

**Joint UNECE/FAO Workshop on**  
**ILLEGAL LOGGING AND TRADE OF ILLEGALLY-DERIVED FOREST PRODUCTS**  
**IN THE UNECE REGION : CAUSES AND EXTENT**

**Canada Report Abstract**

Canada's regulatory environment and commitment to sustainable forest management help to ensure that illegal logging does not become a significant problem in Canada's forests. Canadian forest companies operate in a highly regulated environment that is subject to regular scrutiny and audit. Our forest regulatory regime is based on the principles of sustainable forest management, and many Canadian companies are embracing forest certification as a way of verifying their forest management practices. Furthermore, Canada considers that in general, the standard of law enforcement that applies to forests is equal to the standard found in all other aspects of Canadian society. Accordingly, the Federal, Provincial and Territorial Governments do not consider illegal logging to be a serious issue in Canada.

Canada does, however, recognize the importance of illegal logging as a global environmental, social and economic issue. As such, Canada is committed to work within international processes to help combat illegal logging and minimize its impacts on the world's forests, forest peoples, and forest product markets.