

The Environmental Credentials of US Hardwoods

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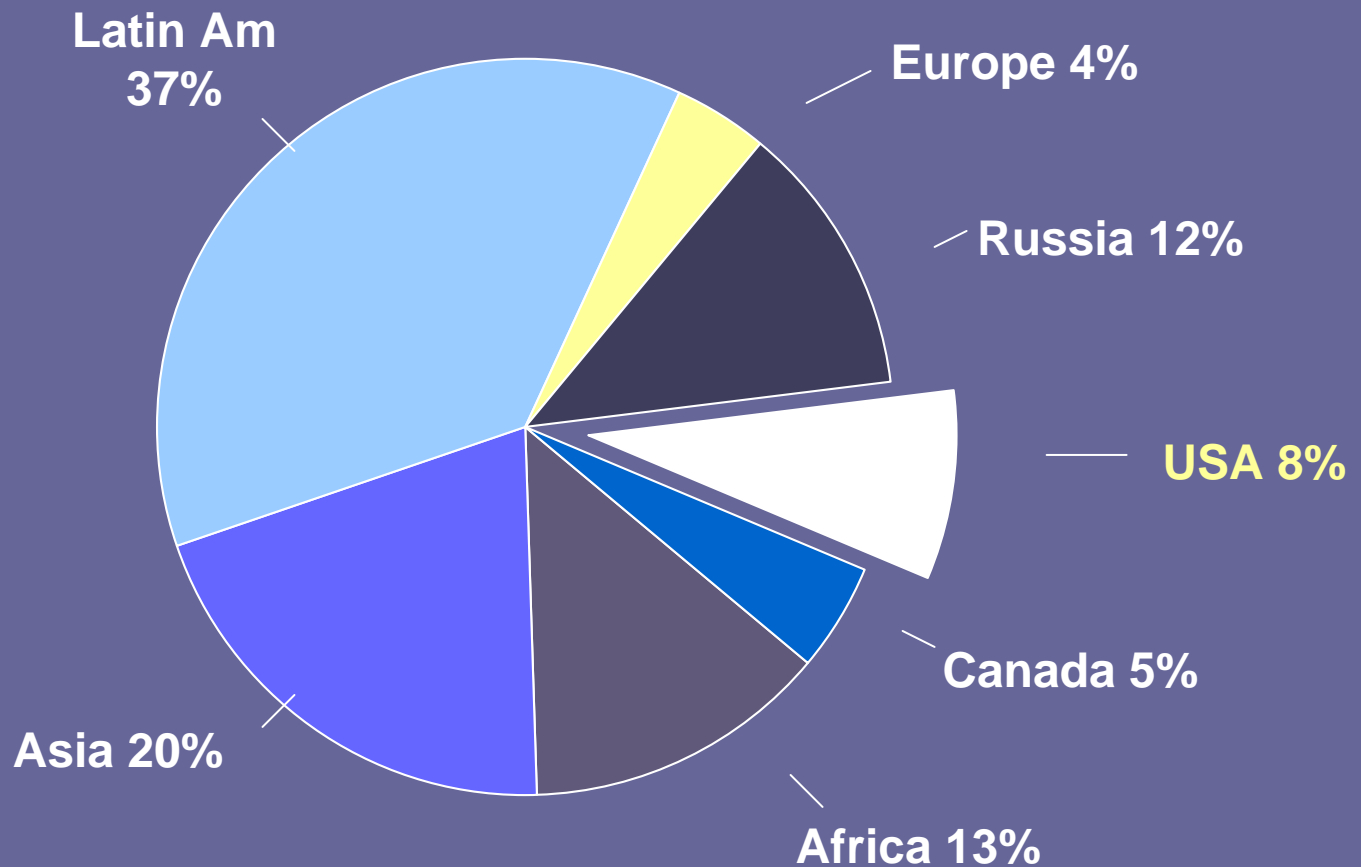
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Illegal Logging

- Illegal material depresses world prices for wood by up to 16%
- Severely undermines markets for legal operators
- Undermines reputation of the wood industry

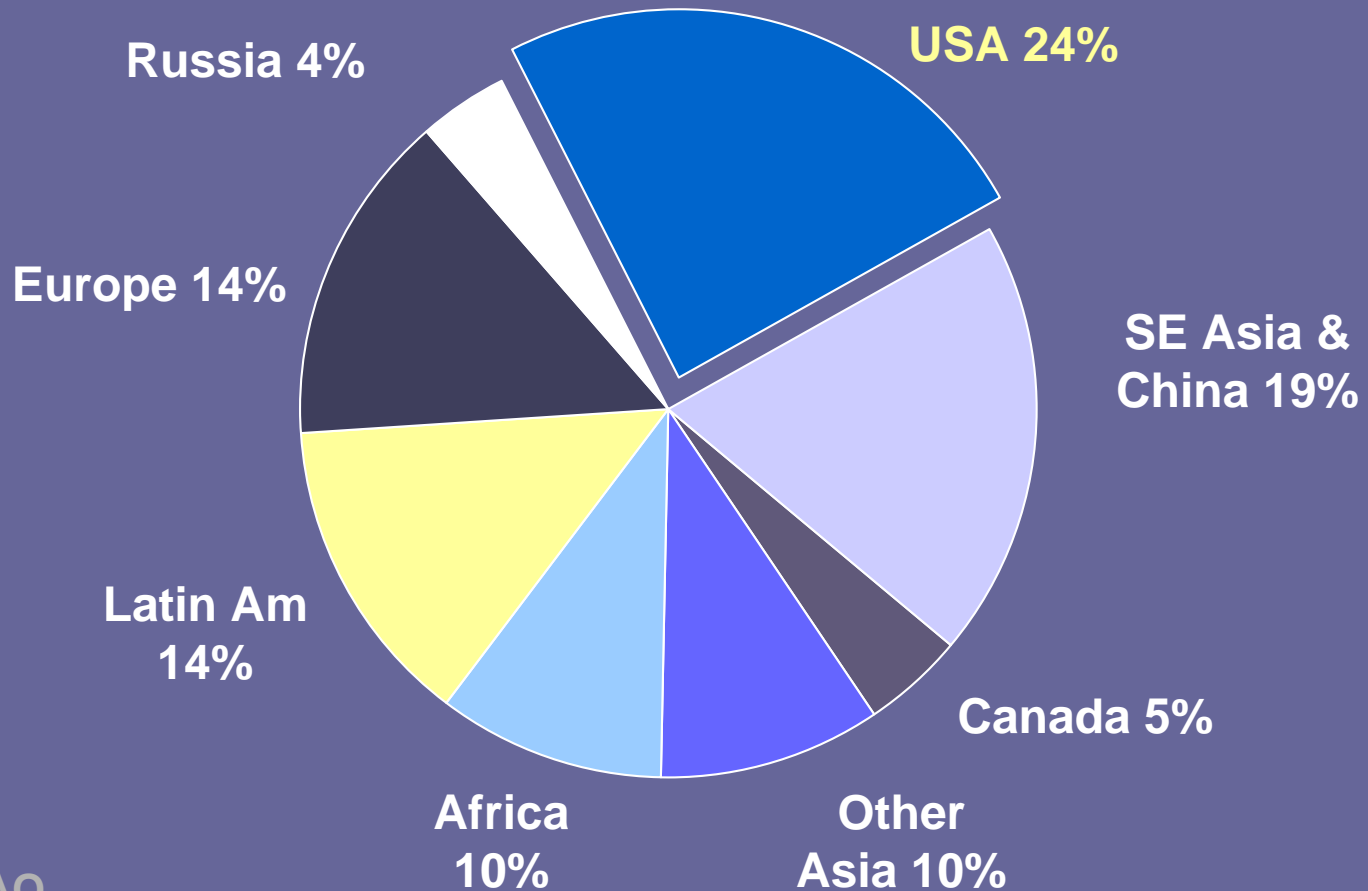


Global Hardwood Forests



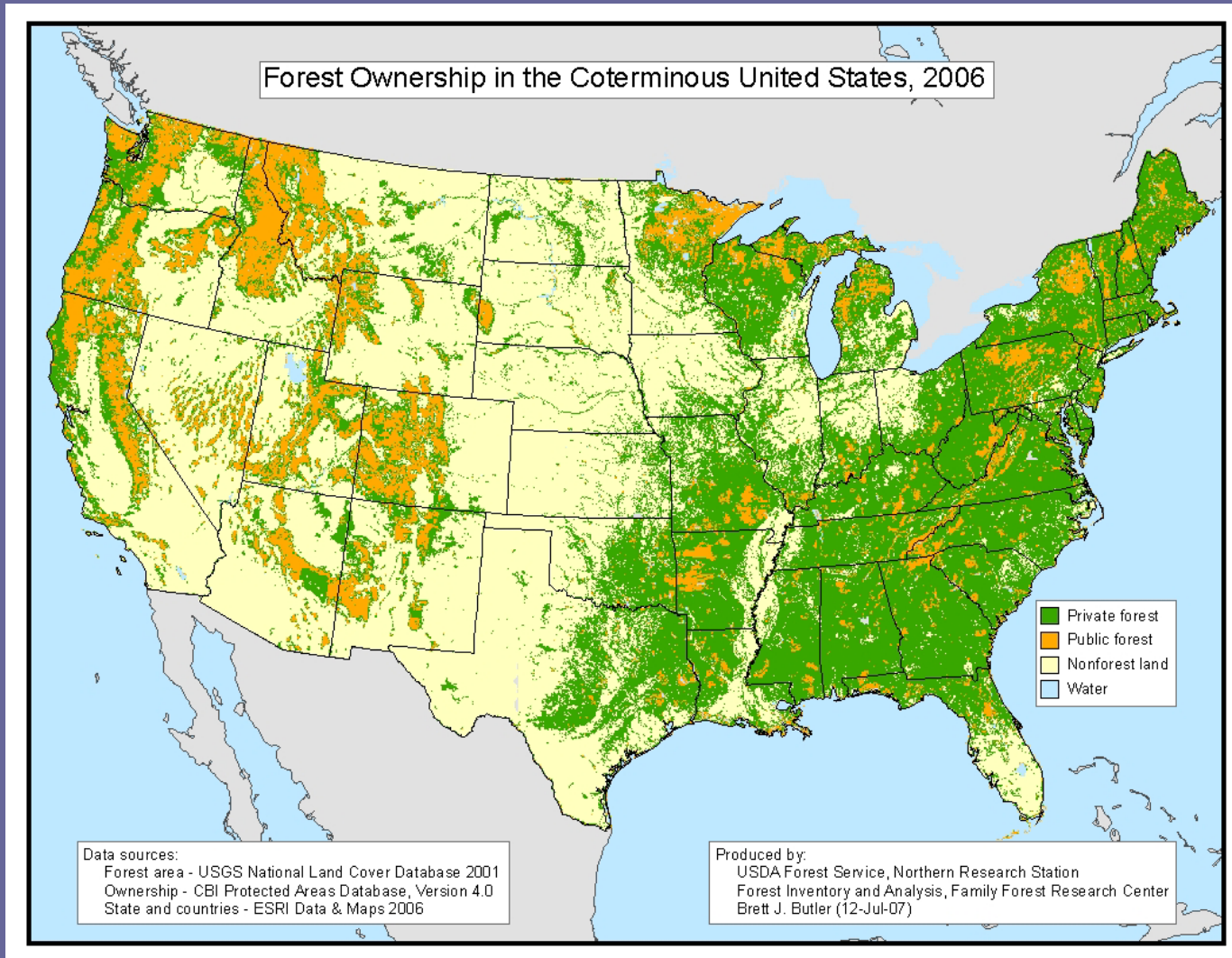
Source: FAO

Hardwood Roundwood Production



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US Hardwood Resource



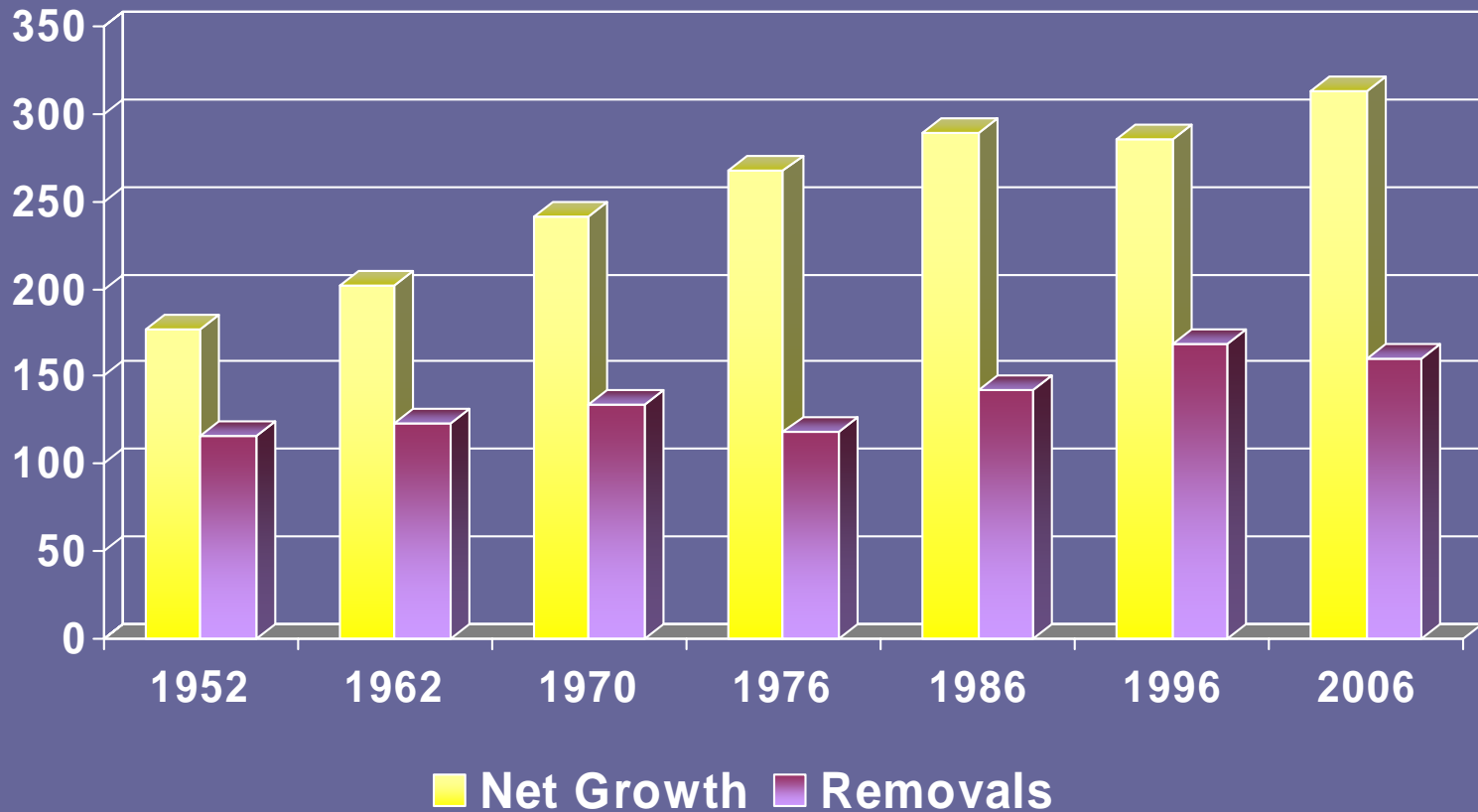
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and natural
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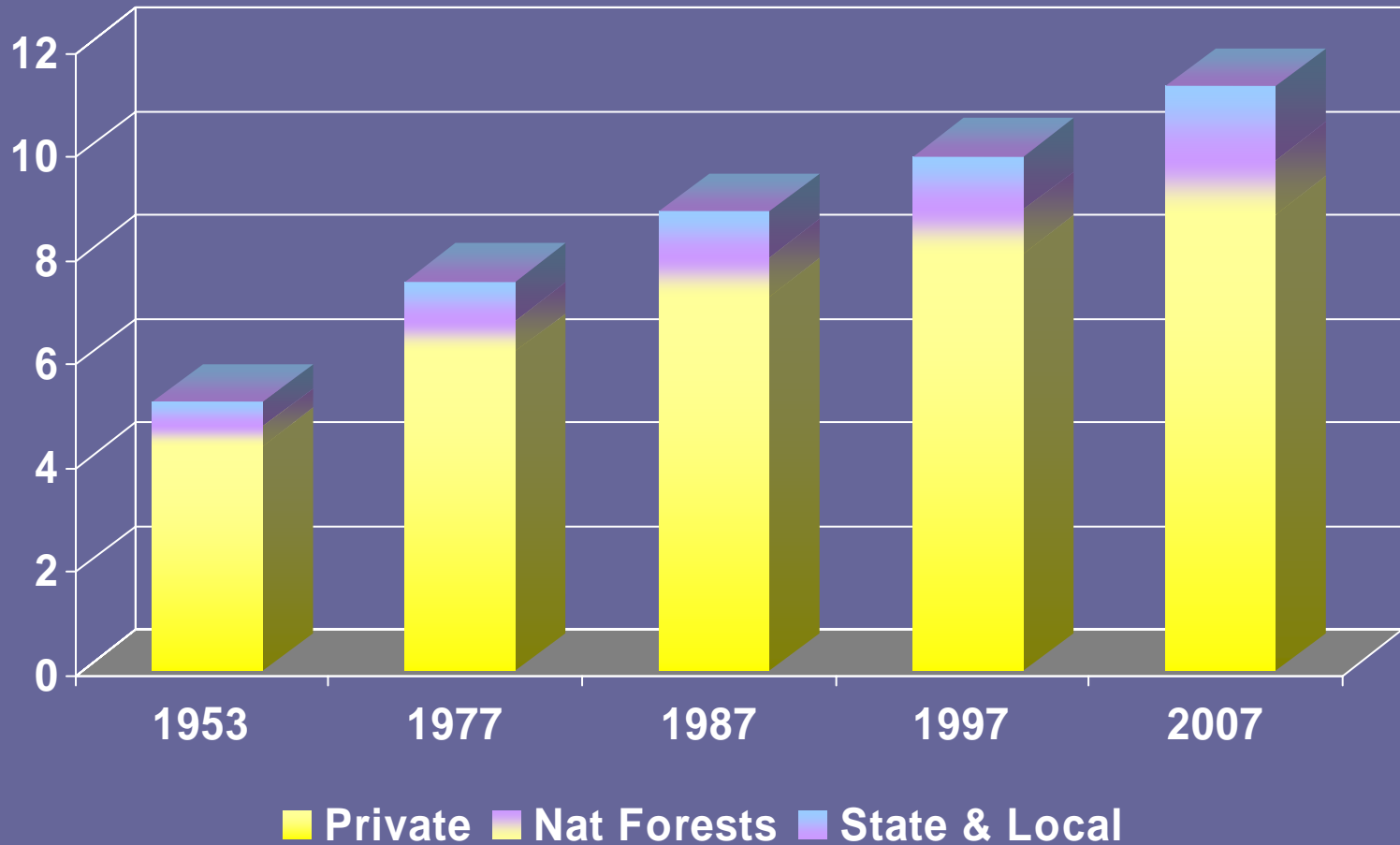
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U.S. Hardwood Growth & Removals



US Hardwood Inventory



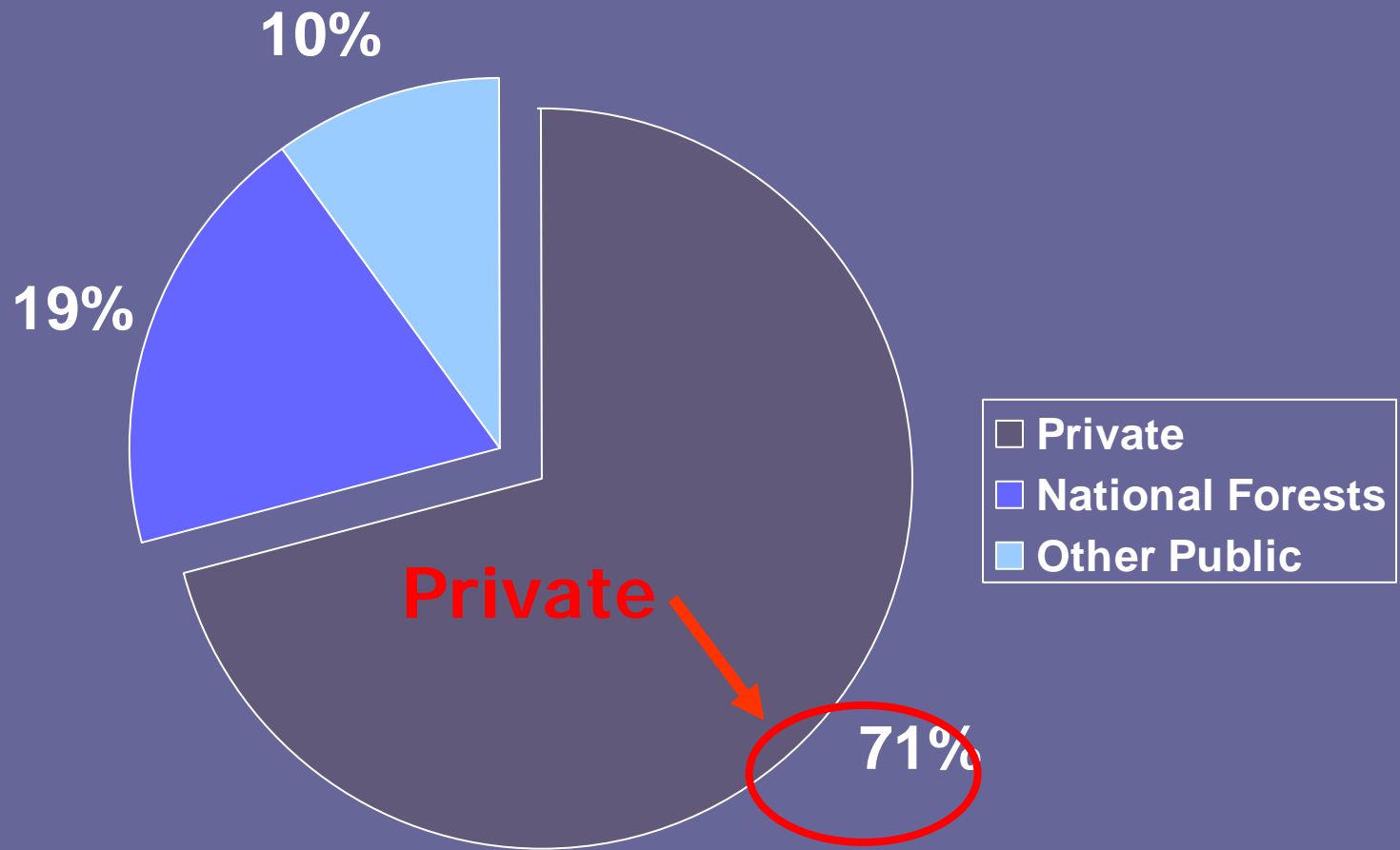
Why Aren't all US Hardwoods Certified?



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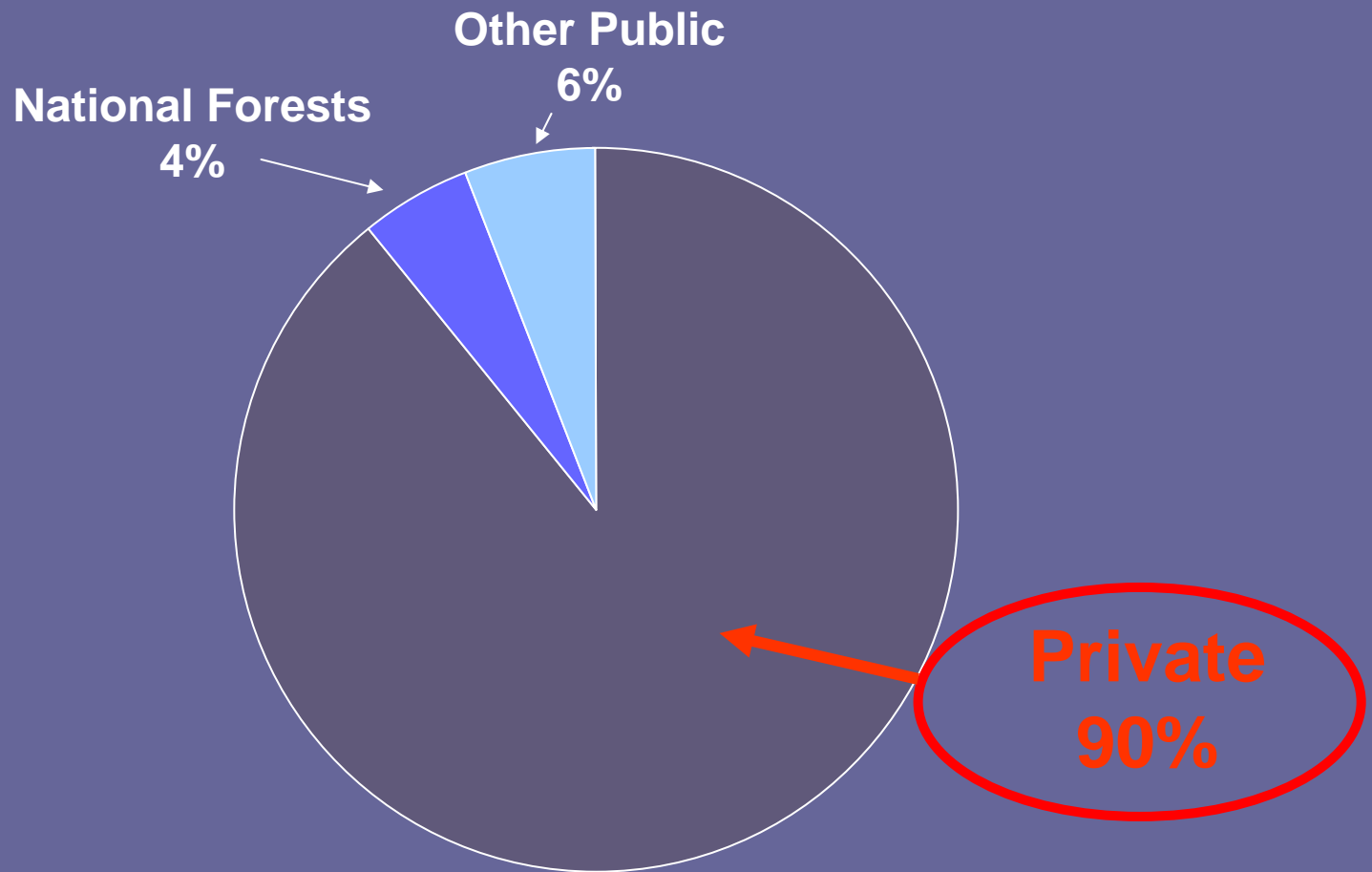
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Over 70% of US timberland is privately-owned



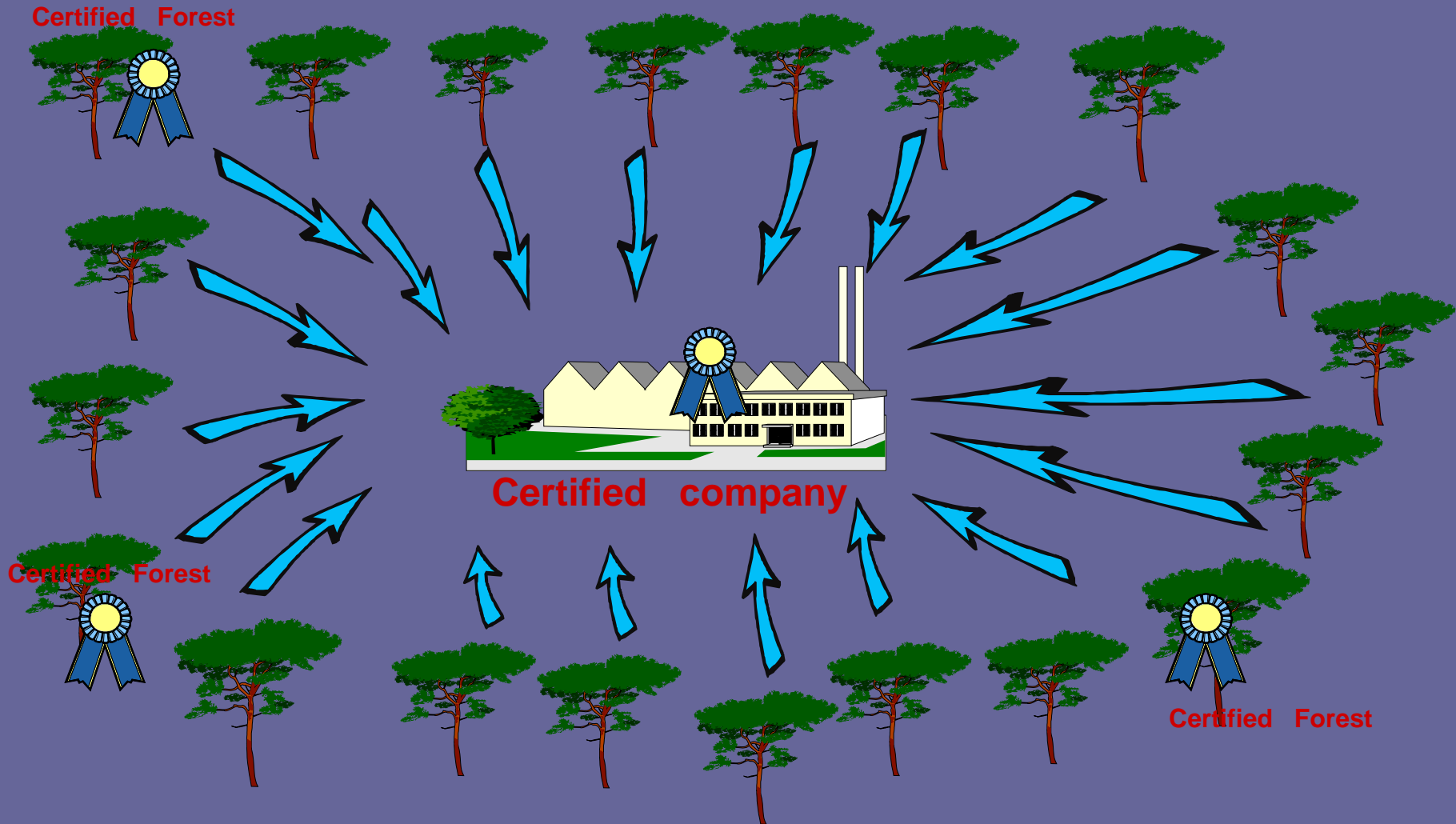
Total Area = 204 Million Hectares

Private lands supply 90% of the timber produced in the US



Source: Seneca Creek Estimates

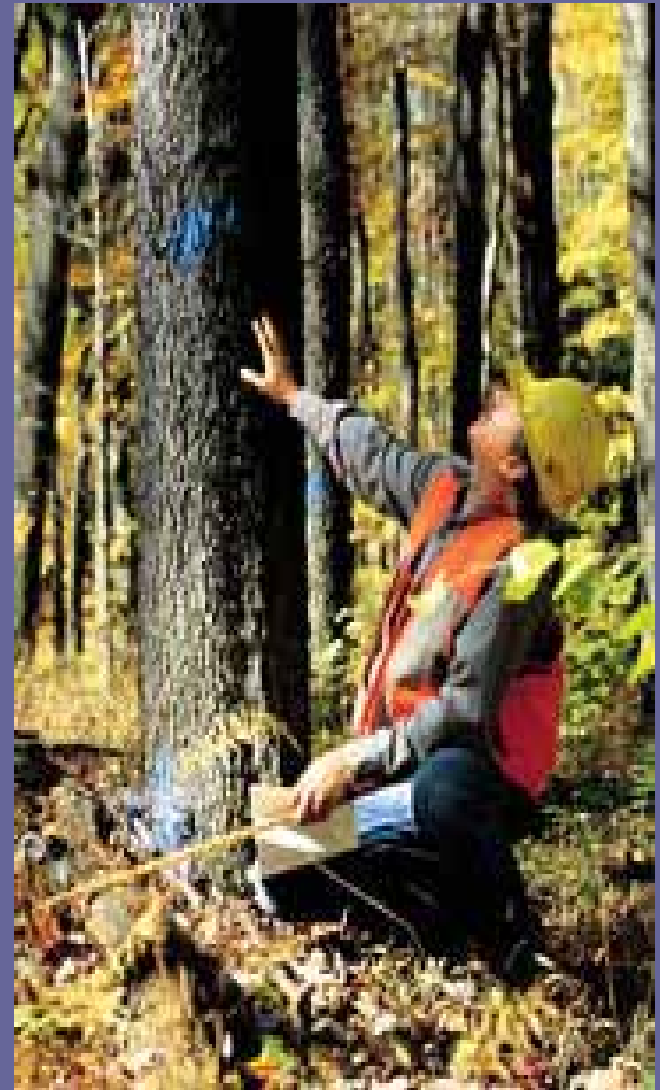
Certification Challenges



US Hardwoods: A Legal Resource

Illegal Logging Risk Assessment Key Findings:

- “Timber ownership rights in the US are well-established and respected. Approximately 92% of hardwood produced in the US is sourced from private lands. The vast majority of private landowners own small family forests that average less than 11 hectares in size. Numerous legal processes are available to landowners to resolve disputes involving proper title and/or the unauthorized taking or sale of timber property.”
- “Based on the data compiled and analyzed, the weight of evidence strongly indicates that there is very low risk that US hardwood exports contain wood from illegal sources—less than 1%”



Findings – Low Risk

All states in US hardwood producing region have:

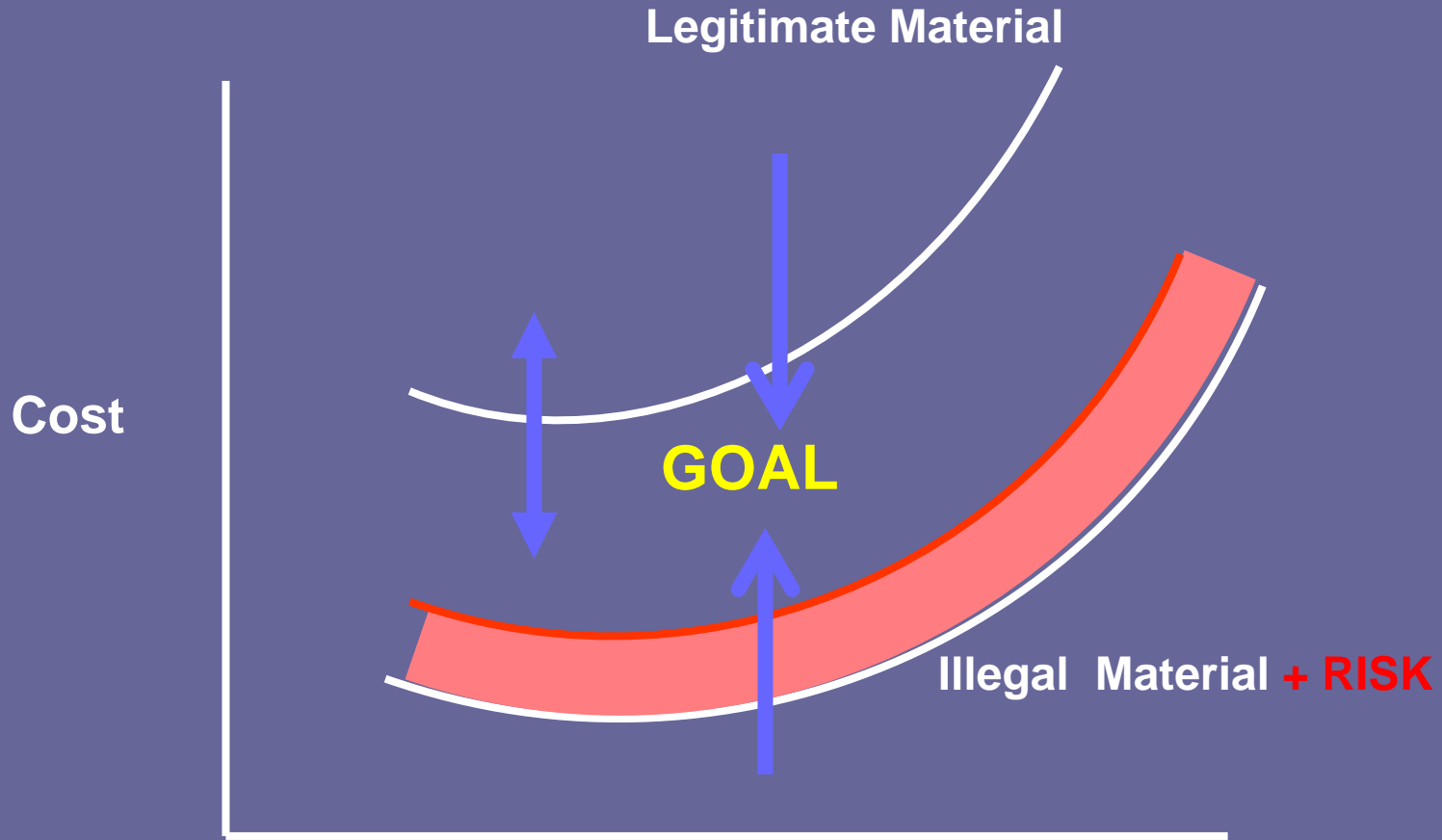
- Laws addressing unlawful timber harvesting (General and/or specific)
- Mandatory and voluntary forestry best management practices (BMPs).

US hardwoods can be considered Low Risk in all five risk categories of the FSC Controlled Wood Standard.

US hardwood can be considered Low Risk of being produced from controversial sources as defined by PEFC

US hardwood can be considered low risk with respect to UK's Category "B" evidentiary standards for wood procurement

Goal: Reduce the Cost Spread



Source: Seneca Creek Associates, LLC

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