NEPCon Sourcing Hub

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Regulated markets

The US, Australia and the EU have all enacted laws to restrict the trade of illegally harvested timber and timber products. The EU Timber Regulation requires companies that first place timber on the EU market to carry out due diligence. The NEPCon Sourcing Hub can help you carry out this due diligence.

Everything on the Sourcing Hub is open source and freely available! FREE

Environmental issues

Timber harvesting activities can be linked to negative impacts on natural ecosystems and harm to the people working in the forest. Our risk assessments include an analysis of areas like: protected sites and species, environmental requirements, health and safety, legal employment and more.

It's estimated that 10-30%* of the timber traded globally comes from illegal sources.

*UNEP/Interpol, 2014

In Bolivia, there is a risk of violation of the laws on protected sites and species.

Business issues

Many countries have serious issues relating to land tenure, licensing and taxation. Often, corruption plays a significant role in these problems. Our risk assessments look at: harvesting permits, land tenure and management rights, payment of royalties and harvesting fees, custom regulations, income and profit taxes, and more.

In China, there is risk of harvesting without a permit and unlawful issuing of harvesting permits.

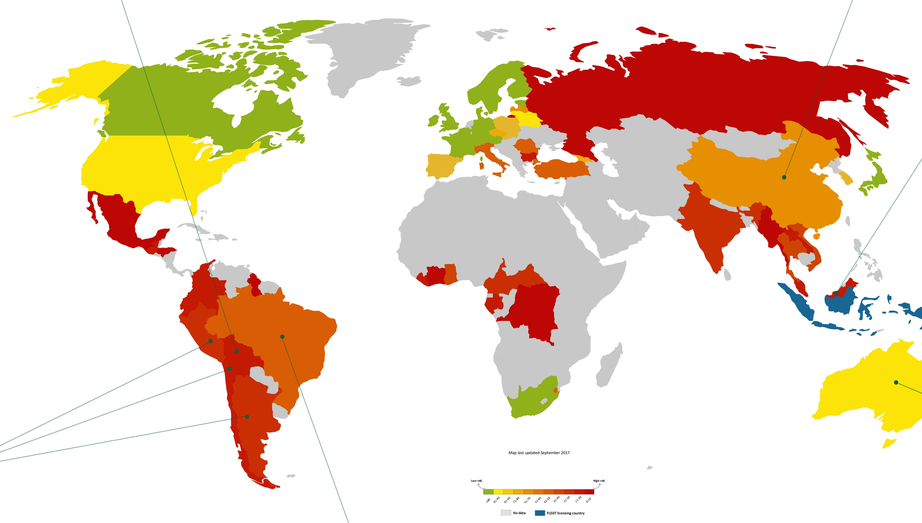
In Sarawak Malaysia, there is risk that corruption and nepotism influence how land rights are granted to private companies.

In Peru, there is a risk that indigenous/ traditional peoples' rights are violated.

Social issues

Forestry can be linked to a number of social issues relating both to the people producing the timber and the people whose lands are affected by the forest operation. Our risk assessments include an analysis of third parties' rights in relation to customary rights, free and prior and informed consent and indigenous/ traditional people's rights.

A **world of information** to help you meet the EU Timber Regulation



How to use the Sourcing Hub

Click on the commodity you're interested in, and the country it originates from. Here, you will find a detailed set of data, guidance and tools

1 Select commodity
2 Select country
3 Access info and tools

Source legally from high risk countries!

Just because a country looks very red, it doesn't mean you can't source legally from it! On the Sourcing Hub you will find all the information you need to minimise all the identified risks in any country.

Sandalwood in Australia

In Australia, the only thing you have to worry about is sandalwood. All other source types are low risk!

What is a risk assessment?

The Sourcing Hub hosts risk assessments for 60+ countries producing timber. The assessments contain detailed information on the risks, and advice on what actions can be taken to mitigate them. In this way, you can focus your attention exactly where it's needed most.

The power of "source types"

In Brazil, the risks related to natural forests and plantations differ, e.g. in the area of "Trade and Transport" there's high risk if the timber comes from natural forest, but low risk if the timber comes from plantation. That knowledge can help you treat the risks more efficiently by going straight to the documents you need for the source type you buy. Exactly what these documents are, you can find on the Sourcing Hub.

Trade and transport in Brazil

Natural forests: High risk

Plantation: Low risk

Useful tools

The Hub has country specific tools hat take the info from the detailed timber legality risk assessments and makes it directly applicable to your supply chain. For example, a risk mitigation guide, document guide and list of applicable legislation are available for China to help you identify and address risks.

NEPCon Sourcing Hub hosts a total of 125+ sourcing tools!

The Sourcing Hub contains 60+ country specific tools and risk assessments for sourcing legal timber.

Detailed risk information

If the risks vary depending on the type of forest you source from, we give a separate risk conclusion. For example, risks might be different in different parts of the country. Having this information makes it easier to avoid risk or learn what to do to minimise risk from a certain source type.

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