



# Newly Revised Forest Law and CTWPDA's Work on Timber Legality Issue

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# Main changes in newly revised Forest Law



- Mainly focus on forest resources and its management, not timber processing.

Most of the contents are about:

- ◆ Forest tenure (the right to use forest resources could be transferred, rent out or contracted)
- ◆ Forestry development planning
- ◆ Forest protection
- ◆ Afforestation (including promoting public participation in afforestation)
- ◆ Forest operation and management

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- Loosen administrative control.
  - ◆ the approval of harvest quotas
  - ◆ For the first time, the law involves in legality issue.
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  - ◆ Forest certification
  - ◆ Prohibition of the purchase, processing and transport of illegal sourced timber
- At current, no importance changes happen to timber manufacture, and waiting for the issuance of Implementation Regulation of Forest Law.



## CTWPDA's work on timber legality issue



- Purpose: promote legal timber trade between China and Africa
- Targeted countries: Gabon, Cameroon, The Republic of Congo, Liberia
- Cooperator: InFIT, ATIBT, CAF, TRAFFIC
- Steps:
  - ◆ Making national timber legality document list;
  - ◆ Cooperating with local timber association to select suppliers who could provide all the document required in the above item;
  - ◆ Promoting suppliers who meet requirements and making business matching with Chinese timber companies.

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- Helps we need:

- ◆ Producers in Cameroon, the Republic of Congo and Liberia;
- ◆ Timber resources, trade information and regulations in the above four countries.

- Nest steps:

- ◆ Connect with more timber associations in Africa to promote legal timber trade in large scale;
- ◆ Translate the website of timber trade portal into Chinese.

*Thanks for your listening!*



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