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The Rosewood Racket

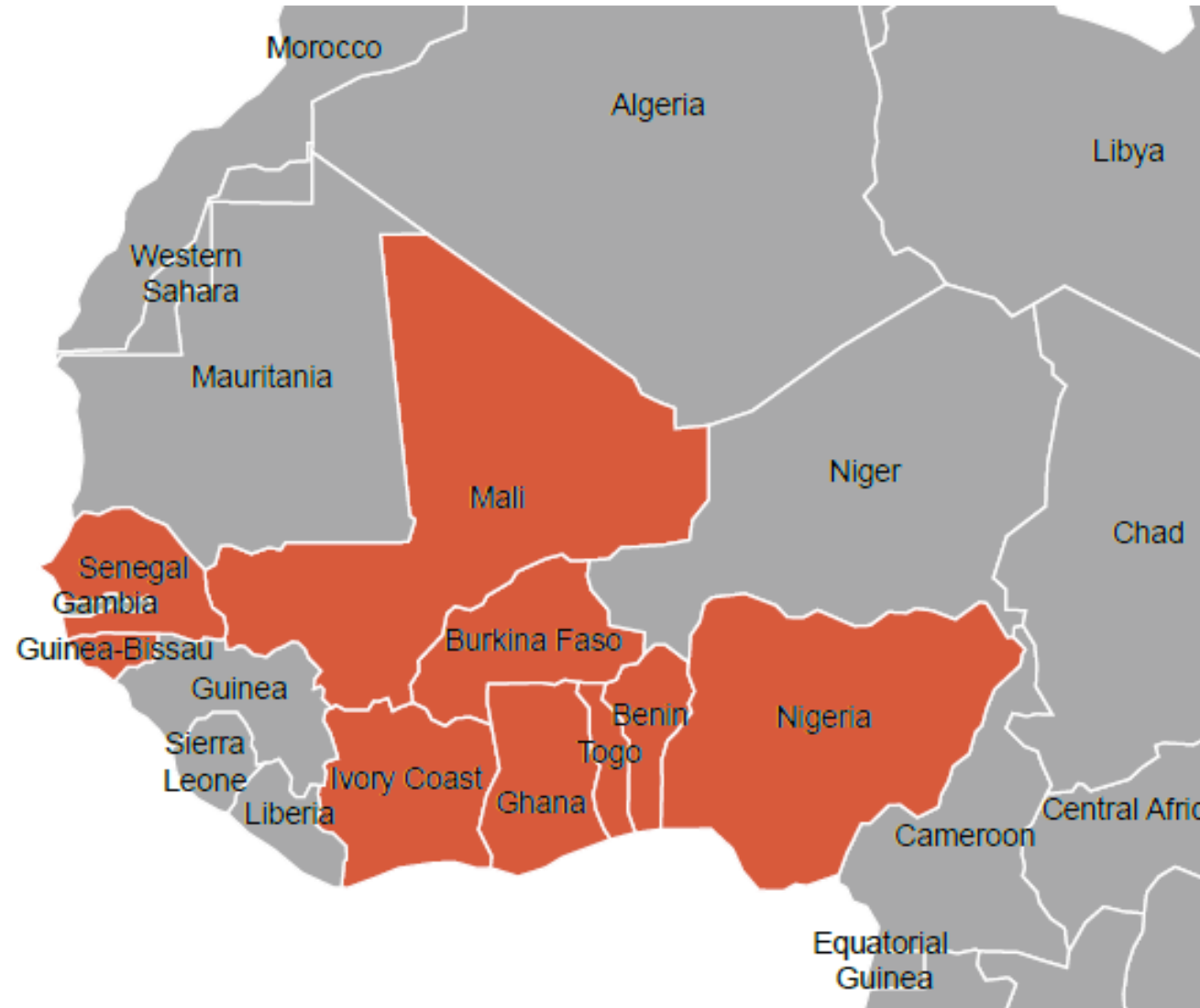
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Pterocarpus erinaceus: a species from West Africa



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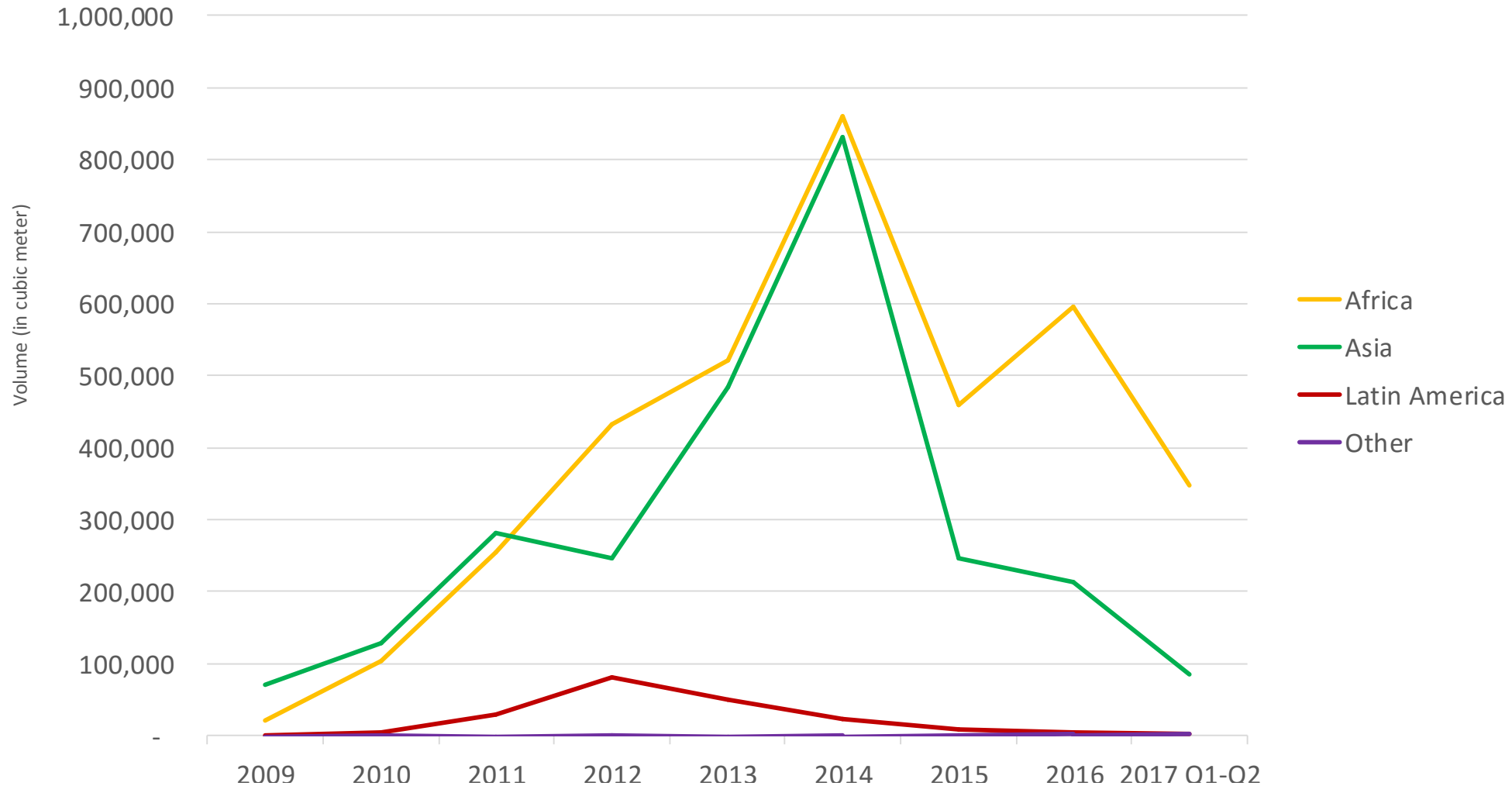
A tree protected all over the region



Source: EIA, 2017



The most traded rosewood species in the world

Hongmu logs imported by China, by volume



Source: EIA, 2017 based on data from the Global Trade Atlas (GTA)

2016: listing on the Appendix III then Appendix II

 CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA 

NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2016/008 Geneva, 9 February 2016

CONCERNING:

Amendment to Appendix III

1. In accordance with the provisions of Article XVI, paragraph 1, of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the following Parties have requested the Secretariat to include in Appendix III the species indicated below:

Brazil **FLORA**

MELIACEAE *Cedrela fissilis*^{#5}
Cedrela lilloi^{#5}

Senegal **FLORA**

LEGUMINOSAE
(Fabaceae) *Pterocarpus erinaceus*^{#1}

#1 means that parts and derivatives are included, except:

- seeds, spores and pollen (including pollinia);
- seedling or tissue cultures obtained *in vitro*, in solid or liquid media, transported in sterile containers;
- cut flowers of artificially propagated plants; and
- fruits, and parts and derivatives thereof, of artificially propagated plants of the genus *Vanilla*.

#5 means that the only parts and derivatives are logs, sawn wood and veneer sheets.

2. In accordance with the provisions of Article XVI, paragraph 2, of the Convention, inclusion of these species in Appendix III shall take effect 90 days after the date of this Notification, i.e. on 9 May 2016.

3. In accordance with the provisions of Article XVI, paragraph 3, of the Convention, the Government of Honduras has withdrawn the following species from Appendix III:

Honduras **FAUNA**

AVES

ANSERIFORMES



Anatidae *Cairina moschata*

4. In accordance with the provisions of Article XVI, paragraph 3, of the Convention, the withdrawal of this species from Appendix III shall take effect 30 days after the date of this Notification, i.e. on 10 March 2016.

5. The revised edition of the CITES Appendices will be placed on the CITES website before it enters into effect.

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Source: CITES, 2016

 CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA 

NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2016/063 Geneva, 29 November 2016

CONCERNING:

AMENDMENTS TO APPENDICES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION

adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its 17th meeting,
 Johannesburg (South Africa), 24 September – 4 October 2016

1. In accordance with the provisions of Article XV of the Convention, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, at its 17th meeting, held in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 24 September to 4 October 2016, considered the amendments to Appendices I and II proposed by the Parties. These proposed amendments were communicated to the contracting States of the Convention by Notification to the Parties No. 2016/043 of 26 May 2016.

2. At its 17th meeting, the Conference of the Parties took the following decisions (the abbreviation 'spp.' is used to denote all species of a higher taxon):

a) The following taxa are deleted from Appendix II of the Convention:

F A U N A

CHORDATA

MAMMALIA

ARTIODACTYLA

Bovidae *Bison bison athabascae*

F L O R A

BROMELIACEAE *Tillandsia maurayana*

b) The following taxa are transferred from Appendix I to Appendix II of the Convention:

F A U N A

CHORDATA

MAMMALIA

CARNIVORA

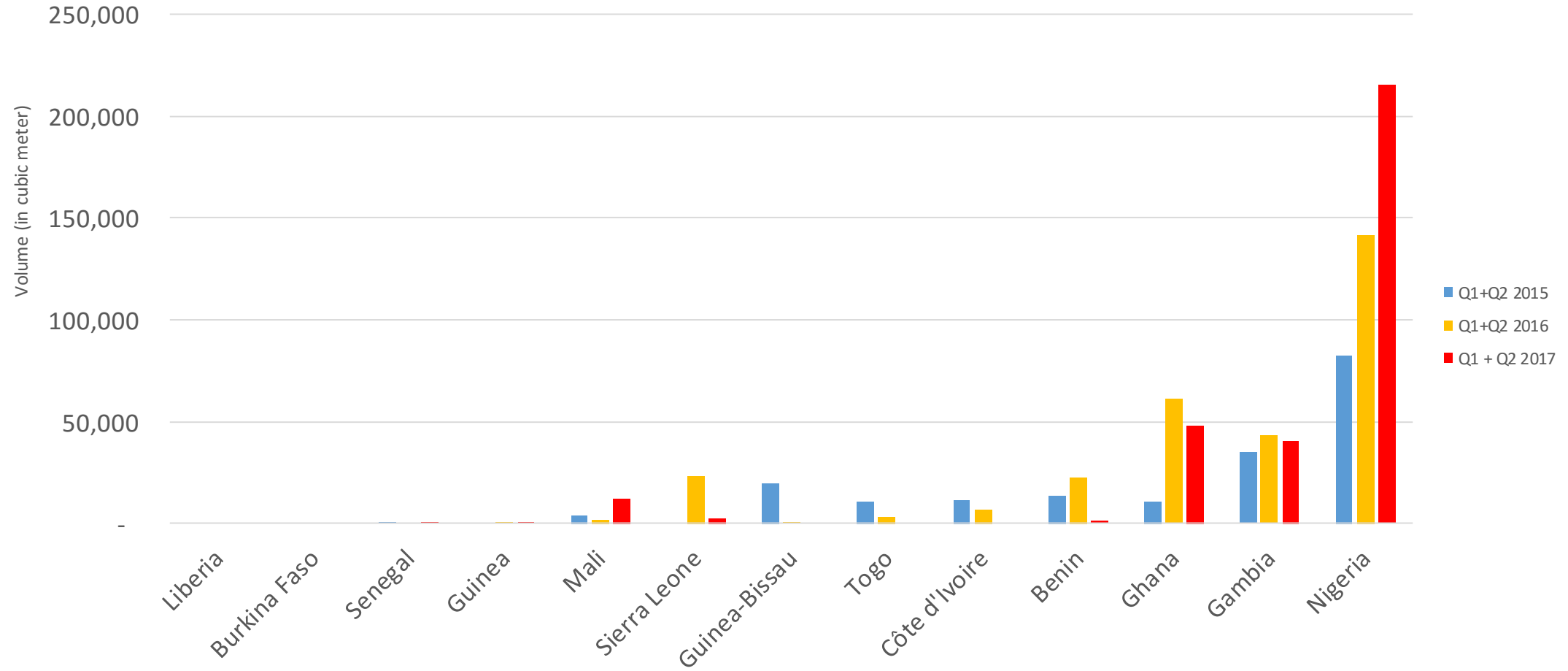
Felidae *Puma concolor coryi*
Puma concolor cougar

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Impact of the listing

Hongmu logs imported by China, by volume



Source: EIA, 2017 based on data from GTA

Three Empire State Buildings of containers

4,250 ft


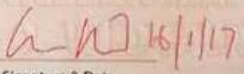
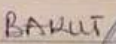



1,454 ft



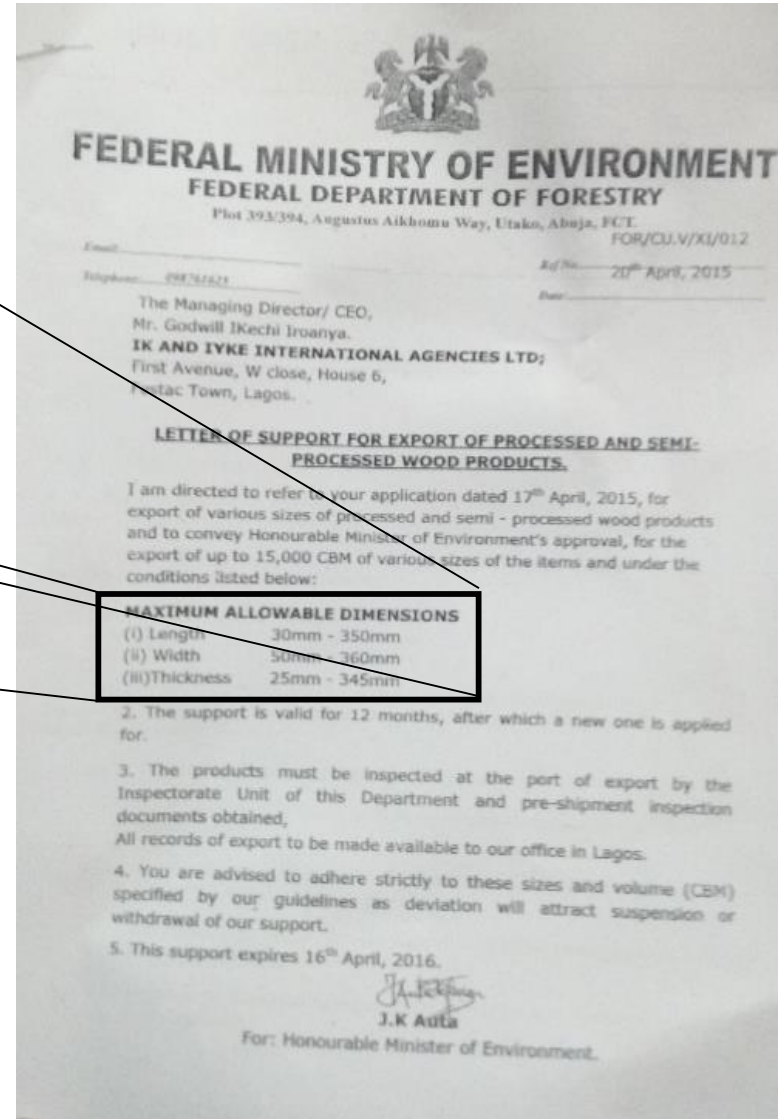
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CITES permits issued for “semi-processed products”

CITES CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA FMEVFD 002748			1. Permit/Certificate No.: NG-1581-17		
			2. Valid until: 16-7-2017		
3. EXPORT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4. Country of (Re.) Export:	5. RE-EXPORT <input type="checkbox"/>	6. IMPORT <input type="checkbox"/>	7. Country of Import: CN	
8. Exporter/Re-exporter (Full name and address): J.B. BAIKRIKA CONCEPT LTD, 25 FADIL AVENUE, ONIKOWO RJILOO LAGOS			9. Importer (Full name and address): SHENZHEN ZHONGYUAN TRADE LTD ROOM 352, RUIYUAN STREET, BAGUO TOWN AREA SHENZHEN, CHINA		
10. Special conditions Transport of live animals must conform with relevant CITES guidelines and the International Air Transport Association (IATA) regulations			11. Issuing management authority:  CITES MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY Plot 393/394 Augustus Aikhomu Way Utako District, Abuja, Nigeria.		
12. Purpose: T	13. Country of last (re.) export:	14. Country of origin: NG			
15. Security Stamp No.:	13a. Certificate No.:	14a. Permit No: NG-1581-17			
	13b. Date of Issue:	14b. Date of Issue: 16-1-2017			
16. Details of specimens (including identifying marks) Semi processed wood					
17. Scientific name & common name of specimen	18. Appendix	19. Source	20. Quantity	21. Weight (kg)	22. Sex
A <i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	II	W	16.100 CBM	23000.000	
B African Rose wood (Kosso)					
23. Authorisation: This permit was issued by: ABUJA, NIGERIA  16/1/17					
Place		Signature & Date		Security Stamp	
4. ENDORSEMENT AT PORT OF EXPORT/RE-EXPORT/IMPORT					
See block 17 above	Quantity	Endorsed by:  BAKUT ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (Name, Signature & Rank)			
A <i>Pterocarpus erinaceus</i>	16.100				
B African Rose wood	CBM				
Name of Port:		Official Stamp/Seal:			

What the law says

MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE DIMENSIONS	
(i) Length	30mm - 350mm
(ii) Width	50mm - 360mm
(iii) Thickness	25mm - 345mm



What the people do



Source: EIA, 2017

What Nigeria exports: processed products?



Source: EIA, 2017

What China imports: processed products?



Insider's candid explanation

“ **EIA:** In theory this is all illegal, right?

Mr. F.: In theory, the government does not allow to ship these woods.

EIA: So it is illegal then?

Mr. F.: Well, it is illegal. But the customs allows you to ship.

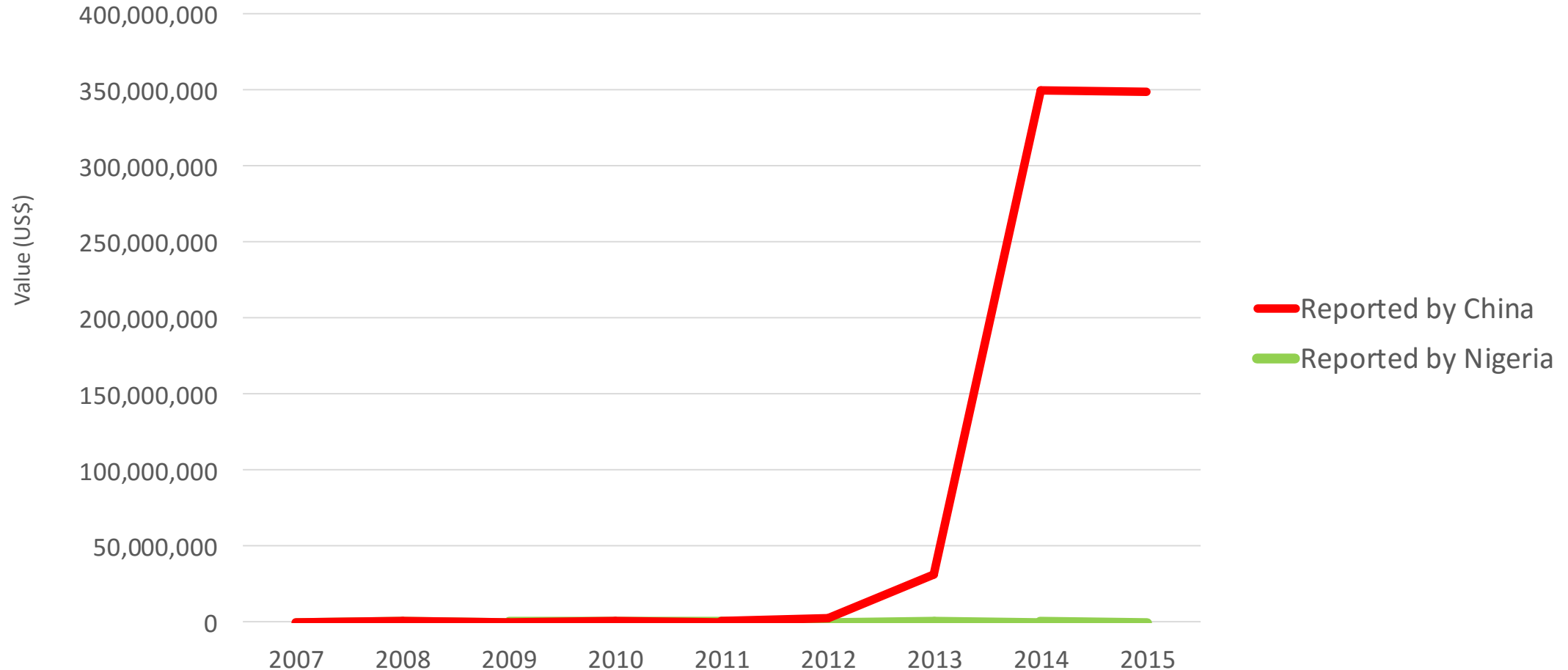
Therefore, it is very hard to define if this is illegal or not.

Because some of the documents we used are bought, then someday, all of sudden the government accuses us of smuggling. You see, they let you export, but then sometimes they say you are smuggling. So what should we do? ”

Source: EIA, 2017

Logs reportedly imported... but not exported

Volume of logs as reported by China (import) and Nigeria (export)



Source: EIA, 2017, based on UN Comtrade data

Without catching CITES Secretariat's attention

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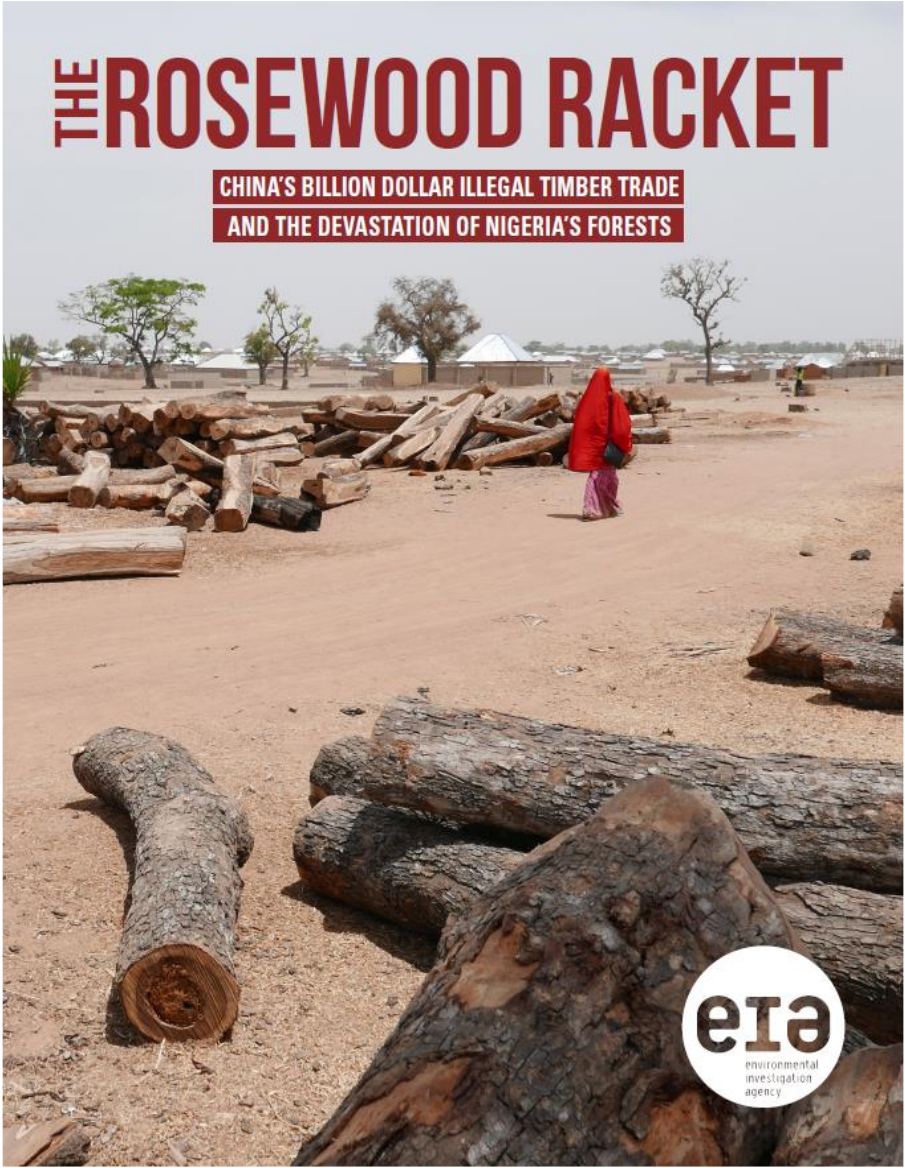
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Conclusion

- Several West African **countries have implemented the recent CITES** listing and reduced their export of *Pterocarpus erinaceus* to China.
- Nigeria, by far the main exporter, has done the contrary: **more kosso from Nigeria** has entered China during the first semester 2017 than ever before.
- Most of the **trade in kosso between Nigeria and China is illegal**, violating several national/international laws and in particular the Nigerian federal log export ban.
- The **smuggling of millions of logs** is based on: (1) the lack of enforcement, (2) a deeply corrupt system, and (3) a loophole based on the “processed/semi-processed products” distinction.
- Be aware of the **substantial collateral impacts** related to “processed/semi-processed products” distinction.

More in the report



Source: EIA, 2017



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