logging

## Timber Legality Verification

### ➤ Main ideas

- ★ Definition of illegal logging and legal timber
- ★ Solve the legality issue first. Distinguish between timber legality and sustainability
- ★ The government of producer countries should perform a main function for timber legality verification
- ★ The government of consumer (importation) countries use the trade measures to coordinate with the producing countries
- ★ Explore a timber legality verification scheme based on FLEG (from bilateral to multilateral) similar to CITES

# Thinking of combating illegal logging

## Timber Legality Verification

### ➤ How to verify the legal timber proposal

★ Commitment by government

★ Verification: legal timber certificate issued by the government of producer countries or authorized agency based on the various tools accepted by the government, such as harvesting license system, forest certification (FSC/PEFC/SFI...), FLEGT-VPA, GFTN...

### ➤ For example

- The Chinese government can issue a legal timber certificate to the Chinese original forest products based on the Chinese forest harvesting and transport license.

- The US government can issue a legal timber certificate to the US original forest products based on the US certain scheme.

- Other countries, like Malaysia: if Malaysian government announces that MTC can be used as a legality certificate for exported timber, then China or US-Malaysia timber legality verification scheme will also accept the MTC certificate as a timber legality certificate for timber imported to China or US from Malaysia

# Thinking of combating illegal logging

## Timber Legality Verification

### ➤ Benefits of the above scheme

#### For producer countries

- Control all exported timber products
- Ensure payment from exported timber products

#### For consumer countries

- Ensure that imported timber products are legal

#### For international community

- Accepts the efforts of various schemes, and provides the development opportunity for them

***Thank you !***

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