

The 2013 BCM workplan

The 2013 EU-China BCM meeting was held in Brussels in Jan 2013, where 8 working areas were agreed upon to strengthen information exchanges between FLEGT VPA countries and China stakeholders, complete a training package on FLEGT, VPA, EUTR capacity building and to support Chinese participation at related events. A desk study on China-Russia timber trade flows was also suggested (under supporting relevant research). EFI worked with CAF and other partners on the implementation of the BCM Workplan

1. Improve Chinese stakeholders' understanding on FLEGT VPA, EUTR through provision of information and materials and through development of a Common information Window for targeted Chinese key stakeholders especially Chinese Wood Product industry on FLEGT action plan, FLEGT VPA and EU market requirements on Timber.
- 2 Co-organizing in China an event with the emphasis on signatory VPA countries and countries negotiating VPA subject to interest of signatory/negotiating countries. The event would be attended approximately by 25 international participants. The main objective of this event would be facilitating an understanding and sharing experiences of the timber legality verification systems and VPA processes.
3. Co-organising an international conference on specific themes relating to forest product trade
4. Support the Chinese Academy of Forestry to complete a training package for capacity building and to carry out training events.
5. Participation of experts to relevant conference/training in China as agreed with SFA
6. Support Chinese representatives attendance international events and support a Chinese delegation on a study visit to Southeast Asian country engaged in a FLEGT VPA
- 7 Supporting dialogue between timber suppliers and traders and Chinese forestry business and their associations on topics such as Chain of Custody management
8. Supporting relevant research through one case study (Russia) with a view of better understanding of timber flows: timber imported by China, its' entry into domestic circulation and its' re-export to third countries.