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Message from the Coordinator

Welcome to the November 2006 issue of the Australia Forest and Trade Network (AFTN) newsletter. This newsletter will provide regular updates on developments in forest certification and the supply, specification and use of certified forest products. Please feel free to pass this newsletter onto interested parties.

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The Global Forest and Trade Network

The Global Forest & Trade Network or GFTN is WWF's initiative to eliminate illegal logging, improve the management of the world's valuable and threatened forests, and promote credible forest certification. By providing support to and facilitating trade links between progressive forest industry companies, the GFTN seeks to create market conditions that will help conserve the world's forests while providing economic and social benefits for the businesses and people that depend on them.

The AFTN is the Australian arm of the GFTN (see page 8 for more information).

Events

CHINA WOOD FLOORING EXPORT AND IMPORT CONFERENCE

November 8-11, 2006 - Shanghai, China

China Wood Flooring Export & Import Conference is one of the premier wood trade conferences in China and also the annual conference of China Wood International. The conference will focus on the latest market information, import and export, trade and investment opportunities, and updated technologies and policies. The goal is to help participants to better understand the current status of the China wood industry and its relationship to the global marketplace.

For more detail, please visit: www.Chinawood.net

CHINA FTN ANNUAL MEETING

November 9th, 2006 - Shanghai, China

The China FTN is holding its annual members meeting on Wednesday 9th November in Shanghai. More than 20 CFTN members and potential are invited . The main purposes of the meeting is to offer an opportunity among members and potentials to share experiences and promote GFTN in China. The Meeting is arranged at the same hotel as the China Wood Flooring Exp&Imp Conference is being held.

If can any FTN member or potential member is interested in joining the meeting and/or conference – contact jblair@wwf.org.au

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL ECO-PRODUCTS 2006 EXHIBITION

December 14 - 16, 2006 - Tokyo, Japan

Its aim is to accelerate the expansion of green markets by exhibiting environmentally friendly products and services. The three-day event, one of the largest of its kind, is expected to



draw on more than 550 corporations and more than 150,000 visitors.

For more forestry and timber trade events in our region go to www.forestandtradeasia.org

AFTN News

16th October, 2006

Seeing the trees for their wood - The WWF-convened Australia Forest and Trade Network (AFTN) has welcomed its first six signatories who have joined WWF in a growing international effort to improve the management of the world's forests and end illegal logging.

The signatories represent steps along the forest products supply chain: forest products companies ITC Limited and Timbercorp, timber importer and wholesaler Simmonds Lumber, print management business Complete Print Solutions, commercial printer Complete Colour Printing and integrated communications consultancy UP&UP Creative.

"Our six participants join a network of over 300 companies in 30 countries that are part of WWF's Global Forest and Trade Network" said Jana Blair, WWF's Forest and Trade Network Coordinator.

"As an importer of tropical timber we recognise that our trading position gives us the opportunity to take a proactive lead in reducing the trade in illegal timber. Participation in the AFTN will demonstrate our commitment to encouraging responsible forestry to our customers and suppliers," said Paul Elsmore, CEO, Simmonds Lumber. (for more information on Simmonds Lumber's connection with Indonesia FTN members see story on page 4).

ITC, a major integrated forestry company secured Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification for the bulk of its plantations. "ITC is in an enviable position to be able to respond to our growing national and international customer demand for FSC certified forest products," said Vince Eramsus, CEO, ITC Limited.

"As a major Australian supplier of woodchips, FSC certification of our plantations demonstrates our commitment to the environment, local communities, and gains us recognition in the world market for sustainable forest products," said John Vaughan, Executive Director, Timbercorp.

Two AFTN participants are responding to the business demand for publications on FSC certified paper. "Our clients are increasingly seeking more environmentally responsible paper choices," said Peter Scott, General Manager, Complete Print Solutions.

"Our FSC Chain of Custody certification enables us to use the FSC logo on publications printed on FSC paper," said Geoff Lawyer, General Manager of Complete Colour Printing.

"UP&UP Creative are committed to minimising our impact on the environment. By sourcing paper from FSC certified forests we are supporting our eco-design and values-based approach, good forest management and integrating our clients CSR values into our communication solutions," said Monique McNamara, Director, UP&UP Creative.

Participation in the AFTN is open to all Australian businesses that supply or use timber and paper and are seeking to support responsible forest management.

Web page:

The AFTN now has its own web presence please click here AFTN home page

(www.forestandtradeasia.org/country/Australia/English/) . The AFTN welcomes feedback on both the content and layout of the website and if there are any extra features you think may be of interest.

General News

August 2006

Australian Paper's Shoalhaven and Maryvale Mills Awarded FSC Chain of Custody Certification

WWF-Australia congratulates Australian paper for securing FSC Chain of Custody certification for both their Maryvale and Shoalhaven mills.

This certification paves the way for the iconic Australian paper brand Reflex to carry the FSC label.

18 October 2006

The Responsible Award – WWF Australia

All of us with an interest in responsible purchasing of timber and timber products are used to considering the forest origins of our paper and building materials, but what about other less obvious uses of timber – such as award plaques?

Just this issue confronted Claudia Cooney, Publications Officer at WWF-Australia when she was required to design and source awards for the impending November launch of a WWF report, *Building Nature's Safety Net*.

The plaques will be awarded to the owner of the "Top Ten 10 Reserves of the Decade", as judged by WWF.



One of the awards for the Top Ten Reserves of the Decade - (c) WWF-Australia Claudia Cooney

While Claudia was able to source the timber from The Woodage in NSW, the award could only carry the FSC logo if the timber was processed by someone holding an FSC chain of custody certificate. Happily for Claudia, Peter Mussett at the Woodage was more than happy to cut and shape the timber to match her design and now the final product can bear the FSC logo.



Back of award with FSC logo - (c) WWF-Australia Claudia Cooney

To ensure your final product can carry the FSC logo, make sure your supplier, printer or manufacturer has been awarded FSC chain of custody.

27 September 2006

First survey of the green building market in Australia – <u>Green Building News</u> The first survey of the green building market in Australia shows that green buildings are no longer a niche occurrence, with 84% of Australian architects, contractors and building owners involved in green building, as the demand for green buildings grows, particularly from the government sector and from large corporate building tenants and owners.

The resulting report demonstrates the impact of green building on the industry and trends in the next couple of years.

The Green Building Market Report 2006 amalgamates information drawn from a survey of 212 Australian construction and property professionals with insights gleaned from in-depth interviews with experts from various stakeholder groups.

A joint project of the Green Building Council of Australia and Building and Construction Interchange (BCI) Australia, key findings of the Green Building Market Report 2006 will be released today at the Green Building in Australia conference in Sydney.

"This Report confirms what the Green Building Council already knows - green buildings are no longer just the future of the industry, they are today's reality, and the Green Star environmental rating system is becoming the green building standard of the industry," said Green Building Council Chief Executive, Romilly Madew.



RAAF Richmond (5 Star Green Star - Office Interiors v1; 5 Star Green Star - Office Design v1; 5 Star Green Star - Office As Built v1 (awarded the Sustainable Timber credit for all 3 ratings) (c) Brett Boardman

"The results also confirm the importance of government leadership in driving the shift to a sustainable property industry - highlighting the significance of state governments rewriting their office accommodation guidelines, as the Victorian and South Australian State Governments have done.

"On the down-side, the results also highlight the need for the Green Building Council to continue to educate the industry about the minimal premium involved in building green - with an overwhelming majority (94%) of those surveyed presuming green building will increase up-front construction costs.

"As documented in *The Dollars & Sense of Green Buildings*, the Green Building Council's landmark cost-benefit analysis of green buildings, while green buildings can incur a small green premium above the costs of standard construction,

growing international and local evidence shows that the industry should not expect the cost to build green to exceed a 3% premium - which makes the green premium for a green CBD commercial building less than \$100 per sqm." BCI Australia CEO, Dr Matthias Krups, said the results showed the momentum in the industry to build green.



Investa Fitout at Level 6 & 7, 126 Phillip, Sydney (5 Star Green Star - Office Interiors v1) (c) Investa

"It is early days, but the momentum is palpable and we are witnessing the convergence of green and great architecture as green building is becoming a generally accepted business standard," Dr Krups said.

"The results also point to a strategic window of opportunity for manufacturers' branding and positioning, with 'specifying green products' ranking among the most common of green building activities, yet few if any architects are able to specifically put their finger on a 'green manufacturer'."

Other key findings of the survey include:

-more than 50% of Australia's architectural firms and contractors see their sales associated with green building on the rise - yet 65% of all architects and contractors see 'little or no impact' of green building on their profits;

the main reasons for architecture, engineering, contracting and building owners to get involved in green building are: 'lowering lifecycle costs' (71%) and 'being part of an industry that values the environment' (75%); government and education are the sectors expected to witness the greatest growth in green building; and green building does not feature highly on the priority list of the residential sector in Australia (however a search in BCI Australia's project leads database showed the residential sector as the leading green building segment (43% of all projects, followed by commercial office projects at 19%)).

Architecture, engineering and contracting professionals as well as building owners were surveyed in relation to market demand for green building; the business impacts and opportunities of green building; and green building information needs and regulatory standpoints.

(from Green Building Council of Australia) <u>click here to go to source</u> (www.gbcaus.org/gbc.asp?sectionid=6&docid=1194)

GFTN News

Copies of the a full participants list can be downloaded from the GFTN website www.panda.org/gftn

Asia

In our region the Global Forest and Trade Network has chapters in China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia and Vietnam.

21 September 2006

New Members for Indonesia FTN - *WWF Indonesia* On the 21st September WWF-Indonesia announced two new members of the Forest and Trade Network - Nusa Hijau.

PT. Inatai GFI is a garden furniture manufacturer which is using mixed hardwood and teakwood. PT Inatai GFI buy FSC certified wood from Brazil, Bolivia, Peru and Uruguay as well as from other FSC suppliers. PT Inatai was awarded an FSC Chain of Custody certificate on August 2001 which was subsequently renewed on August 03, 2006. The updated certificate extended audited activities to include the purchase of certified logs and sawn timber, sawmilling, manufacture and sales of 100% FSC certified sawn timber, mouldings and furniture products. In 2005 Inatai sales was 17,000m³, and as at May 2006 was 7500m³.



Paul Elsmore (CEO – Simmonds Lumber Group) at Indonesia FTN signing ceremony - (c) WWF-Indonesia

PT. Seng Fong Moulding Perkasa (SFMP) is a manufacturer of solid wooden flooring and housing components and one of the largest such factories in East Java. The mixed hardwood and teakwood used in their production are procured from local suppliers in Sumatra, Java, Kalimantan, Sulawesi, and Papua islands. The entire production of this company is designated for export purposes. SFMP is exporting to 24 countries around the world including Australia, France, Malaysia, Hong Kong,

Germany and Japan. Last year's total sales volume was 18,380 m³, and in the first half of 2006, the company's sales were 10,000 m³. SFMP's current monthly export capacity is approximately 120 containers.

Coincidently SFMP is a major supplier for one of our AFTN members – Simmonds Lumber Group. Simmonds Lumber is a major Australian wholesaler of domestic and imported timber with substantial investment in offices and warehouses across the Eastern Seaboard of Australia as well as in Auckland NZ.

In 2005, and in recognition of their opportunity to take a proactive lead in reducing the trade in illegal timber, Simmonds Lumber appointed Certisource to provide independent verification of source and legality for timber exports out of Indonesia.

As part of this process Simmonds recognised the value of becoming a member of AFTN and now Simmonds and Certisource, through their relationships with members of their timber supply chain, actively promote membership of GFTN.

In Indonesia this resulted in Seng Fong signing up as an FTN member with other major suppliers expected to join soon.



DNA Lumber being loaded for Simmonds - (c) Certisource

Certisource undertake DNA based third party verification to assure Simmonds Lumber and all interested stakeholders that the tropical timber it imports comes from *known*, *legal sources* as defined by WWF's GFTN.

The DNA programme has been a major investment for the Simmonds Lumber Group and one Simmonds is committed to now and into the future.

The first steps in the DNA journey for Certisource and Simmonds have been completed, however both companies recognise that there is still a long way to go as Simmonds strive to lead the way in the verified legal importation of tropical wood products from Indonesia.

20 October 2006

APP Hides Destruction Behind False Advertisements

Jakarta, Indonesia – A new WWF monitoring report released today reveals that Asia Pulp & Paper (APP), one of the world's largest paper and pulp companies, is going to destroy one of the most delicate of all remaining ecosystems in Indonesia - the peat swamp forests of Kampar Peninsula in Sumatra.

The Kampar Peninsula consists of approximately 400,000 hectares of large, still relatively intact peat swamp forest which is an important habitat for Sumatran tiger. Jikalahari, a local NGO network, and WWF have proposed it as a national park. But APP is getting ready to clear the forest on top of a deep peat dome.

Since it began operations in the 1980s, APP has pulped close to a million hectares of Riau's natural forests. WWF's latest report details how APP's "forest protection based on legal compliance" has destroyed about a third of the forest lost in Riau.

In the past, APP had pledged to protect few small blocks of high conservation value forests (HCVF). However, according to SmartWood, which was hired by APP to audit its performance in protecting these HCVFs, APP failed to protect them. In a meeting with WWF in June this year, APP then refused to guarantee that HCVF would be excluded from its future logging and wood sourcing operations.



Natural forest wood piled along a peat swamp drainage canal in Riau Province, Sumatra now used for floating the timber © WWF Indonesia.

WWF is working closely with Indonesian government agencies to ensure that forest conservation is part of land-use planning and conversion licensing processes. Such collaboration has already led the Indonesia Forestry Ministry to issue a decree establishing an elephant conservation centre in Riau and halt to conversion of natural forest to plantation.

WWF is calling on all pulp and paper producers and buyers to avoid suppliers who use any fibre from legally questionable sources or from clear-cutting HCVF. Based on their own responsible purchasing policies, some companies, like the Ricoh Group and Fuji Xerox Group, both headquartered in Japan, have stopped purchasing APP products.

To view the full report <u>click here</u> (www.wwf.or.id/index.php?fuseaction=newsroom.detail&id= NWS1161151678&language=e)

Africa

14 Sept 2006

WWF and Global Timber Company team up to promote sustainable forestry in Africa - Frankfurt, Germany

WWF and the Danzer Group, a leading global producer of hardwood veneer and lumber, have agreed to work together in Africa to promote sustainable forest management.

As part of the cooperation, Danzer's subsidiaries, IFO in the Republic of Congo and SIFORCO in the Democratic Republic of Congo — which manage a combined total forest area of 3.2 million hectares — are scheduled to be certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) starting in 2008. This is the largest concession in Africa currently being prepared for FSC certification.

Danzer has also announced it will join WWF's Global Forest and Trade Network (GFTN), a partnership between leading NGOs, companies and communities aimed at eliminating illegal logging and improving the management of valuable and threatened forests.

"We look forward to working together within the framework of our membership of WWF's GFTN and to jointly undertake long-term efforts to effectively promote prudent and responsible forestry in the Central African forests," says Hans-Joachim Danzer, CEO of the Danzer Group.

"Illegal logging is a serious threat to producer companies and fair competition on world markets, and must be stopped."

Danzer is working closely with WWF in drawing up a detailed timetable for implementation, including detailed measures for its own managed forest concessions, procurement from third-party suppliers and all sales of African timber.

This schedule for certification will build upon the company's comprehensive Environmental and Safety Management System (ESMS) as well as the Danzer Group's strict procurement rules for African timber. The ESMS is based on the ISO 14001:2004 standard and covers the Danzer Group's entire global African supply chain from forest management and sourcing of timber to the processing and sale of products.

Through its ESMS, Danzer has already met a number of requirements for certification of its own sustainably managed forests. Both IFO and SIFORCO have been granted an independently verified legality certificate by the Swiss auditing company, Société Générale de Surveillance. The measures and schedule for achieving FSC certification, which will be drawn up by WWF and Danzer in the coming months, are a requirement of GFTN membership.

Danzer's IFO concession, comprising a total of 1.3 million hectares, is scheduled to achieve FSC certification in 2008. Gradual certification of SIFORCO's five concessions, totalling nearly 1.9 million hectares, is set to begin in 2010.

"By adhering to the requirements set forth in a certificate, customers can rest assured that the wood they buy from us comes from responsibly managed sources," added Hans-Joachim Danzer.

"We also hope that our joint activities with WWF will lead to a better mutual understanding of ecological demands and private economic interests in conjunction with sustainable forest management...while at the same time making an important contribution to the economic development of one of the world's poorest regions."

WWF has been active in the Congo Basin for many years and has worked to establish and oversee protected areas that provide safe habitats for endangered species such as gorillas, forest elephants and other wildlife in the region, as well as promote responsible forestry for the benefit of national economies and livelihoods of local communities. Despite their importance, the Congo's forests are threatened by illegal and destructive logging, poaching and smuggling of wildlife, and the illicit bushmeat trade.



The WWF-Danzer Group cooperation aims to promote sustainable forest management in the Congo Basin.

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"We believe that the cooperation between WWF and Danzer represents an important shift towards responsible forestry for

some of the world's most threatened forests in the Congo Basin," says Per Rosenberg, GFTN Director.

"We are working to ensure that African wood supplied by Danzer comes from legally verifiable sources, and will help companies to progress towards sustainable management."

United Kingdom

September 2006

Clarks Wood uses FSC karri decking in Cardiff Bay project – from the UK-FTN Annual report 05/06

In the first stage of a project to develop Cardiff Bay, 60m³ of FSC-certified karri decking and bearers, supplied by Clarks Wood Company Ltd, have been laid. The project was managed by Taylor Woodrow, designed by Arup and installed by Houston Cox Carpentry. The plantation-grown karri was obtained from South Africa. FSC certification was specified at the start of the project.

Over the next couple of years the decking will become the frontage of a casino, sports complex and Olympic-size swimming pool to be used by athletes training for the 2012 Olympics. The site will also host more than 3,000 homes as well as shops, superstores and other leisure facilities.



FSC Karri Decking
© WWF-UK

Geoff Osborne, Managing Director of Clarks Wood, said, "It's not easy to carry all species of FSC-certified hardwood or all the different decking formats which an architect may specify. Often contractors find themselves without wood very close to actual installation dates, with an expectation of timber being readily available in a supplier's yard."

But Clarks Wood, he said, prided itself in being able to source to specification in the quickest possible time, due to its extensive supplier database. "Sometimes the shipment may not be as quick as the contractor would like, but it will be realistic and as promised. The karri decking was a typical project which required many FSC-certified components to be supplied and the delivery date was critical. While many other species could have been used, karri matched the high standard required – which included visual strength grading in the UK – and was shipped on time for the project." Geoff Osborne also noted an increase in the use of FSC-certified timber in 2006.

* Clarks Wood has been a member of the UK-FTN since 1996.

FSC News

Australia

FSC Australia Update — from Michael Spencer
FSC to Establish National Office FSC Australia will establish
a National Office in Melbourne with support from the
Victorian Government as part of their commitment to forest
certification. Space has been located in Bourke Street,
Melbourne. FSC Australia will be moving-in over the coming
weeks and stakeholders will be advised of new contact details
shortly. Merrin Layden will coordinate activities of the office
and will be employed by FSC Australia for three days a week
initially. The space has access to meeting facilities and
represents another step toward establishment of FSC in
Australia. The office will play an important role as
coordination point for the development of FSC national
standards.

To request a FSC membership application form, contact Michael Spencer, michael@fscaustralia.org

Fourth Meeting of FSC Australia Board in Mt Gambier The fourth meeting of the FSC Australia interim Board of Directors was held at Penola in the Green Triangle region of South Australia last week. Board members spent Monday with staff from FSC certified company ITC and visited operations between Hamilton in Victoria and Mt Gambier in South Australia. On Monday evening, the Board met members of the Mt Gambier community interested in FSC at a dinner attended by more than 20 guests including representatives of other local forest product companies. The Board meeting was held on Tuesday at the Penola office of FSC certified company Timbercorp.

International

FSC International Pulp and Paper Forum Frankfurt, Germany 23 - 24 January 2007 The FSC Global Paper Forum is an international meeting where FSC certificate holders, purchasers of FSC certified paper products, pulp producers and representatives of related sectors as well as NGOs will get

together to better understand the growing market for FSC certified products as well as new opportunities for FSC-labelled paper. Panel discussions, workshops and latest updates and developments on FSC International policies related to the paper sector are some of the activities envisaged. Participants also have the opportunity to visit the international trade fair Paperworld Frankfurt (24 - 28 January 2007 www.paperworld.de) For further details contact FSC Working Group Germany: info@writingthefuture.org

International Plantations Review Completes its Task The Policy Working Group for the Plantations Review (PWG) came together for their final meeting in Bonn, on September 6-8th. By 10 pm on the 3rd solid day of discussion, the members of the PWG had drawn up their final policy recommendations. The main preliminary conclusions of the group are:

- 1. FSC should develop its systems in order to address an existing continuum between natural forests and plantations, recognizing that the higher the impact the greater the emphasis needed for prevention, mitigation and compensation measures.
- 2. FSC should work to ensure that social issues receive the same level of attention as environmental and economic ones.
- 3. The responsibility for local stakeholder consultation should rest with the forest management and plantation operations.

For more information or to become involved contact Michael Spencer on info@fscaustralia.org

What is the AFTN?

The Australia Forest and Trade Network (AFTN) is the local arm of the Global Forest and Trade Network (GFTN) set up by WWF to assist and encourage Australian businesses to support responsible forestry.

Participants in the AFTN support responsible forestry by implementing a timber and paper purchasing policy and time-bound action plan that identifies and, as quickly as possible, ends the purchase of forest products from illegal or controversial sources and continuously increases the amount of product sourced from "known", "legal", "verified legal", "progressing toward certification" and "certified" sources.

The AFTN is open to all Australian businesses that produce, supply or use timber and paper and who are seeking to support responsible forest management.

The benefits of participation are:

- Assistance in developing and implementing a practical, responsible timber and paper purchasing policy;
- Access to a global network of like-minded businesses and organisations, including producers and suppliers, that are committed to supporting responsible forestry;
- Guidance in assessing the value and credibility of different forest and chain of custody certification schemes;
- Improved risk management on a major environmental issue for many businesses; and
- Demonstrate to shareholders, employees, regulators and other stakeholders an enhanced corporate reputation.

AFTN Assistance

Certification Assistance

Contact Jana Blair, Australia Forest and Trade Network Coordinator. jblair@wwf.org.au

To find accredited FSC certifiers search on www.fsc.org

Group Certification: **Group Certification for Forests (2002)** www.proforest.net/publications

How to find FSC Certified Timber

Lodge a "Market enquiry" with your AFTN Coordinator. These enquires are forwarded to all members of the GFTN on a quarterly basis.

Global search for FSC certified timer and products: www.certifiedwood.org. This database allows you to search by type of timber and timber species, by product type and supply chain position and country.

On www.fsc-info.org you can search for FSC certified species all over the world. Search mechanisms include species, tenure and country.

Global search for FSC Forest management and Chain of Custody certificate holders: www.fsc-info.org

On <u>www.certifiedwood.org</u> you can confirm the certification status of a company.

Global search for FSC certified forests:

www.certifiedwood.org The advantage of this certified forest list is the contact details like telephone numbers are included.

The most up to date information on which forests and companies are certified can be found on the main FSC International website www.fsc.org, however this information is mainly aimed at providing an overview rather then to establish contact.

Publications

The AFTN has the following publications available in both hard and soft copy:

- AFTN Fact Sheet
- Responsible Purchasing Guide Version II
- Keep it Legal Guide on how to keep illegally harvested timber out of your supply chain.
- FSC Certification An Introductory Guide
- FSC Principles and Criteria A Framework for Forest Management
- FSC Certification: Chain of Custody A Technical Guide for Manufacturers and Suppliers
- Controlled Wood A Guide for Avoiding Environmentally and Socially Damaging Wood

Background and Facts

The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) is currently the only credible, globally applicable timber certification system supported by WWF. The FSC label makes it possible for buyers to choose forest products that come from forests managed to the highest environmental and social standards and from legal sources. As a global system FSC offers market incentives for improving forest management around the world.

Further details on

Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) www.fsc.org
Global Forest and Trade Network www.panda.org/gftn
Forest For Life Programme, WWF www.panda.org

NGO Positions on Certification systems

Footprints in the Forest (2004) –

In depth report on Canadian Standard's Association (CSA), Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PFEC), Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI), Australian Forestry Standard (AFS), Sistema Brazileiro de Certificacao Florestal (CERFLOR), Certification Forestal (Certfor) and the Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC).

www.fern.org

Make your own judgement about Certification Schemes

Assessing Forest Certification: A Practical Guide (2002) http://www.proforest.net/publications

WWF Forest Position Statements

WWF works on forest conservation through a multiplicity of approaches and strategies. WWF Position Statements on the following issues are available on WWF's web-site www.panda.org/about_wwf/what_we_do/forests/publications/position_papers/index.cfm

- Forest Protected Areas
- High Conservation Value Forests
- Forest Certification
- Certification Schemes (FSC and PEFC)
- Forest Plantations
- Climate Change and Forest Carbon Sequestration
- Forest Conversion
- Illegal Logging and Crime
- Forest Fires

WWF World Bank Alliance

The World Bank/WWF Alliance was formed in 1998 and draws on the comparative institutional strengths of the partner institutions:

- The Banks' access to policy dialogue, convening power, analytical capacity and financing operations;
- WWF's strong field presence, private sector partnerships, public trust and forest conservation experience.

For more information on the World Bank/WWF Alliance go to www.forest-alliance.org

For Further Information

For more information and to be sent an AFTN application form please contact: Jana Blair on <u>jblair@wwf.org.au</u>

The AFTN welcomes your response to information published in the Bulletin, write to <u>jblair@wwf.org.au.</u>

For more information on the work of WWF-Australia please go to: www.wwf.org.au