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**Sustainable Forest Management and Illegal** Logging: **A Canadian Perspective** 

**Illegal Logging Seminar** Yokohama, Japan December 3-4, 2007



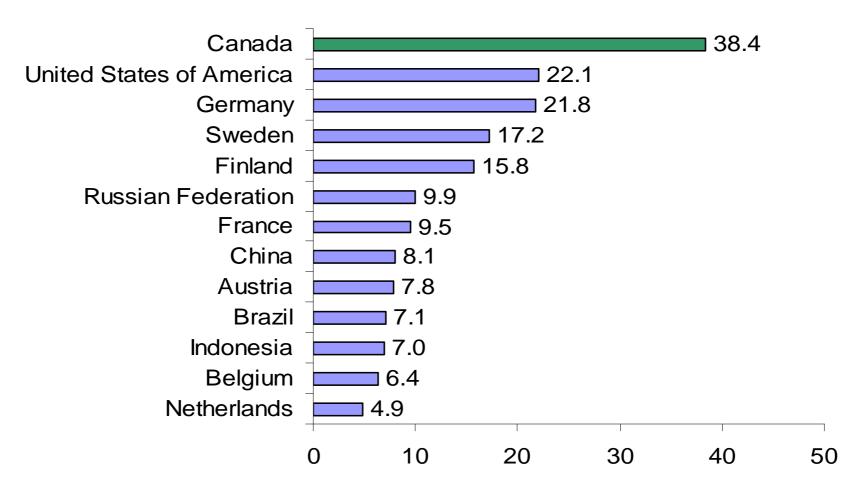
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# Forestry: Cornerstone of the Canadian Economic/Social Fabric

- Sales \$81 billion
- 3% of GDP
- > 860,000 direct and indirect jobs
- > 300 dependent communities
- Leading employers of Aboriginal People

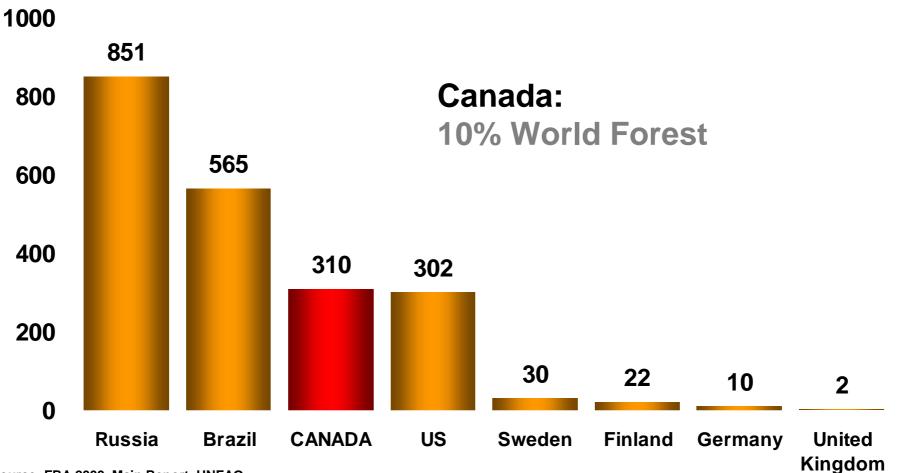


Forest Products Exports 2005 (CAN\$ Billions)



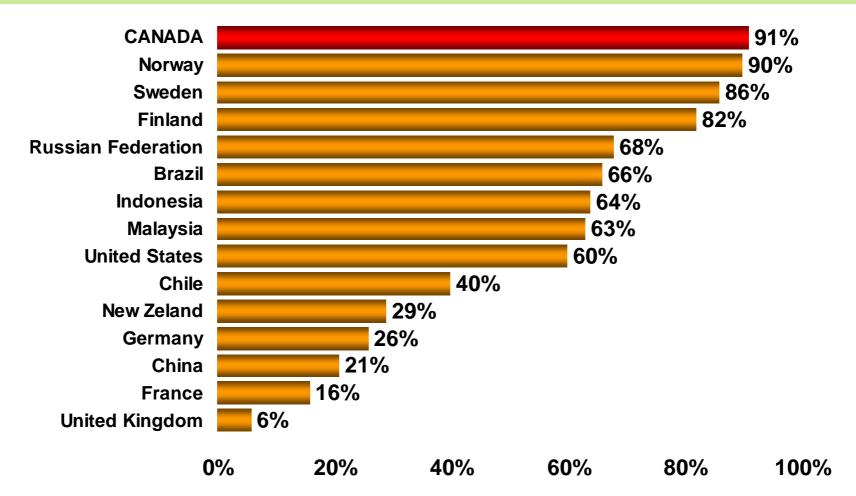
## An Immense Forested A Landscape (Millions of hectares)

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Source: FRA 2000, Main Report, UNFAO

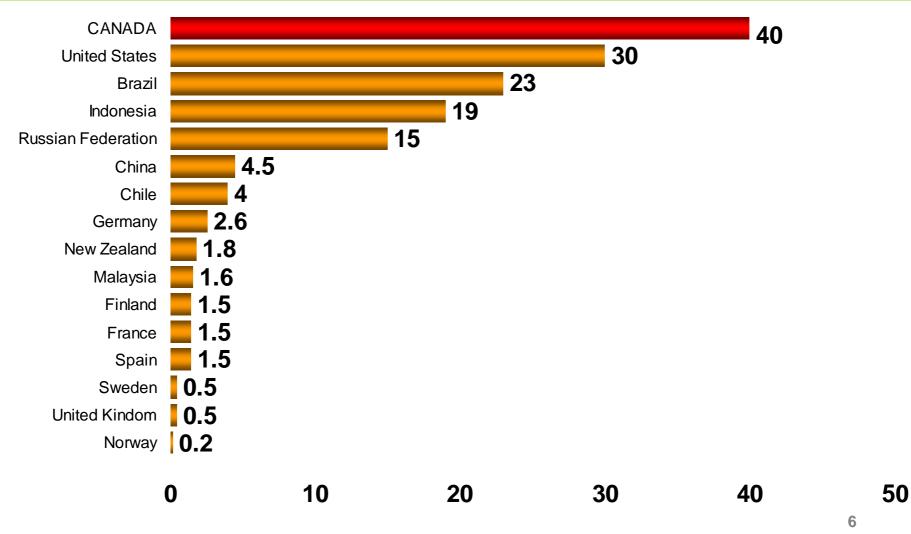
## Today's forest as a % of Original Forest Area



Source: Earth Trends 2001, World Resource Institute, Forests and Grasslands country reports

### Protected Forest Area (million ha)

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Source: A Global Overview of Forest Conservation, WCMC, UNEP, CIFOR, 1997

## **Virtually Zero Deforestation**

### Countries with high net change in forest area, 2000-2005

Over 90% of natural forests lost in the tropics are converted to non-forest uses, primarily agriculture

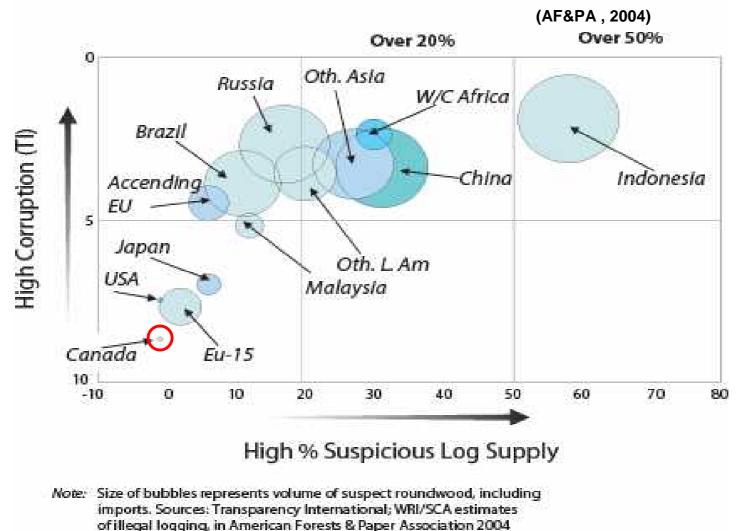
>0.5% decrease per year
>0.5% increase per year
Change rate below 0.5% per year



- Increased corporate and social responsibility to procure wood products from legal and sustainable forests.
- Canada is at low/no risk status for illegal logging when compared globally but has a responsibility.

## **Illegal Logging**





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## **Effective Prevention of Illegal Logging in Canada**

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- **1. Legislative Framework**
- 2. Tenure System
- 3. Regulation
- 4. Compliance Enforcement
- 5. Certification (SFM & CoC)
- 6. Government and Corporate Policy

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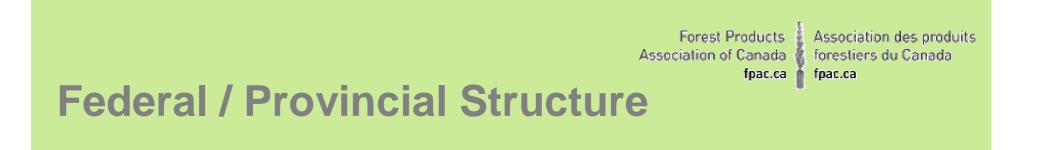
## **1. Legislative Framework**

## Federal Government Agencies and Acts

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Legislation created by the Canadian Federal Government impacts forest management in Provinces

- ✓ *Fisheries Act* Department of Fisheries and Oceans
- Canadian Environmental Assessment Act Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
- ✓ Pest Control Products Act Health Canada
- ✓ *Navigable Waters Protection Act* Transport Canada
- ✓ Canadian Forestry Services
- ✓ Species at Risk Act Environment Canada



- The Canadian constitution delegates jurisdiction over natural resources to provinces
- Provincial legislation dictates:
  - Tenure arrangements
  - Environmental standards that apply to Crown lands

## **Provincial Acts** – BC Example

## Provincial legislation dictates tenure arrangements and environmental standards on public (Crown) land

- ✓ Ministry of Forests and Range Act
- ✓ Forest Act
- ✓ Forest and Range Practices Act
- ✓ Land Act
- ✓ Range Act
- ✓ Water Act
- ✓ Wildfire Act

## **BC Forest Act**

Provides the <u>authority for the allocation and</u> <u>administration</u> of forest resources, primarily timber.

- ✓ Regulates <u>rate of cutting</u>
- ✓ Specifies forms and <u>content of agreements</u>
- ✓ Provides for basic tenure administration
- ✓ Basics for aspects of <u>compliance and enforcement</u>



## **BC Forest and Range Practices Act**

# Provides for the <u>regulation of operational planning and</u> <u>practices</u>.

- ✓ Establishes <u>stewardship standards</u> for forest and range practices
- Ensures that the legislated requirements for sustainable forest practices are followed
- Meets the requirements for higher level plan objectives established through strategic planning
- ✓ Carry out <u>compliance and enforcement</u> activities to ensure stewardship standards are met

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## 2. Tenure System

## Forest Use & Concessions: Tenure System

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What are Tenures?

Mechanism by which government transfers specific rights to use Crown forest resources through:

- Iegislation Forest Act
- ➤ regulation
- ➤ contracts
- ➢ policy

... and defines the licensee's obligations.

## **Tenure Administration**

- 1. Administer licence
- 2. Approve Forest Stewardship Plan
- 3. Issue road permit
- 4. Issue cutting permit
- 5. Monitor Performance
- 6. Collect Revenue

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## **Forest Use & Concessions:**

**Example: BC Tenure System** 

### Tenures

Forest Licence	464
Timber Sale Licence	905
Timber Licence	552
Tree Farm Licence	33
Pulpwood Agreement	10
Woodlot Licence	827
Community Forest Agreement	18
Licence to Cut	3,398

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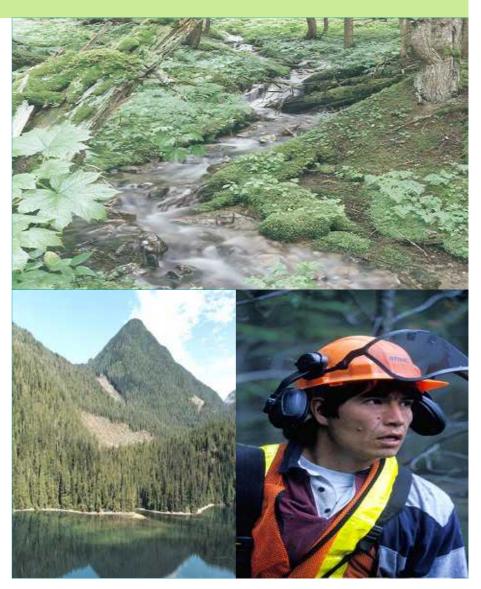
## 3. Regulation

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## **Canadian Forest Regulation**

## **Objective: Sustainability**

- Environmentally Responsible
- Socially Desirable
- Economically Viable



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## **Forest Planning and Regulation**

- Long term licenses
- 20-25 year forest management plans
- Rolling 5 year development plans and site specific annual operational plans
- Forest management plans subject to public review prior to approval
- All harvested areas must, by law, be regenerated

## **How do Canadian Regulations Compare?**

- Protected areas
- Species at Risk
- Certification
- Riparian Protection
- Clearcutting
- Road Construction
- Reforestation
- Allowable harvest

This Report demonstrates that the stringency of Canadian forestry regulations compare with the most stringent of policies elsewhere in the world. In most cases, Canadian policy and regulation is non-discretionary and involves specific requirements. Results of this study indicate that Canada is well positioned to begin much needed global efforts to address important problems concerning the world's forests

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## **Current SFM Issues**

- Boreal Conservation and Management
  - Conservation Planning Principles
  - Caribou Management
- Pine Beetle
  - Increased early detection and action
  - Monitor AAC to ensure timber supply
  - Provincial Response Team
  - Cold Winter Coming?
- Species at Risk Act





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## 4. Compliance & Enforcement



## **Compliance & Enforcement**

"Independent yet Integrated"

C&E is integrated into government activity, but maintains its ability to act independently.

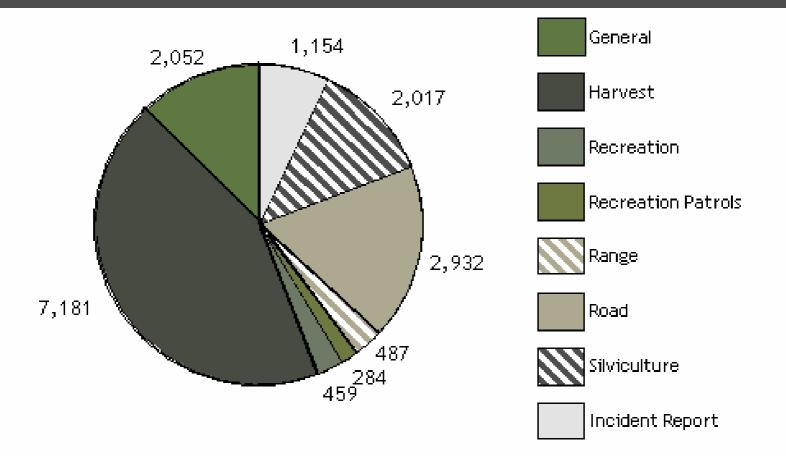
- Independent: acts on legal authority, unbiased and independent of irrelevant considerations
- **Integrated:** operates efficiently and communicates effectively with other program areas within the Ministry

## **Compliance & Enforcement**

- Enforce environmental standards under legislation;
- Conduct investigations where evidence of contravention;
- Enforce regulations to minimize fire, pests and unauthorized activities;
- Combat <u>forest crimes</u> that impact provincial revenues (theft, arson, mischief);
- Enforce <u>revenue policies</u>.

## **Compliance & Enforcement**

Number of Inspections by Inspection Type





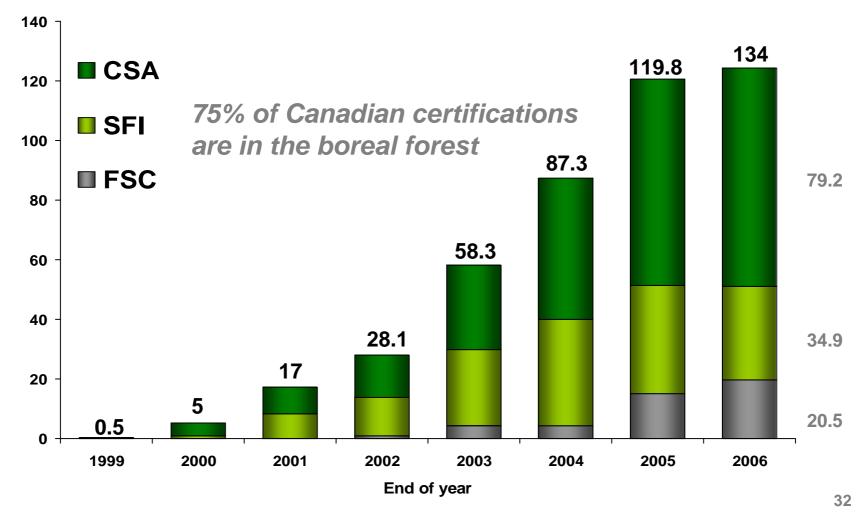
Providing statistics of Compliance and Enforcement activities recorded by the Ministry of Forests and Range between April 01, 2005 and March 31, 2006

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## **5. Certification**

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# SFM Certification in Canada 1999-2007 (millions of hectares)



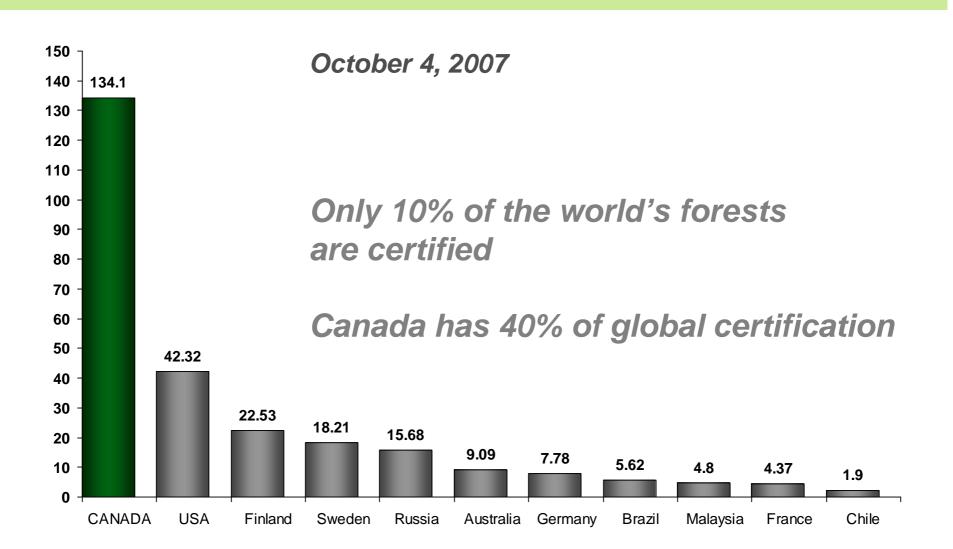
Source: Canadian Sustainable Forestry Certification Coalition. October 2007

## Canadian Certification in the Global Context

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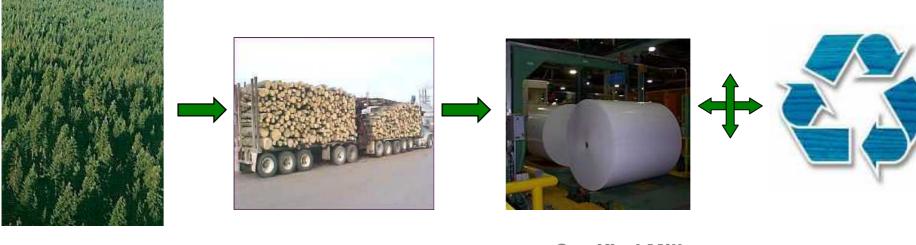
Millions of hectares

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### **Chain of Custody...** CSA, FSC, SFI, PEFC all have it

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**Certified Forest** 

**Certified timber** 

**Certified Mill** 

**Recycled Content** 



Product Label



**Certified Merchant** 



**Certified Product** 

Certification Body	SFI 2005- 2009	SFI Annex 2	CSA Z809	PEFC Annex 4	FSC SFM	FSC CoC
Bureau Veritas Certification (BVC)	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
KPMG Performance Registrar, Inc.	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
NSF International Strategic Registrations	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$		
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		
QMI	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		
SGS Systems & Services Certification	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
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The trend is for certification bodies to be qualified/accredited to deliver a variety c certifications which enables a one stop shop at a negligible cost increase.

### Matching Chain-Of-Custody Certifications with Labels

- CSA certified forest + PEFC CoC =
- SFI certified forest + PEFC CoC =
- Any PEFC endorsed standard(s) + PEFC CoC =
- FSC certified forest + FSC CoC =
- CSA certified forest + PEFC CoC =

- SFI certified forest + SFI CoC =
- SFI certified forest + PEFC CoC =



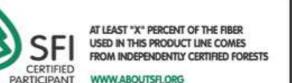
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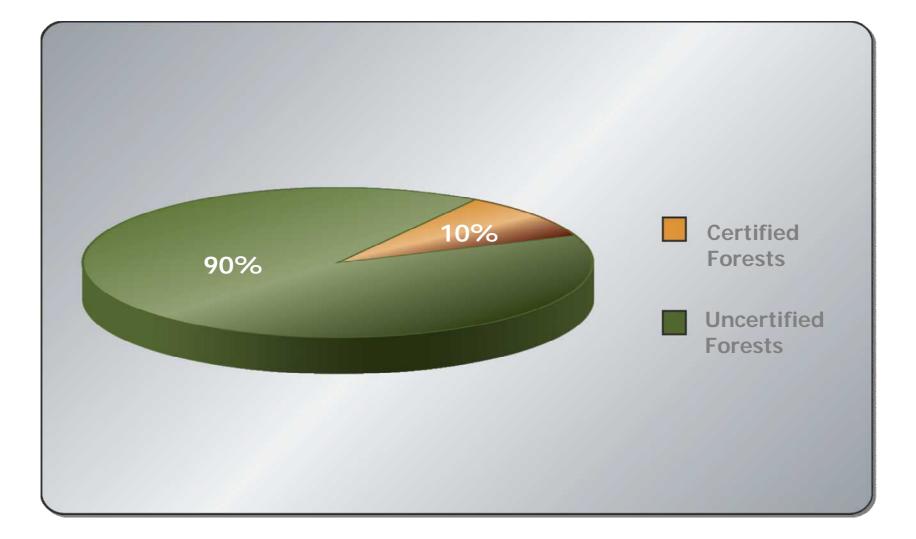


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## 6. Supporting Policy

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## **FPAC Sustainability Initiative**



#### **FPAC Sustainability Statement**

**FPAC Vision** 

The Canadian forest products industry contributes to society's well-being through its products and activities - from forest to market. FPAC members are committed to a sustainable development path built on a profitable and competitive industry.

We will operate in a manner which is: Economically viable, Environmentally responsible, Socially desirable

#### Economic Viability

To maintain the profitability of our industry as the basis for sustainable development

 Financial viability: Ensure the profitability of our industry and its long-term economic viability.

•Competitiveness: Continuously improve the competitiveness of our industry within the global marketplace.

•Customer focus: Develop and deliver quality products and services to meet present customer and future market needs.

### Environmental Responsibility

To ensure our activities are conducted in a sustainable manner that protects the environment

#### Environmental performance:

Comply with all applicable regulatory requirements and continuously improve the environmental performance of our operations.

•Sustainable forest management: Practice sustainable forest management in all our operations in accordance with recognized standards, and ensure wood supply is from legal sources.

#### •Resource use:

Continuously improve the efficient use of natural resources, material, and energy.

Product Recycling: Promote
 and continuously improve product recovery
 and re-use

#### Social Desirability

To conduct our business with integrity and reflect evolving societal values in our performance

#### Our employees and workplace

safety: Provide economic opportunities and a safe and productive work environment for our employees and contractors.

#### Community and stakeholder

relations: Engage our stakeholders in a proactive and transparent manner, and be respectful of their interests.

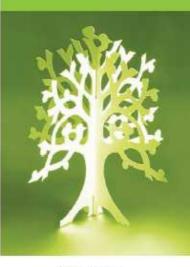
### Relations with Aboriginal Peoples: Be respectful of the economic and cultural

interests of Aboriginal Peoples, and encourage their participation in the forest products industry.

 Economic contribution: Contribute to the economic and social well-being in communities where we operate, as well as regionally and nationally.

### Sustainability Report

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## **FPAC Commitments**

### **Certification (2002)**

• All FPAC members with woodlands operations in Canada are committed to achieve third-party sustainable forest management certification on those woodlands by December 31, 2006.

### **Traceability (2006)**

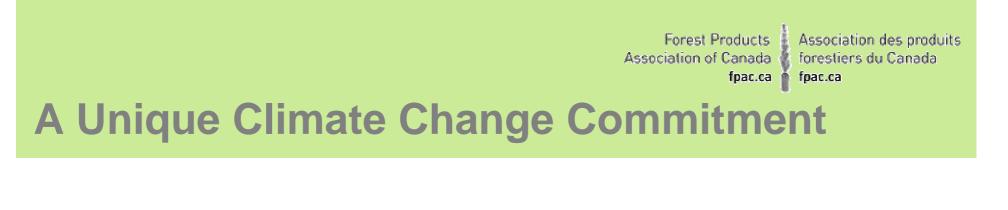
• FPAC members commit to tracing their fibre supplies back to the forest area of origin, by the end of 2008, to assure customers that the wood fibre they are using comes from legal sources."

### Illegal Logging (2006)

• ... "Purchasing and using wood coming only from legal sources, and firmly condemning corruption and criminal activities related to illegal logging.

### **New Allocation (2006)**

• Planning for conservation of ecological and cultural values prior to new forest tenures in unallocated part of Canada's boreal forest



"Forest Industry carbon-neutrality by 2015 without the purchase of carbon offset credits"

Joint FPAC/MWF Press Release

October 31st 2007







## **Canadian Guarantee ?**

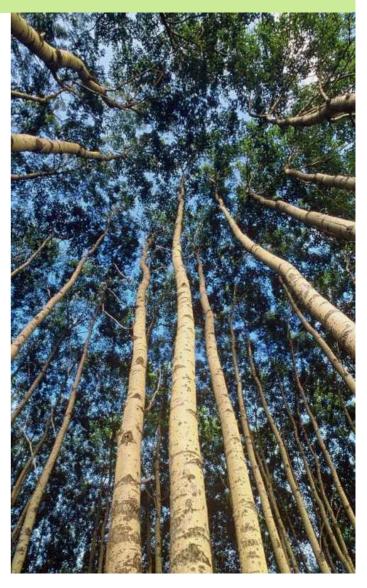
- All harvested forests are promptly regenerated and do not contribute to deforestation
- Forest practices are **third party independently certified** to the highest international standards
- **Conservation planning** precedes new harvesting
- Companies are committed to protect wildlife and biodiversity
- Wood/fibre from Illegal logging is prohibited
- Suppliers use all available recycled content
- Companies have **reduced GHG emissions** and improved **water quality**
- Environmental practices are transparent and reported publicly

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## Legality and Sustainability Assurances

Legislation Tenure Regulation Enforcement Certification Supporting Policy

Legality and Sustainability in Canada



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## **Moving Forward**

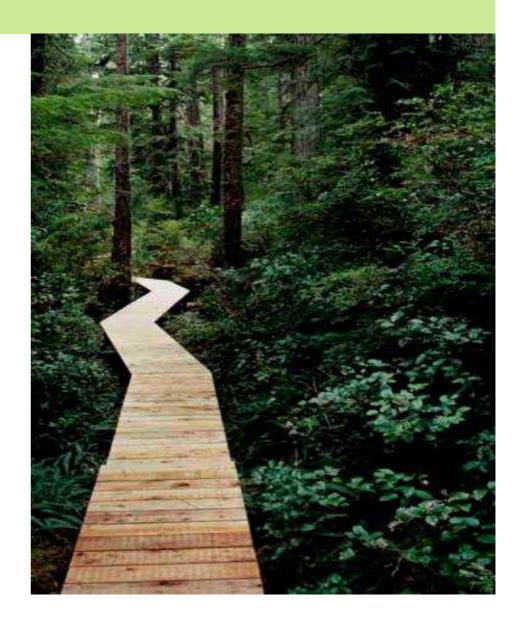
## SUSTAINABILITY

## COMPETITIVENESS

## SOCIAL LICENCE

### PARTNERSHIP

## PROACTIVE



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## **Information Centre**

Customer Web Page: <u>www.fpac.ca</u>

www.canadawood.jp

### **Fact Sheets on Key Issues**

- Air Quality
- Boreal Forest
- Certification
- Climate Change
- Green Procurement/Financing
- Harvesting Methods
- Illegal Logging
- Old Growth
- Recycling
- Water Quality
- Woodland Caribou

### **Publications**

- Customer Newsletter
- Buyers Guides (Wood & Paper)



## **FPAC Members**

