

GFTN-INDONESIA FACT SHEET



BACKGROUND

Indonesia's tropical rainforests account for 10 per cent of world's remaining rainforest and are home to some of the richest and most diverse tropical forests on the planet. They house thousands of unique species and the world's last remaining Sumatran tigers, orangutans, pygmy elephants and Sumatran rhinos. Despite their ecological, social and economic benefits, Indonesia has the highest rates of deforestation in the world. From 1990 to 2010, Indonesia lost over 24 million hectares, representing 20 per cent of the country's forest extent. Much of this loss is driven by demand within Asia for timber and pulp and by rampant illegal logging. Indonesia is the world's largest exporter of tropical timber, generating upwards of US\$5 billion annually in revenues. However, more than half of the logging in Indonesia is thought to be illegal, with estimates that the country has lost between 1.6 million and 2.8 million hectares of forest annually to illegal logging and land conversion, much of which is destined for Malaysia, Singapore and other Asian countries.

The need for legal and responsible forest management is critical considering that more than 48 million hectares (55 per cent of the country's remaining forests) are permitted for logging. Recent estimates suggest that 98 per cent of Indonesia's natural rainforest may be destroyed by 2022. The pressure on the unique and threatened forests is immense, but offers an important opportunity to balance economic development with responsible natural resource use through credible forest certification.

WHAT: GLOBAL FOREST & TRADE NETWORK – INDONESIA (GFTN-INDONESIA)

The Global Forest & Trade Network - Indonesia (GFTN-Indonesia) is a national arm of GFTN to eliminate illegal logging and improve the management of valuable and threatened forests within Indonesia and in countries supplying wood to Indonesia.

WHO: COMPANIES GFTN-INDONESIA WORKS WITH

GFTN-Indonesia works with forest managers and producers of a wide range of products including garden furniture, joinery, plywood and sawnwood. GFTN-Indonesia works with companies who are committed to responsible forest management and trade and provides a variety of support including technical assistance, marketing & communication, improving the industry image and encouraging companies to become leaders in the forest industry sector.

QUICK STATS: GFTN-INDONESIA

- **26 participants** with more than **18,900** employees
- **Forest participants** managing **1.3 million** hectares of forest, **568,540** of which is credibly certified
- **1.2 million m³** total round wood equivalent traded per year

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