

EU - China Bilateral Coordination Mechanism (BCM) on Forest Law Enforcement and Governance

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Overview

- Forum for a policy dialogue.
- Continued cooperation on both sides to share information on the respective policy and legal framework and maintain coordination on the respective initiative to combat illegal logging and associated trade.
- DG ENV and State Forestry Administration.
- The BCM Meetings were established following an EU-China FLEG Conference in Beijing 2007. March 2015: Sixth meeting of the dialogue.
- EU Member States participate. Close collaboration in the field.

Overview

- Working together with China in countries in South East Asia, Africa and in Russia to help eliminate illegal logging through combining capacity building with demand side measures in our markets.
- EU is the second largest forestry trade partner of China. The debate on EUTR potential impacts on Chinese forest products export and how to comply with it continue to be heavily discussed in China.
- Potential movements towards developing an EUTR-like regulation in China have been registered, however the political support and quality of proposals still need to be proven. China is interested to learn from the EU about setting up a legality assurance system.

2015 Work Plan for BCM

- **Item 1** Promote Legal and Sustainable Timber Trade Between China and Russia.
- **Item 2** To conduct the study on the timber trade flow between China and Myanmar.
- **Item 3** To promote the dialogues between China and Africa/Asia VPA countries on timber trade, investment and forest law enforcement and governance.
- **Item 4** To support the operations of the Common Information Window on EU FLEGT, EUTR and other new timber market requirements.

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- **Item 5** To conduct a feasibility analysis on public policy development of promoting legally sourced timber and timber products trade.
- **Item 6** To provide technical inputs to revisions of the new Chinese forest trade and investment guideline as well as Chinese timber legality verification initiatives. Develop monitoring and evaluation mechanisms.
- **Item 7** To support capacity building for key stakeholders, including the participation of 3 Chinese representatives at the 2015 Wolverhampton University's forestry governance course at the Centre for International Development & Training (CIDT).

5. 6th BCM Conclusions

- BCM will be used for bilateral dialogues regarding multilateral fora (UNFF, ITTO and others).
- BCM will be used to ensure the EU-China collaboration in Myanmar (pre-VPA country for EU and China pilot country).
- Further discussion on the EU-China cooperation on developments in Indonesia is expected.
- The next BCM meeting will be organised in the first quarter of 2016 in China. From the Chinese side, besides SFA, the Ministry of Commerce and Customs will participate.



Thank you!