

Papua New Guinea accused of timber trade

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The pristine forests of Papua New Guinea are at risk of being lost through illegal and unsustainable logging by a timber industry riddled in corruption, according to an investigation by a Washington-based think-tank.

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Export documents validating the effect "launder" illegally logged hardwood, says a report by Forest Watchers, a non-profit environmental organization.

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