



# Illegal logging effects on forest products markets and certified forest products markets

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# Why this subject in the Timber Committee Market Discussions?

- Suggestion by UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Products Markets and Marketing
- Confirmed by office holders of Timber Committee and European Forestry Commission
- Important international policy issue
- Ramifications on global forest products markets

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# Findings of the draft *Forest Products Annual Market Analysis on FLEGT\**

- Availability on world markets of wood products derived from illegal logging, is drawing attention to the gravity of this problem and its place among the causes of deforestation and has also placed severe downward price pressure on products from legally and sustainably managed forest operations.

\* Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade

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# Questions from the draft policy chapter on FLEGT

- What measures have been implemented recently, both nationally and internationally, to improve forest law enforcement, governance and trade?
- Are forest issues addressed in public procurement policies?
- While noting that forest law enforcement is not just a problem for tropical countries, how significant is the problem in UNECE countries?



# Questions from the draft policy chapter on FLEGT

- How can Timber Committee member countries help countries, inside and outside the region, to produce and export wood in a sustainable manner?
- What further international action is needed, notably by the Timber Committee?





# Strategies for the Sound Use of Wood Seminar recommendation

- Monitor and analyse issues connected with forest law enforcement and governance
  - Estimate volumes of illegally logged wood in the UNECE region
  - Determine reasons underlying illegal logging and trade

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# Findings of the “policy chapter” from draft *Forest Products Annual Market Analysis* on certified forest products markets

- While certified forestland area has increased rapidly, volumes of certified products reaching the consumer are low, posing a policy dilemma about governments’ support for certification systems.
- Findings from the certified forest products markets chapter by Dr. Rametsteiner

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# Questions from the “policy chapter” on certified forest products markets

- How should Governments address certification issues in the context of stimulating the sound use of wood?
- How can Governments help market actors in their country address certification issues and choices?
- How can certification and chain-of-custody measures contribute to fighting illegal logging and trade of illegal forest products?

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# Programme

- Mr. Sylvain Labbé, Subgroup Leader of UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Products Markets and Marketing, and CEO of Quebec Wood Export Bureau (QWEB)
- Mr. Carl-Éric Guertin, Communications Manager, QWEB
- Dr. Ewald Rametsteiner, Certification Expert
- Discussion

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# Next speaker

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