



WWF'S PARTNERS IN RESPONSIBLE FORESTRY SERIES

Collaborative Efforts to Safeguard the Climate, Biodiversity and People's Well-Being

8:00 - 8:30AM

Responsible Asia Forestry and Trade
Cole Genge (TNC)

The Asia-Pacific region, home to half the planet's population, is the largest producer and processor of tropical timber in the world. The region faces growing international demand for timber and non-timber forest products. This demand is projected to increase in the coming years putting greater pressure on natural forests exacerbating the negative social and environmental impacts. Learn more about the RAFT Program, launched by The Nature Conservancy and a diverse group of implementing partners with the support of the U.S. Agency for International Development/Regional Development Mission Asia (USAID/ RDMA), and its comprehensive response to persistent deforestation and forest degradation in the region.

12:15 - 12:45PM

Heart of Borneo: Three Countries, One Conservation Vision
Rodney Taylor (WWF-International)

Home to some of the most biologically diverse forests on Earth, Borneo's equatorial rainforests have a strategic global function—regulating the global climate and providing habitats for endangered species such as orang-utans, pygmy elephants and rhinos. Join Rodney Taylor as he shares WWF's vision for effectively managing and conserving these valuable and threatened forests for the benefit of people and nature and through international cooperation led by the Bornean governments supported by industry and sustained by a global effort.

12:50 - 1:20PM

Sustainable Management of High Conservation Values in Santiago del Estero
Ulises Martinez (FVSA)

Fundación Vida Silvestre Argentina will share the advances of the pilot project developed together with Asociación Civil El Ceibal, where High Conservation Value Areas were identified and actions were taken to manage those values, while improving the quality of life for local communities. Learn about generating options for sustainable development alternatives to deforestation and large scale agriculture.

1:30 - 2:00PM

Challenges in Bringing Legal and Sustainable Mahogany Trade to Peru
Bernardo Ortiz-Von Halle (TRAFFIC-South America)

Big-leafed mahogany (*Swietenia macrophylla*) is the most expensive timber extracted and exported from the American tropics, recently reaching prices of more than US\$1,700 per cubic meter, making it easy to understand why it has been desperately searched for throughout the region for centuries and is incredibly vulnerable to over exploitation. Join TRAFFIC in exploring the effectiveness of CITES, examining at least 15 factors that hinder the success of this international instrument, ranging from geographical, historical, institutional, technical and political factors that urgently need to be decisively addressed if imminent commercial extinction is to be avoided and mahogany is preserved through legal and sustainable extraction.

2:00 - 2:30PM

Role of Government in Promoting Responsible Forestry: Congo Brazzaville
Dr. Alain Marius Ngoya-Kessy (Congolesse Ministry of Forestry Economy and Environment)

In the Congo Basin, the State has full ownership of forest resources. It sub-contracts the forest management responsibilities to logging companies. As owner of forest resources, some governments in the Congo Basin are involved in the process of establishment conditions and environment favourable for the promotion of responsible forestry (revising forestry laws, effective law enforcement, and support to responsible management initiatives, etc.). Join Alain in a presentation on the experience and perspectives of the government of Congo in the process of promoting responsible forestry in Congo Brazzaville.

3:45 - 4:15PM

FVSA - Strengthening Legality in the Forestry Sector in Argentina
Pablo Herrera (FVSA)

Join Fundación Vida Silvestre Argentina and learn more about their initiative to reinforce the legality across the value chain of the forestry sector and to promote responsible forest management in Argentina.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

6:00 - 6:30PM

Community Based Natural Resource Management

Daniel Arancibia (WWF-LAC)

Learn about WWF's Community-based Forest Enterprises (CBFE) Project, which aims to strengthen forest-based operations run by indigenous and rural communities in four WWF Priority Ecoregions, including Bolivia, Cameroon, Panama and Papua New Guinea. WWF's CBFE project supports communities in developing and strengthening their forest enterprises so that they can become independent economic operators, while they contribute to the sustainable management and conservation of the forest resources under their control. WWF is working with community forest operations in all four countries on implementing forest management plans that ensure the sustainability and conservation of the forest resource in harmony with its commercial utilization.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:00 - 8:30AM

Achievements of FSC Certification in China

Dr. Han Zheng (WWF-China) and Xiangjun Yang (FSC China)

WWF-China will share the successes realized in promoting FSC certification in China, together with other organizations and companies. Over the past five years, China has seen a growth of about 1 million certified hectares, with several large FMUs located in tiger habitats in the northeast of China, a WWF priority ecoregion. Join WWF-China and FSC China in celebrating the achievements realized to date and looking at the future of responsibly forestry in China, examining the FSC China National Initiative and continued growth of FSC certification.

10:00 - 10:30AM

GFTN's Vision in Action

Dr. Ian Gray (GFTN)

Join the Global Forest & Trade Network (GFTN), WWF's initiative to eliminate illegal logging and drive improvements in forest management, for an engaging presentation on how GFTN is transforming the forest products market into a force for conserving the world's valuable and threatened forests. By facilitating trade links between companies committed to responsible forestry, the GFTN creates market conditions that help conserve forests while providing economic and social benefits for the businesses and people that depend on them. Established in 1991, it is the world's longest-running and largest forest and trade programme of its kind—providing assistance to hundreds of companies worldwide.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

12:15 - 12:45PM

One Forest, Three Countries— Towards Zero Net Deforestation By 2020

*Pablo Herrera (FVSA), Lucy Aquino (WWF-Paraguay)
and Luciana Simoes (WWF-Brazil)*

The Atlantic Forest has an extraordinary variety of plants and animal life which cannot be compared to any other in the world. The expansion of agriculture, infrastructure construction, city growth, and non-sustainable exploitation of forests are the main causes of the deforestation suffered by the Atlantic Forest which, in turn, is contributing to the increase of greenhouse gas emissions. Join WWF and Fundación Vida Silvestre Argentina for a presentation on consolidated efforts to stop deforestation through several national and international initiatives.

1:30 - 2:00PM

Conservation Highlights from Amazon Forests

Daniel Arancibia (WWF-LAC)

A mosaic of landscapes and ecosystems, the Amazon is the largest tropical rainforest in the world, and the source of nearly one-fifth of all freshwater on Earth. Spanning eight South American countries and one overseas territory, the Amazon covers a total forest area of 6.7 million km². WWF will share its vision for an ecologically healthy Amazon biome that maintains its environmental and cultural contribution to local people, the countries of the region, and the world, within a framework of social equity, inclusive economic development, and global responsibility.

10:00 - 10:30AM

A Dialogue on Legality Framework

Dr. Ian Gray (GFTN) and Ulrich Malessa (TRAFFIC-South America)

Unsustainable and often illegal logging practices represent a major threat to tropical forest ecosystems and associated biodiversity, threatening the livelihoods of local communities and undermining the development of sustainable forest management. There is however increasing demand for timber and other forest products that are verified as having been produced legally. Join TRAFFIC and WWF's Global Forest & Trade Network in examining a legality framework for key trading countries, particularly developing countries with high biodiversity forests where illegal logging and trade are acknowledged to be a significant concern. This solution aims to help both regulators and companies to verify that timber and other forest products contribute to sustainable forest management.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

6:00 - 6:30PM

Promoting Sustainable Forestry in Russia

Dr. Elena Kulikova (WWF-Russia)

Join Dr. Elena Kulikova, Director of WWF-Russia's Forest Programme, for an in-depth presentation on efforts to ensure sustainable forest management while balancing stakeholders' interests and the influence of government and forest companies in changing the existing practice of forest management in Russia. Learn about WWF-Russia's campaign to support the development of FSC in the country, working with the forest industry to meet environmental, social and economic requirements by influencing the development of purchasing policies and priorities of companies and on increasing the recognition of the FSC logo in the domestic market.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:00 - 8:30AM

New Generation Plantations Project: 1st Phase Results

Luís Neves Silva (WWF-Portugal)

Join WWF's New Generation Plantations project as they present conclusions from the first phase (2007/09). This project is the newly developed model that contributes to sustainable development and stopping deforestation by bringing together companies, governments and market stakeholders and addressing the issues of biodiversity, climate and people's well-being around existing plantations management and the new plantations development.

12:15 - 12:45PM

High Conservation Values (HCV) & the HCV Resource Network

Dr. Christopher Stewart (HCV Resource Network)

The High Conservation Value (HCV) concept has grown from its origins in FSC certification, into a widely used conservation framework with applications in natural resource management, land-use planning, responsible purchasing and investment policies, and conservation advocacy. Join the HCV Resource Network for a presentation on the collaboration of organizations and individuals using this approach, including: forest owners / managers; buyers, suppliers / certifiers of sustainable timber, palm oil, soy, and NTFPs; international development agencies; and environmental and social NGOs. Learn more about the Network and the evolving usage of HCVs, ensuring that a consistent approach to HCVs is understood and applied throughout the world.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

12:50- 1:20PM

Investment and Trade Opportunities in GFTN-LAC

Raúl Dancé (GFTN-LAC)

Join the GFTN-Latin American and Caribbean (GFTN-LAC) programme for a brief introduction to the forest extension in Latin America, geographical forest distribution in each country and its importance in the global context as a supplier of wood products from natural forest and plantations. The GFTN-LAC will also provide an overview of the activities and services offered by local GFTN offices to members in each country and information on why GFTN-LAC is a good place to invest in forestry.

2:00 - 2:30PM

Progress Towards Responsible Forestry in the Congo Basin

Elie Hakizumwami (GFTN-Central Africa)

Some years ago, achieving FSC certification for the world's tropical forests was considered impossible by some stakeholders, particularly for the Congo Basin's natural tropical forests. Join WWF for an overview of the progress made since 2004 — thanks to the dedication of key partners—resulting in an increased understanding and willingness of logging companies to shift towards responsible forestry practices. Since December 2005, about 4.7 million hectares have achieved FSC certification, while more than 3.5 millions hectares are currently progressing. This progress has been achieved as a result of the pragmatic and multi-actor partnership adopted by GFTN-Central Africa, including government institutions, environmental NGOs, logging companies, research and training institutions, local communities and donors.

6:00 - 6:30PM

Forest Carbon/REDD

Gerald Steindlegger (WWF-International)

Avoiding dangerous climate change will depend on keeping the average increase in global temperatures well below 2°C—doing so requires global emissions of greenhouse gases to be reduced by at least 80 per cent below 1990 levels by 2050. Therefore, any attempt to address global climate change must take into account the significant role forests play in combating climate change. Learn more about WWF's efforts to advance support for an agreed globally policy framework for REDD and efforts to implement REDD on the ground, seeking to eliminate net greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation and forest degradation by 2020.

8:00 - 8:30AM

WWF's Process for Engaging with Companies*Rodney Taylor (WWF-International)*

In order to live within the renewable resource limits of our planet, we need to reduce humanity's global footprint. Join WWF to learn more about our work in engaging with companies along commodity supply chains, including timber, pulp and paper and palm oil, to reduce environmental impacts through responsibly production and purchasing of these key commodities. By utilizing market pull by engaging with industry leaders and innovators to influence a tipping point in the rest of the industry, WWF is working to mainstream responsible forest practices and conserve the world's valuable and threatened forests.

9:30 - 9:50AM

Providing Access to Finance in Sustainable Trade Markets*Noemí Pérez (FAST International)*

Recent growth in sustainable trade markets has created new opportunities for developing country producers to sell higher priced, value added products and create more stable trading relationships. Entry into such markets however, typically requires additional investment capital-a major roadblock for many producers. The Finance Alliance for Sustainable Trade has evolved out of a recognized need to improve the delivery of finance and financial management tools to producers in the sustainable trade arena. FAST will present current market trends, challenges and opportunities in financing the sustainable trade industry.

1:30 - 2:00PM

FSC's Impact in the Forest*Dr. Alan Smith (FSC) and Dr. Marion Karmann (FSC)*

Join Alan Smith, FSC's Social Policy Programme Manager and Marion Karmann, FSC's Monitoring and Evaluation Manager for an engaging discussion on how FSC certification can positively impact workers and communities, shift governance processes globally and change economical and environmental conditions in the forest.

2:00 - 2:30PM

National Strategy on Forest Certification, Jointly Developed and Implemented by WWF and the Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation and Tourism (MENCT)*Germain Zasy Ngisako (DRC MENCT)*

Situated in Central Africa, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is part of the Congo Basin, the second largest tropical forest bloc in the world. Join WWF and MENCT to explore how the joint development and implemented forest certification unit is contributing to the sustainable management of the DRC's complex mosaic of different forest ecosystems, which contain a remarkable biodiversity supplying first necessity goods for at least 80% of the Congolese population.

6:00 - 6:30PM

Sustainable Forest Management in DRC: Progress of a Participatory Process*Sebastien Malele, DRC Ministry of Forest and Environment*

The new forestry law in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) aims the promotion of a rational and sustainable management of forest resources so as they contribute to economic, social and cultural development for the present generations while preserving the ecosystems and their biodiversity for the future generations. Since 2002, the DRC government and its partners have made efforts to develop the forest sector and improve its contribution to the social and economic development of the country. Join Sebastien Malele as he highlights the main progress of the forestry sector in DRC and presents the participatory mechanism put in place with the support of WWF.

8:00 - 8:30AM

Harnessing Industry to Protect Endangered Orang-utans*Dr. Ian Gray (GFTN)*

Today, Bornean orang-utans are threatened by extinction. The primary threat to orang-utans is destruction of their natural habitat by forest conversion for agriculture, plantations, mining sites and housing areas. Join GFTN for a presentation on how the forest industry can be used as a force for conservation, sharing the progress of GFTN Participants in Indonesia in establishing high conservation value forest areas within their concessions to preserve these orang-utan habitats. By working with forest companies to developing management plans, GFTN is working to ensure that the needs of industry and those of the orang-utan population can coexist in harmony indefinitely.

10:00 - 10:30AM

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Responsible Purchasing in Action*Dr. Ian Gray (GFTN)*

From the forest floor to the world's factory to the global marketplace, responsibly sourced forest products are crucial in mitigating risks for buyers and suppliers. Join the Global Forest & Trade Network for an engaging presentation on how companies from North America, Europe and China have successfully transformed their supply chains by implementing responsible purchasing policies.

12:15 - 12:45PM

Looking Back Over 7 Years of SFPGA Collaboration*Alicia Grimes (USAID)*

In partnership with WWF's Global Forest & Trade Network (GFTN), the Sustainable Forest Products Global Alliance (SFPGA) has made effective forest management a reality in Africa's Congo Basin, with over 2 million hectares of certified forests managed by GFTN-Central Africa participants. As a public/private partnership that seeks to make markets work for forests and people, the SFPGA is a program of the United States Agency for International Development's (USAID) Global Development Alliance. Join USAID and WWF for an engaging look at this unique partnership that's transforming the global forest products industry into a force for saving the world's valuable and threatened forests.

12:50 - 1:20PM

Responsible Cork*Luis Neves Silva (GFTN-Iberia)*

GFTN Iberia shares success stories about the preservation of the Cork Oak Woodlands from the Mediterranean Basin, through an attractive description of this forest ecosystem, a unique balance between man and nature, and how GFTN is using the market place as a force to promote the responsible forestry of the cork oak woodlands.

Putting an End to Illegal Logging: WWF & GFTN's Contribution to Ghana's VPA*Dr. Ian Gray (GFTN)*

GFTN will share experiences with the FLEGT/VPA process in Ghana, from negotiation to ratification and implementation, utilizing lessons learned from the GFTN to influence the process. By participating in this multi-stakeholder process, GFTN provided valuable insight on field experiences on chain of custody and independent monitoring.

2:00 - 2:30PM

Forestry Restoration with Smallholders to Re-Establish Protected Areas*Ulises Martinez (FVSA) and Manuel Jaramillo (FVSA)*

FVSA will share the achievements, similarities and differences between two forestry restoration cases with the objective of restoring connectivity between protected areas. In both cases the land use and ownership are fragmented, and most of producers are small holders that depend on natural resources to subsist.

SPEAKERS**Daniel Arancibia (WWF-LAC)**

Daniel Arancibia works as Latin American and the Caribbean Forest Coordinator for WWF, focusing on the implementation of strategies for the sustainable use of the natural resources. To that effect, Daniel manages the GFTN-LAC to create market rewards for responsible forest managers. Before joining WWF, he worked for the Forest Stewardship Council, as the Director in LAC, where he was in charge of the programmatic implementation in 15 countries in the region. Daniel holds a degree in Forestry with specialization in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Quality Management.

Raúl Dancé (WWF's GFTN-LAC)

Raúl is a Wood Products Marketing Specialist for WWF-Central America. He joined WWF in 2003 and has spent his career implementing forest management projects, forest certification and fair trade with indigenous communities and forest concessionaires in Peru, Bolivia and Panama. Raúl has ten years of experience, first as a Timber Manager in Promperú, a Peruvian government agency dedicated to the promotion of exports and later as an Export Manager of important Chinese Group. Raúl holds a degree in Economic Science from Ricardo Palma University.

Dr. Ian Gray (WWF's GFTN)

Dr. Ian Gray is the Responsible Forestry Coordinator for WWF's GFTN, providing technical, on-the-ground support to over 30 GFTN offices worldwide. Ian possesses over 20 years experience in the forest and natural resource sectors. Prior to WWF, he served as the Deputy Director for ProForest and held previous positions with SGS QUALIFOR, Woodland Trust and the Belize Forest Department focused on forest management and FSC certification. Ian holds a PhD on EIA use in plantations from Bangor University and a forestry degree from Aberdeen University.

Alicia Grimes (USAID)

Alicia Grimes has over 25 years experience in the international development field, working on natural resource management programs aimed at increasing broad based economic growth and advancing policies which support conservation and sustainable forest management. She currently serves as the manager of the Sustainable Forest Products Alliance which is GFTN's public private partnership with USAID. She holds a Master's degree from Yale's School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and has served as a consultant to the World Bank, the New York Botanical Garden and other NGOs.

Elie Hakizumwami (WWF's GFTN-Central Africa)

Elie Hakizumwami joined WWF 2004, as Regional Forest Officer for Central Africa and as the GFTN-Central Africa Regional Coordinator. Elie holds degrees in natural resources management and forestry and a post-graduate diploma in forestry for rural development. Since 1978, he has assumed a series of duties including coordination of programmes and thematic networks and fundraising. His thematic studies related to conservation of forest ecosystems and sustainable use of forest resources in East and Central Africa.

Pablo Herrera (FVSA)

Pablo Herrera is the Conservation and Sustainable Development Director for Fundación Vida Silvestre Argentina, the associate of WWF in Argentina. Currently he leads a team of 25 people, working on several programmes and projects across Argentina. Pablo has a degree in Biological Sciences from the University of Buenos Aires, and postgraduate studies in Land Use Planning, Wetlands Management, Integrated River Basin Management, Ecosystems Restoration, etc., from different universities and institutes from Argentina, the Netherlands, Uganda and China.

Manuel Jaramillo (FVSA)

Since October 2004, Manuel has served as the Coordinator of the Paranaense Jungle Programme for FVSA. His work consists of technical management, as well as administrative and institutional relations of the different projects under this Programme. He studied at the university of Alicante (Spain) the Biodiversity Doctorate: Conservation and Management of the Species and their Habitat. Before graduating as a Forest Engineer, he worked at the Andean and Patagonica Centre of Research and Extension of the City of Esquel, Chubut Province.

Dr. Marion Karmann (FSC International Center)

Dr. Marion Karmann has worked on development of criteria and indicators for certification of responsible forest management since 1989 for ITW and later for FSC IC and FSC Germany. Since January 2008, she manages FSC's newly established monitoring and evaluation programme, assessing how FSC is delivering against its mission.

Dr. Elena Kulikova (WWF-Russia)

Dr. Elena Kulikova joined WWF in 2002 and currently serves as WWF-Russia's Forest Programme Director. Prior to WWF, she worked for the Federal Forest Service and Ministry of Natural Recourses of the Russian Federation as a Deputy Director of the Department of International Cooperation, supervising international negotiation processes on forests. She has also taught at Moscow State Forest University, serving as an Associate Professor at the Department of Ecology and Forest Protection. A forester by education, Elena holds a PhD in Forest Protection.

Sebastien Malele (DRC MENCT)

Sebastien Malele is the Director of the Division of Forest Management and Inventories for the DRC Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation and Tourism. In addition to this role, he also serves as the Vice President for the African Forest Forum, the DRC Focal Point for the UN Forum on Forests and serves on the faculty of Agronomy, University of Kinshasa. Prior to this role he served as the Ministry's Director of the Division of Forest Management and as the Head of the Permanent Service for Forest Management and Inventories. He holds a Masters in Forestry Science and is pursuing a PhD at ERAIFT.

Ulrich Malessa (TRAFFIC-South America)

Ulrich Malessa serves as the Coordinator of the South American Forest and Timber Trade Program at TRAFFIC Regional Office since August 2008. He is responsible for the outline of work programme on forest and timber issues in South America, identifying project opportunities and implementing TRAFFIC's global programme the regional agenda. Prior to this role, he led the marketing and Chain-Of-Custody (COC) Programme of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) in Germany. He graduated from the University of Freiburg.

Ulises Martinez (FVSA)

Ulises Martinez serves as the Coordinator of the Gran Chaco Programme for FVSA. Since 2004, he has coordinated several projects for FVSA related to the Chaco region, responsible agriculture and co-authored "The Environmental Situation of Argentina 2005". Ulises is an Agriculture Engineer from the University of Buenos Aires (UBA). He took environmental courses at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid in cooperation with the University of Harvard, and at the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA). He also teaches Environmental Economics and Policy at the Agriculture University of Buenos Aires.

Germain Zasy Ngisako (DRC MENCT)

Germain Zasy Ngisako serves as the Forest Advisor at the DRC's Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation and Tourism. He also teaches forestry at the University of Kinshasa. Prior to MENCT, he served as the Head of Forest Inventory Division for the DRC Ministry of Forests. Ngisako earned a degree in Forest Engineering from the University of Laval, Québec, Canada.

Dr. Alain Marius Ngoya-Kessy (Congoles Ministry of Forestry, Economy and Environment)

Dr. Alain holds a PhD in Forestry Economy from Montpellier University, France. He is at the same time the Director of Valorization of Forest Resources in charge of Timber Industry since 2007 and Lecturer a University of MARIEN NGOUABI, since 2001. He also assumed the functions of Director of Studies and Planning and Economics Advisor at the Ministry of Forestry Economy and Environment as well as the Focal Point of WWF/GFTN at the same Ministry.

Bernardo Ortiz-von Halle (TRAFFIC-South America)

Bernardo Ortiz-von Halle is the Director of TRAFFIC Regional Office for South America, serving in that role since 2000. Bernardo previously worked as the Regional Coordinator for the Biodiversity agenda of IUCN Regional Office for South America in Quito, Ecuador. Prior to that, he served as Wildlife Director and CITES Management Authority in Colombia, with experience in protected areas management, species conservation programmes, field research in vertebrate ecology, management and conservation. He has also authored several technical publications on wildlife and timber policy issues.

Noemí Pérez (FAST)

Noemí Pérez is the Executive Director of the Finance Alliance for Sustainable Trade. With 15 years of international experience, Noemí has worked with key organizations and private companies in the sustainable production, including certification bodies, industry players, community based producers, government bodies and banks involved in sustainable trade in 21 countries in the Americas, Asia and Europe. She possesses a deep understanding of the financial needs of producers and has presented in several international conferences. Noemí holds a Masters in Business Planning and Regional Development.

Luís Neves Silva (WWF's GFTN-Iberia)

Luís serves as the Portuguese Forest Programme coordinator and manager of GFTN-Iberia for Portugal, providing assistance to companies committed to responsible purchasing. He is graduate of forestry engineering from the Instituto Superior de Agronomia in Lisbon. With over eight years of experience, he previously served as an auditor for the Smartwood Programme, examining plantation operations for FSC certification. His field expertise includes low impact agriculture, ecotourism and technical coordination of forest conservation projects.

Dr. Alan Smith (FSC International Center)

Dr. Alan Smith's career spans some 30 years in the field of development. Since 2004, he has been working for FSC International Center, firstly with responsibilities for the FSC Social Programme and currently as the team leader for FSC network coordination, supporting the development and harmonization of national FSC forest management standards.

Gerald Steindlegger (WWF International)

Gerald Steindlegger is Manager of the Global Forest Programme at WWF International. His responsibility is the formulation of WWF's policy on forests integrating sustainable forest management, climate change mitigation and biodiversity conservation. Gerald has been working for more than 16 years on forest conservation and related policy. After four years of natural resource consulting he joined WWF, working for the last 12 years in an international capacity. His career path led him to more than 35 countries around the globe. He holds a M.Sc. in Forestry from the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life (BOKU) in Vienna.

Dr. Christopher Stewart (HCVRN)

The HCV RN is overseen by a Steering Group representative of Network users, with the Secretariat function currently provided by ProForest. Dr. Christopher Stewart, an Associate Director at ProForest, has been managing the Network full-time since March 2009. He has a background in forest ecology and conservation, and his experience includes extensive periods of ecological field research and project work, mainly in the tropics.

Rodney Taylor (WWF International)

Rod Taylor is the Director of WWF International's Forests Programme. Rod is based in Indonesia and has worked with WWF for over ten years, with previous positions as Coordinator of the WWF /World Bank Forest Alliance and Coordinator of the Asia Pacific Forest Program. Before joining WWF, Rod worked as a forest policy adviser in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. Rod began his career as a lawyer in Australia and has a Masters Degree in Environmental Law from the Australian National University.

Xiangjun Yang (FSC China)

Xiangjun Yang has a master's degree in Environment and Development from Lancaster University in the UK. With 6 years' experience in natural resource management, Xiangjun joined FSC China in November 2007. As Project Coordinator, Xiangjun provides support to the FSC China Working Group, represents the FSC global network, promotes the development of FSC in China, and provides outreach to partners, stakeholders, customers and clients and implements projects including a multilateral Public-Private Partnership with the German government development agency (GTZ).

SPEAKERS

Dr. Han Zheng (WWF-China)

Dr. Han Zheng has over five year of working experience in WWF-China on forest conservation, particularly in the areas of FSC certification and HCVF promotion. Before joining WWF, she worked with UN WFP for six years and in the Ministry of Agriculture for over eight years. She holds a PhD in Agro-Economics and Management.

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