

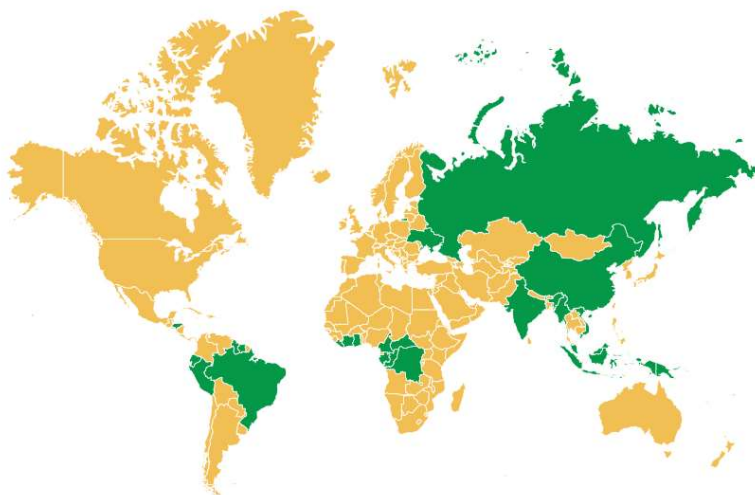
Gateway to international

TIMBER TRADE

www.timbertradeportal.com

The one-stop information center for legal sourcing

The online timber trade portal serves as a central information point, where visitors can find country profiles on both timber industry and legislation of producer countries, mainly located in tropical areas. All published profiles have undergone expert review and are updated regularly.



Objectives of the Timber Trade Portal

- Improve access to information, creation of a level playing field
- Enable operators to make their own risk analysis and exercise due diligence, on a case-by-case basis, by giving factual information
- Encourage individual accountability of EU operators

Country profile

The content of a country profile exists of the following elements:

- Forest resources and structure of forestry sector
- Production and export, production and trade data
- Legislative framework, laws and regulations
- Key documents
- Bans & quota
- CITES and protected species
- National action on timber legality verification (e.g. VPA)
- Third party certification
- Contact and information network (country specific)

Timber Trade Portal's recent history

In January 2016, the European Timber Trade Federation (ETTF) launched the Timber Trade Portal, creating a central point of information on both timber industry and legislation of 23 (tropical) producer countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. This website comprehensively presents trade information and the legality framework of selected countries and assists importing companies to meet their due diligence obligations.

In July 2017, the ETTF and the ATIBT (Association Technique Internationale des Bois Tropicaux) have concluded an agreement to merge together their respective websites providing information in the context of the application of the EUTR (European Union Timber Regulation).

Work in progress

The Timber Trade Portal has undergone some structural and lay-out changes. An extra page 'Resources' will be added, containing:

- More information about the history of the TTP, and how to use it;
- background information on the EUTR and other regulations;
- information about certification (main certification schemes, how do they work, how to verify a certificate, useful links and contacts);
- links with other information platforms.

Currently a review round is ongoing on the country profiles, to update information with the help of local reviewers.

The information on the Timber Trade Portal will become available in **French** as well (half of 2019).



Visitor numbers

In the period of one year (1-Mar-2018 – 28-Feb-2019) the TTP was visited 30 552 times. The TTP has about 2,600 visits per month, on average, over the period of review.

Currently, the most popular country profiles, in terms of visitor numbers are: Indonesia, Brazil, Papua-New-Guinea, Cameroon, Vietnam, India and Russia.

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