

2016 EU China BCM workplan

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1. To improve information exchange and policy dialogue on timber and timber products trade between China and neighbouring countries, including yearly reports on the timber trade flow, with the view to improve stakeholders' understanding of timber legality and trade of legally sourced timber and timber products;
2. To take stock of ongoing initiatives and collaborate with European Investment Bank, The World Bank and the Asian Development Bank on green finance and explore opportunities in the context of China's One Belt, One Road strategy, especially on how banks can provide more incentives to private sector to adopt responsible purchase policies on forestry products, including a final report with identified options for further development;
3. To include relevant information for both Chinese and EU companies and authorities in the Common Information Window (also in English);
4. To further develop trilateral cooperation between China, Indonesia and the EU on promoting trade of legally sourced timber and timber products, including developing specific options concerning FLEGT licenced timber to be included in development of the Chinese Timber Legality Verification System (CTLVS);
5. To support development of CTLVS by sharing EU experience in EUTR and VPA countries, in close collaboration with other relevant initiatives, and strengthening of all relevant guidelines documents by developing monitoring and evaluation component of the guidelines; including options for VPA countries to be defined as pilot countries, with the view of promoting the understanding and appreciation of VPA processes and FLEGT licensed timber;
6. To support capacity building for key stakeholders in relation to points 1-5.