

SPOTT – Sustainability Policy Transparency Toolkit

ORGANIZATION:
Zoological Society of London

WHAT IS IT?

SPOTT is a free online platform supporting sustainable production and trade. SPOTT scores tropical forestry and palm oil companies annually against over 130 environmental, social and governance (ESG) indicators to benchmark their progress over time. SPOTT currently assesses 100 timber and pulp producers and traders – all of whom have significant operations in highly biodiverse and threatened tropical landscapes across the globe – on the public disclosure of their policies, operations and levels of progress. Issues covered by the assessments include biodiversity conservation, greenhouse gas emissions, land conflicts, and labor rights among others.

HOW CAN IT HELP ME?

By tracking transparency, SPOTT incentivizes implementation of corporate best practices. SPOTT’s approach will help investors, buyers, and other key influencers engage with the industry in a constructive manner. Stakeholders can use SPOTT assessments to inform engagement and management of ESG risks in support of legal and sustainable forest management.

GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS:

SPOTT is a global platform focused on areas of high biodiversity value threatened by commodity production. SPOTT is made possible through the generous support of UK aid, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, Credit Suisse, and the Government of Norway.



For more information visit www.spott.org

Timber Trade Portal

ORGANIZATION:
ATIBT (International Technical Tropical Timber Association) and ETTF (European Timber Trade Federation)

WHAT IS IT?

The online timber trade portal serves as a central point where visitors can find information on the industry and legislation of timber-producing countries, which are mainly located in tropical areas. All published profiles have undergone expert review and are frequently updated.

HOW CAN IT HELP ME?

The portal is an answer from ETTF and ATIBT to the numerous questions from EU timber traders and importers about the legal timber trade, due diligence, country requirements and export. The platform enables operators to make their own risk analysis and exercise due diligence, on a case-by-case basis, by presenting facts such as forestry sector data, legislative frameworks, laws and regulations, key documents, bans and quotas, CITES information, VPA processes, certification, contacts, and more. It encourages individual accountability of (EU) operators, by improving access to information and creating a level playing field.

GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS:

The platform presents 23 country profiles, mainly located in tropical areas like Africa, Asia and Latin America, regularly reviewed and updated. The TTP is made possible through the support of ITTO, STTC, FFEM and the EU



To find out more visit <http://www.timbertradeportal.com>

Practicing Due Care and Due Diligence:

What tools are out there?

In recent years, many tools have surfaced to help the private sector assess their risk and practice due care and due diligence when sourcing wood and wood products. The aim of this brochure is to differentiate between these tools and their scope, regional focus, and how they can help you in your quest to source wood legally.

THE FIVE TOOLS INCLUDED
IN THIS BROCHURE ARE:

- 1. **BVRio:** Responsible Timber Exchange and Due Diligence & Risk Assessment
- 2. **International Technical Tropical Timber Association (ATIBT) & European Timber Trade Federation (ETTF):** Timber Trade Portal
- 3. **NEPCon:** NEPCon Sourcing Hub
- 4. **World Resources Institute:** Open Timber Portal
- 5. **Zoological Society of London:** SPOTT- Sustainability Policy Transparency Toolkit

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NEPCon Sourcing Hub

ORGANIZATION:
NEPCon

WHAT IS IT?

The NEPCon Sourcing Hub, the largest and most-detailed collection of forest-related risk assessments ever published. The Sourcing Hub helps companies meet due diligence requirements of market regulation such as the Lacey Act, EUTR, and the Australian Illegal Logging Prohibition Act by providing a complete due diligence system, as well as many risk assessments and tools to support the implementation of a due diligence system. The tool also helps governments, the financial sector, and NGOs understand the risks related to sourcing timber from around the world.

HOW CAN IT HELP ME?

The NEPCon Sourcing Hub contains everything you need for due diligence in one place and, best of all, accessing the information is free. With 62 assessments of the risks of illegal timber production and trade the platform covers nearly 87 percent of global timber production. While the timber risk assessments for timber are the most comprehensive, the Hub also contains risk assessments for palm oil, soy and beef that address environmental, social and legality risks in 10 countries. The Sourcing Hub also helps governments, the financial sector, and NGOs understand the risks related to sourcing timber and other forest impact commodities from around the world.

GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS:

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For a complete list of countries please visit www.nepcon.org/sourcinghub.

Open Timber Portal

ORGANIZATION:
World Resources Institute

WHAT IS IT?

The Open Timber Portal is a web platform that promotes trade in legally harvested forest products by compiling information about forest sector compliance from government, private sector, and third-party forest monitors in producer countries.

HOW CAN IT HELP ME?

The Open Timber Portal (OTP) brings transparency to timber operations. The OTP makes public previously inaccessible information about on-the-ground management practices and compliance with timber legality requirements. It compiles information from three different sources: official concession boundaries and the list of registered forest operators from the government; documents uploaded voluntarily by forest operators on their management and legal compliance; and observations of suspected non-compliance by third-party forest monitors.

GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS:

The OTP structure has been developed to be deployed in any timber exporting country. The platform will initially focus on the Congo Basin, expanding to other regions as resources and opportunities allow. The OTP is made possible by the generous support of USAID/CARPE, NICFI, UKAID and the FAO-EU FLEGT programme.



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To find out more visit www.opentimberportal.org/

Responsible Timber Exchange & Due Diligence and Risk Assessment

ORGANIZATION:
BVRio

WHAT IS IT?

BVRio's Responsible Timber Exchange is an online negotiations platform for sourcing legal and certified timber products from all over the world. Integrated into the platform is a Due Diligence and Risk Assessment (DDRA) system to help buyers evaluate the supply chain of a timber consignment or verify FSC® and PEFC licenses. The system uses a big data approach, centralizing and analyzing information on legality, supply chain inconsistencies, and social aspects such as labor abuses.

HOW CAN IT HELP ME?

The DDRA system makes it easy and straightforward to trace the supply chain of a timber consignment, helping users assess the risk of illegality as required by the EUTR and other timber regulations. Free reports are available for the analysis of individual links of a supply chain (e.g. forest to sawmill, or sawmill to sawmill), with additional paid options for a full supply chain analysis.

GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS:

The Responsible Timber Exchange is a global platform. The DDRA is for timber products from Brazil. The Responsible Timber Exchange and DDRA were developed with funding from UK aid, Good Energies Foundation, CLUA and E2 Socio Ambiental.



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