

# Combating International Illegal Logging and Associated Trade Relevant Policies in China

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# Negative impacts caused by illegal logging and associated trade

destroying forest resources

inducing forest fire and pest/disease

damaging bio-diversity

reducing revenues income of government and local community

increasing poverty and interest conflict in the region

disturbing order of international timber market

damaging the benefit of legal operators

negative impacts to sustainability of Ecological, Economic and social development



Chinese government insisted in the position to combating illegal logging and associated trade, and emphasized that forest law enforcement and governance should be strengthened, and should protect forests from sources, and stop illegal logging and associated trade 。



# —、Basic Understandings on International Illegal Logging



# Definition of illegal logging

**currently, no universal adopted comprehensive definition on illegal logging and associated trade.**

**Normally it defined as behaviors which violate relevant laws and regulations about forest harvest, transportation, processing, utilization in resource countries, including break relevant internal convention**

# Definition of Illegal Trade

**Illegal trade normally refer to trade illegal sourced timber and timber products including two situations**

- **Legal trade of illegal sourced products, like trading illegal sourced timber and timber products with legal trade documents**
- **Illegal traded of illegal sourced products, like break relevant trading laws, trading illegal souced timber and timber products, smuggling.**

## 二、China's policy and actions on Combating International Illegal Logging and Associated Trade



**Improving forest  
management system**

**Strengthening law enforcement  
and forest management**

**Strengthening export management,  
improving monitoring procedures**

**Domestic  
level**

**Actively participant bi-lateral and multi-lateral cooperation**

**Actively work with developing countries to protect and reasonable utilizing forest resources**

**Strictly abide to forest law and regulations in forest resource countries**

**Strengthening cooperation and combating illegal logging**

**International level**

# Paying great attention on cooperation with international organizations, NGOs and business sectors

SFA conducted effective cooperation with TNC/RAFT, FAO, ITTo, IUCN, WWF, Forest Trends etc

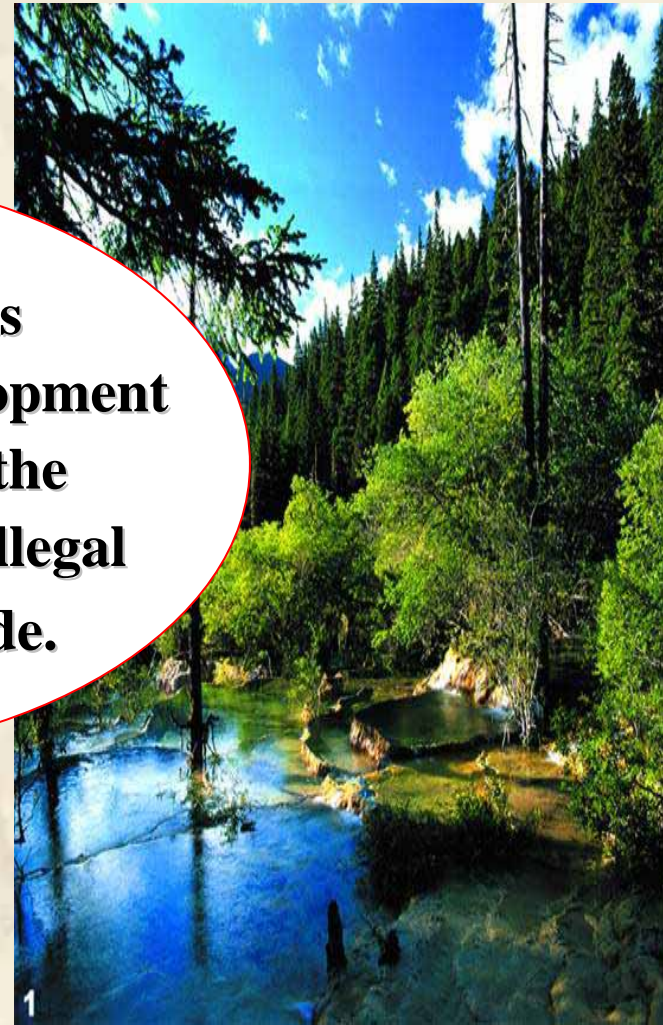


# 三、China ' s Next Step thoughts on combating illegal logging and associated trade





**properly handling relations  
between economical development  
and forest conservation is the  
fundamental base to stop illegal  
logging and associated trade.**



# Principles to address illegal logging

**Respecting to  
development  
principles**

**Comprehensively  
analysis reasons,  
sequences of  
illegal logging**

**Seeking for balance  
point between  
economic  
development and  
environmental  
protection**

# Specific measures

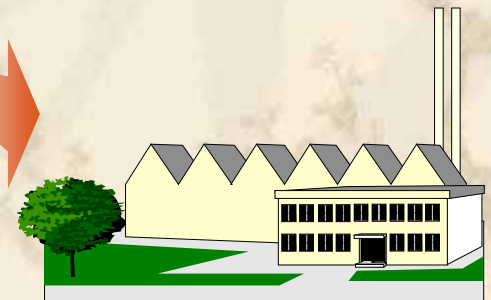
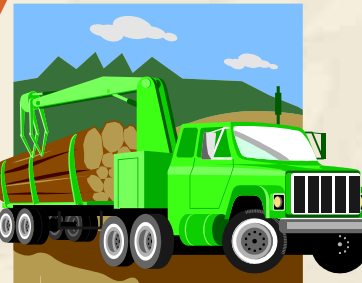
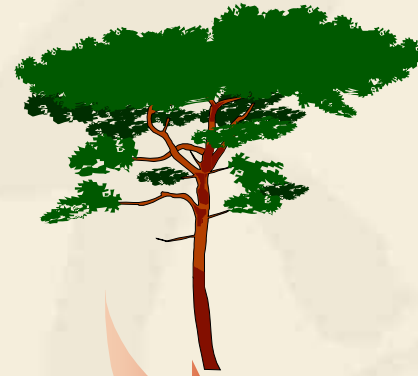
**1、 Chinese government will continuously working with timber producing counties, especially developing countries on technical exchange, training, community develop, and taking effective and active measures to assist timber producing countries to improve forest management ability and improve livelihood in local community**



**2、 keep through Sino-US Strategic and economic dialogue, Sino-EU FLEG coordination mechanism, Sino-Japan High level Economic Dialogue to communicate and cooperation with other timber consuming counties 。**



**3、 Based on bilateral, multi-lateral communication and cooperation, keep to push common senses on definition of legality of wood sources, and explore room to set up a timber legality mutual recognizing method which can fit in the specific situations in deferent countries, and can be accepted /adopted by developing countries .**



## 4. Strengthening sustainable management concept in forestry business sector

- ❖ We will issue some policies, regulations, and guidelines to induct business to set up concept of sustainable forest management, strengthening to monitor and regulation business's operation
- ❖ Requiring business improve their resource and environmental protection awareness and build up CSR philosophy.





**Thanks !**

