

SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT IN THE FOREST SECTOR:

UK – CHINA COOPERATION

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Why does DFID work with China and Chinese operators?

- Over 60% of globally traded forest products enter China
- China is aware of the reputation problem of Chinese businesses overseas
- The Belt and Road Initiative presents environmental risks which need to be addressed
- China becoming a responsible global player should help level the playing field for competition

How DFID supports China and Chinese operators?

- **Development of tools and regulations in China** – Support to the Chinese Timber Legality Verification System (CTLVS) and the corresponding regulation on timber import
- **Support to legal supply chains** - Establishment of a “China Responsible Forest Products Trade and Investment Alliance”
- **Encourage best practice and responsible investments** - Development of country and commodity specific guidelines for Chinese forest sector investors (Gabon and Guyana)
- **Support to legal compliance of Chinese operators** in Gabon, Cameroon and Republic of Congo

Gabon - Support through WWF China

- Assess and report on progress of 12 Chinese timber companies that participated in capacity building of legal compliance
- Support further engagement from Chinese operators in discussions with industry associations, civil society and government agencies on forest sector challenges and national policy dialogues
- Training in China on due diligence for companies buying timber from Gabon

Still a long road ahead...

- Steep learning curve for Chinese operators in Africa
- Some recognition in China of the damage to forests ecosystems and international reputation issue
- The positive impact of China's greater economic power on African forests still need to be demonstrated



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