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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