



Introduction to TIMBER THEFT

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Objectives

Identify Global Problems

**Outline Components of the Timber
Supply Chain**



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Illegal logging accounts for 50 - 90% of the volume of all forestry in key producer tropical countries

Illegal logging accounts for 15 – 30% of global logging activities

Illegally taken timber is estimated to be worth US\$30 and US \$100 billion annually.

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NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — The illegal cutting of timber and the poaching of elephants and rhinos are part of a "rapidly escalating environmental crime wave" that international governments must combat by increasing cooperation, police and environmental officials said.

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Amur Tiger Habitat Threatened



Data revealed that in 2010, the volume of Mongolian oak logged for export exceeded the amount legally authorized for logging by 200 percent. This means at least half of the oak shipped across the border to China was stolen. Oak harvest in 2007 and 2007 was four times as large.

“Illegal logging is imperiling the long-term survival of the Amur tiger and the livelihoods of thousands of forest villagers and indigenous peoples.” Nikolay Shmatkov

WWF April 2013



A Global Problem

“Expecting or asking one country to combat illegal logging while at the same time receiving or importing illegal logs of course does not support efforts to combat these forest crimes. In fact ... allowing import and trade in illegally cut timber and associated products could also be considered as an act to assist or even conduct forest crime.”

- Indonesia's Former Forest Minister Mohamad Prakosa

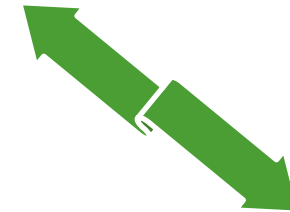


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Prevention Pyramid

Enforcement



Engineering



Education



Timber Harvest



Timber Transport



Timber Processing



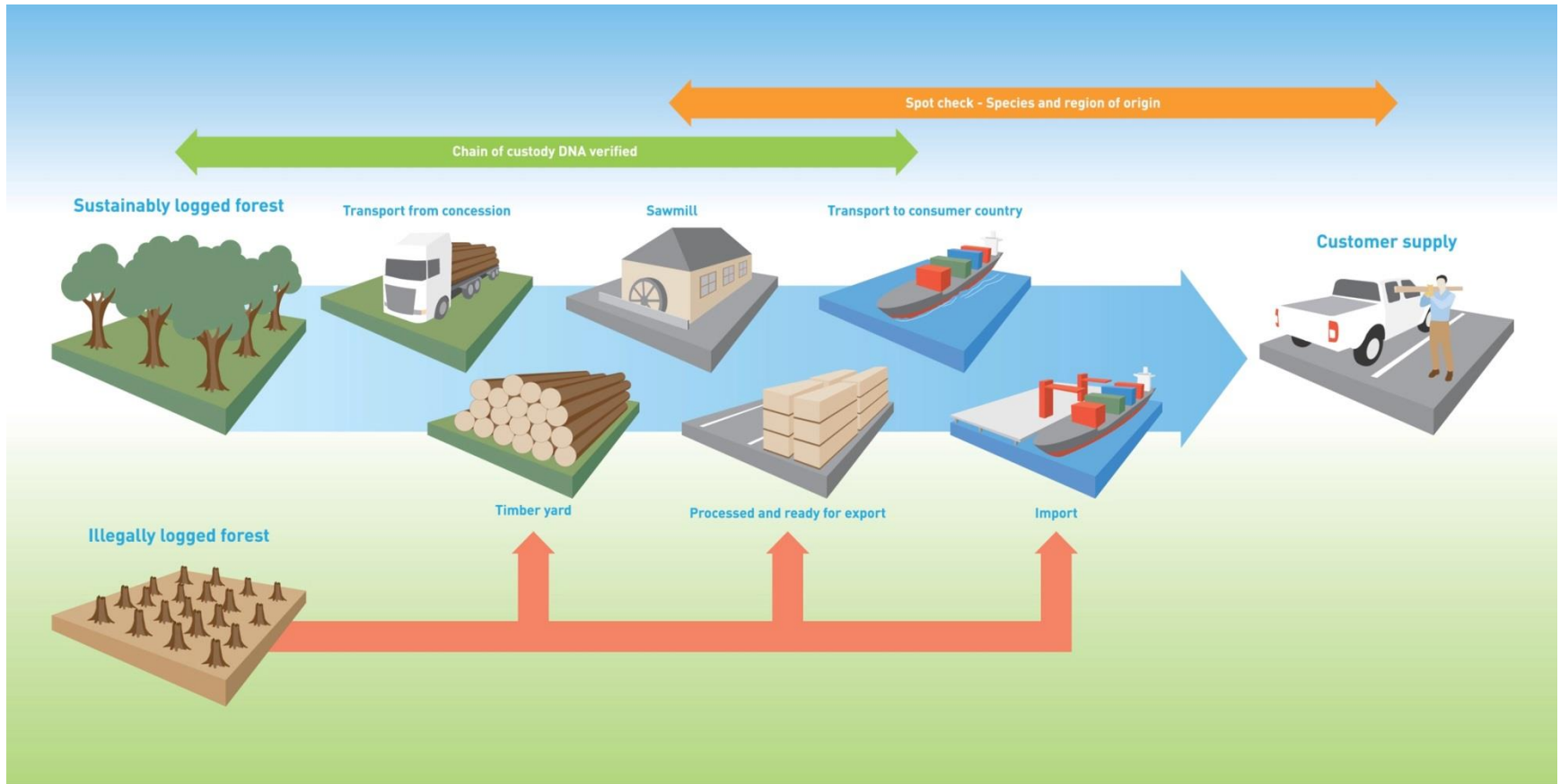
Timber Export & Sale



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Ideal Supply Chain



Observations from Site Visits in Ukraine



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Thank You!

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