

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the 12th edition of the TTAP Newsletter! In this issue we are pleased to announce the third party verification of two of our partner companies in South-East Asia and provide an update on TFT's new partnership with the Brazilian forestry company MAFLOPS sourcing from settlement areas in Para state.

The 2nd International Timber Trade Federation Day (ITTFD), hosted by TFT will take place next week on the 8-9 October in Geneva and TTAP News will bring you the outcomes and results in the next edition.

Whether you are a Timber Trade Federation member, TTAP partner or interested stakeholder, we hope that TTAP News will be a useful resource for you. Please feel free to share this newsletter with your colleagues.

Enjoy reading!
The TTAP Team

About TTAP

TTAP is an EC funded project, managed by The Forest Trust (TFT) and co-funded by the Belgian (FBCIB), Dutch (VNNH), French (LCB) and UK Timber Trade Federations (UK TTF), to assist wood suppliers in TTAP focus countries produce third party legally verified timber.

We currently advise and provide technical support to timber companies based in Asia, Africa, and South America. We are also engaged in FLEGT discussions in Europe and TTAP focus countries.

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INDONESIA: ONE OF THE BIGGEST CONCESSIONS ON THE ISLAND OF PAPUA VLO CERTIFIED!

TFT through the TTAP Project has assisted the Forest Company 'PT Wapoga Mutiara Timber' achieve the Verification of Legal Origin (VLO) certificate in September 2009 for its Forest Management Unit II, the sawmill Wapoga Mutiara Industries and the Moulding Factory Kharisma Duta Utama. The Forest Management Unit II is located on the island of Papua and covers an area of 196,900 hectares with Merbau as the principal species harvested. It is one of the big-

gest concessions on the island of Papua.

The SmartWood Program of the Rainforest Alliance conducted the VLO audit at the end of April 2009 and granted the VLO certificate in September. The VLO certificate demonstrates that all licenses and permits comply with the standard, that royalties and taxes have been paid and a robust Chain of Custody (CoC) that enables final product to be traced back to 'origin' is in place.



MALAYSIA: SABAH FOREST INDUSTRIES SDN BHD ACHIEVES VLO CERTIFICATE!

Once again with the collaboration of TTAP, in September 2009, Sabah Forest Industries SDN BHD (SFI) achieved the SmartWood certificate of Verification of Legal Origin (VLO) for their 288,623 hectare forest management unit in Sabah, Malaysia. The certificate also covers their Integrated Timber Complex (ITC) that pro-

duces sawn timber, veneer and plywood.

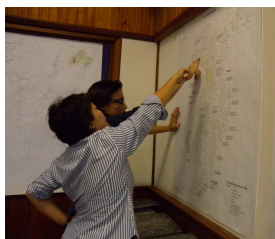
TFT has provided technical support to SFI over the last year and a half in challenging conditions to bring VLO product to market, covering a product scope of 21 different species. Pictures on the right side show TTAP in action, cooperating with SFI staff and Smartwood auditors. Pictures 1, 2 and 3 shows some of the steps of this achievement.



Picture 1: TTAP's staff meeting with villagers



Picture 2: Auditor with villager after audit.



Picture 3: Auditor and SFI manager in action.

MOU BETWEEN TFT AND MAFLOPS BRAZILIAN FORESTRY COMPANY: ASSISTING SMALLHOLDERS IN RESPONSIBLE FOREST MANAGEMENT IN THE AMAZON FOREST!

In August 2009, TFT signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with TFT to achieve legality verification through TTAP and the forest company Manejo Florestal e Prestação de Serviços Ltda (Maflops), state of Pará, Brazil. This MoU seals an innovative collaboration aimed at maintaining forest cover in the area by assisting resettled smallholders manage their forest sustainably and promoting poverty alleviation.

The Brazilian government has, since the 1980s been implementing a resettlement programme to relocate 4.5 million landless families from Southern Bra-

zil into Land Reform Rural settlement (*assentamentos*) in Northern Brazil. These settlement areas, typically 100 ha in in public forest areas have seen some of the highest rates of deforestation where incentives drive the clearance of more than the 20% permitted for agriculture. The remaining 80% is legally designated for forest management purposes if a management plan is held.

Through this promising new partnership model TFT supports MAFLOPS existing relationship with the settlers by providing technical assistance to achieve legal and sustainable forest certification of the 80% and help settlers bring « forest responsible product » to domestic and international markets.



EXPANDING THE CSE TRAINING THROUGHOUT THE CONGO BASIN: TFT PARTNERS WITH IFIA-ATIBT AND CDE

In September, TFT, through its Centre for Social Excellence (CSE) located in Brazzaville, offered an intensive 3.5 week course entitled "Technical Assistance for Certification: Forest Management, Social Standards and High Conservation Value Forests". The objective of the training was to sensitize key employees from Congo Basin logging companies on the philosophy and best practices surrounding sustainable forest management, legality and certification. The course was designed to encourage and facilitate dialogue within the enterprise and to create an

organizational culture knowledgeable and supportive of the principles of quality certification.

A similar training will take place in October at the CSE for companies working in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The CSE's innovative approach is to offer training courses addressing a broad range of forest management principles, with a particular focus on the social aspects of certification, legality and sustainability

to improve expertise in the region.

Both courses have been financed by IFIA through the generous support it receives from CDE (Centre for the Development of Enterprise).



Picture 4: Students at the CSE proudly showing their certificates .

To read more about the CES go to:

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BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE IN SHANGHAI: HARMONIZING POLICY AND PRACTICE FOR LEGAL AND CERTIFIED FOREST PRODUCTS IN ASIA PACIFIC

The Business Roundtable on legally verified and certified timber products in the Asia-Pacific region was held in Shanghai on 8-9 September 2009. It addressed trends in markets of legally verified and/or certified forest products and explored ways to enhance capacities for positive change. TFT presented its experience in bringing «forest responsible products» to the market and cautioned about the explosion of FSC CoC certificates being issued in China, as in some instances certificates are being used as a marketing tool even if no FSC certified product is being traded and forest sources unknown. The conference was co-sponsored by the Responsible Asia Forestry and Trade (RAFT) Program, a five-year program funded by USAID and man-

aged by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in partnership with IUCN, RECOFTC, TRAFFIC, TFF, TFT and WWF. The event seemed to satisfy the increasing demand for information about legality verification and certification trends in China and the Asia-Pacific region, attracting 380 participants representing 180 different organisations. TFT as a partner of the RAFT program will continue to input into similar discussions and conferences, as it does in other RAFT countries like Indonesia, Vietnam, Laos and Malaysia. Recognition of this has meant that TFT is being considered as an equal sponsor in next year's Roundtable event.



Picture 5, 6 and 7: : Some snapshots from the field visit and speeches from Phil Guillery and Zhixin Deng.

TTAP'S FOLLOW UP — TTAP SUPPLY CHAIN

Africa: Cameroon, Congo & Gabon

- 2 supply chains legally verified in Cameroon (OLB)
- Additional 15 Supply chains engaged in GA and AP stage

Asia: China, Indonesia & Malaysia

- 9 supply chains legally verified & 3 more in pipeline for audit in Jan 2010
- 11 supply chains engaged

S. America: Brazil, Guyana, Bolivia & Suriname

- 9 supply chains engaged
- 3 supply chains in pipeline for audit in Dec 2009

TOTAL : Working in 46 supply chains out of target 70 for TTAP 1 & 2 – two more years to go for both and more supply chains being nominated.

We're on track!

NEWS IN BRIEF: CHANGING LEGAL FRAMEWORKS — CHINA

that are not classified as forestry land use are not anymore subject to harvest quota control. Before this, Chinese government was on the control of the forestry management. This new rule is expected to create more incentives for forest farmers to plant trees and to simplify the formalities needed to prove legality.

In China, State Forestry Administration has promulgated a measure on 24th July 2009 that changed the rules for timber harvesting on non-forestry land use. The trees planted on land

2009 NEXT EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 12-16, Geneva : UNECE Timber Committee/FAO, 67th Session
- 14th, London: The Wood Awards
- 18th, Buenos Aires : XIII World Forestry Congress
- 22nd and 23rd, Madrid :The International Softwood Conference;

NOVEMBER

- 17-20, Dubrovnik: Wood Energy Market Potentials and Policies

DECEMBER

- 7-18, Copenhagen: 15th UN Climate Change COP (the 13th is destined to 3rd Forest Day)

For more information on forthcoming events please refer to the <http://www.illegal-logging.info>

THE FOREST TRUST: STRATEGIC PLAN AND CORE VALUES

We all share this planet and are the stewards of its vast but finite resources. At TFT, we are proud to be actively engaged in this stewardship. After 10 years working to save forests and the local peoples and biodiversity they support, we believe that we are at the start of a longer journey that also touches countries one of the most existential issues of our day, global warming. Simply put, in our first 10 years we grew from two projects covering 45,000 hectares to 45 projects covering just over 4 million hectares. Another indicator of success is the continuous growing of our turnover that has increased from \$441,000 in 2002 to \$5,541,000 in 2008, for an average annual growth rate of 53 percent. TFT operations depend on financial support from two sources:

business partners and donors, with business partners historically accounting for a slightly higher proportion. This model of business and donor involvement is deliberate and distinguishes TFT from most NGOs, which rely entirely on donors for their income.

We intend to increase our impact on forests from four million hectares to 100 million hectares over the next five years. To achieve this ambitious goal, we will broaden our focus beyond tropical wood to temperate species and other commodities with a forest footprint such as palm oil and soy—amongst today's main drivers of deforestation.

Today TFT is a team of about 90 expert staff operating in 14 different countries, all sharing the same core values:

- **Bias for action and on the ground results;**
- **Entrepreneurial spirit;**
- **Client focused;**
- **Open collaboration and and communication;**
- **Respect for each other.**

TFT offers an unsurpassed combination of entrepreneurial spirit, operational excellence and proven effectiveness required to deliver sustainable financial, social, and environmental benefits.



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