Myanmar Overview
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What GTF does

- Communications and news for the industry covering the full range of sector issues
- Capacity building for the industry on issues surrounding market access
- Providing/facilitating a voice for the smaller players that dominate the forest industries
Myanmar Background

- In 2013 commissioned DFID funded NEPCon report on state of play and risk matrix

- Trade missions facilitated by GTF coordinating US, EU and Australian trade in October 2014 & Sept 2015
  - Trade represents higher value, volumes v small

- Log ban in April 2015; aimed at China/India

- Sanctions in EU & US
  - No barriers EU
  - IWPA State Dept Licence
Emerging Projects/Issues

- Myanmar Forest Certification Committee – Myanmar Timber Legality Assurance System Gap Analysis

- Myanmar Forest Products Merchant Federation – Developing Myanmar trade capacity to meet domestic and international (FLEGT) requirements

- Uncertain role of MTE, Corporatisation, Forest Act, National Export Strategy, New Ministry?

- Education and training on EUTR/Lacey and ILPA
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IWPA Perspective on Myanmar Trade
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Who is IWPA

- Only U.S. based trade association dedicated to the interests of wood importers. Founded in 1956.

Membership categories:
- North American Importers -- manufacturers, retailers of wood products
- Overseas Members --
- Associate Members -- Service providers, trade facilitators & NGOs
IWPA Core Purpose

To build acceptance and demand in North America for globally sourced wood products from sustainably managed forests.
IWPA Specific License Process
Specific License only – *not* a general license or waiver

Goal -- Encourage and support reform process and develop long term trading relationships

Education process – US side and Myanmar side

Develop CoC processes in mills & direct trade
Wood Trade Compliance Training

Seeing the FOREST AND THE TREES

Wood Trade Compliance Training and Due Diligence Tools

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