

**Exchange and coordination
meeting:** Information tools and
platforms for due diligence and risk
assessments tools

Assisting Australian businesses to deal in legal timber – CSGs and other supporting resources

Country Specific Guidelines – a pathway for due diligence

We work bilaterally with key trading partners to develop ‘Country Specific Guidelines’ or CSGs

CSGs help importers to understand legal frameworks that regulate logging in key supply countries:

- CSGs inform readers of how wood goes from forest to export, and every step in between
- They outline the risk profile of countries and the important things to look out for
- Provide information that can be obtained from suppliers to indicate legality

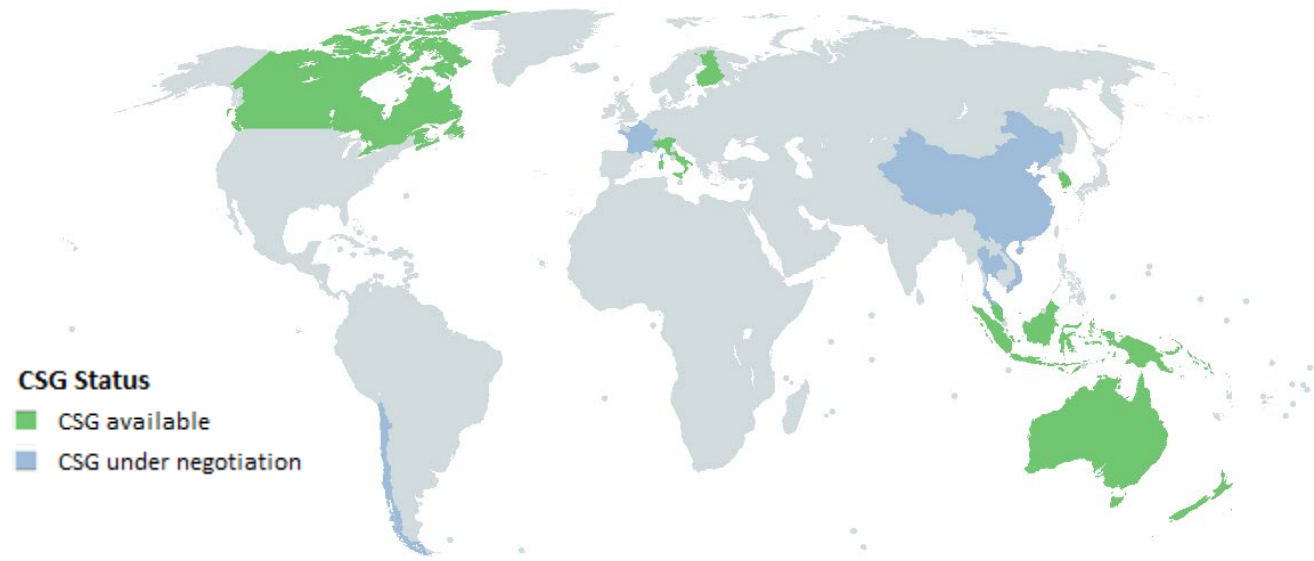
We collaborate with trading partners in-country, undertaking workshops and meeting with industry

CSGs are a valuable opportunity to work with countries to facilitate legal trade into Australia

- A bilateral mechanism to discuss illegal logging and support them in their (future) actions against illegal logging

Current CSGs:

Canada · Finland · Indonesia · Italy
Malaysia · New Zealand
Papua New Guinea · Republic of Korea
Solomon Islands



Education and Capacity Building

- Partnered with industry to develop due diligence 'toolkits'.
 - <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/forestry/policies/illegal-logging/importers/resources#industry-generated-guidance-materials>
- Illegal logging webpages -> central hub of information.
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- Webpages highlight a range of useful 3rd party resources.
 - <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/forestry/policies/illegal-logging/importers/resources>
- Industry outreach -> events, roadshows, webinars, supplier briefings.
 - Webinars: <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/forestry/policies/illegal-logging/webinar-recordings>
 - Animated video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k6RyT84hgIY>
- Advice -> hotline and illegal logging inbox.
- Compliance audits -> review and provide education and guidance.



Organization: Zoological Society of London (ZSL)

URL: www.spott.org

Audience:

- Timber and pulp producers, processors and traders
 - Other sectors on SPOTT: palm oil, natural rubber
- Financial institutions (investors, asset managers, banks, etc.)
- Downstream companies (retailers, consumer good manufacturers, etc.)

Geographic scope:

- Tropical forests with large areas dedicated to timber and pulp
- Focus on Republic of Congo, Gabon, Cameroon, Indonesia and China



Data Type: transparency assessments:

- Companies assessed on their public reporting (website, reports,...)
- 150+ indicators related to environmental, social and governance issues
 - Policy: commitments, procedures, etc.
 - Organisation: landbank, volumes, employees, responsibilities, etc.
 - Practice: progress on water/GHG/work-based accidents, etc., evidence of implementing commitments, certification

Last Updated: July 2019 (annual)

Future Plans: Weighting function on the website, more weight given to practice (e.g. externally verified progress > self-reported progress), in-country multi-stakeholders engagement workshops

+ 6th year of palm oil assessments, 1st rubber assessments (Oct-Nov)

Responsible Timber Exchange & Due Diligence and Risk Assessment

Organization: BVRio

URL: <https://www.bvrio.com>

Audience: Timber trade, enforcement officials

Geographic scope: Responsible Timber Exchange - Global, Due Diligence and Risk Assessment - Brazil

Data Type: Legal and certified timber product offers, risk assessments

Last Updated: 2018

Future Plans: Add document uploads to Responsible Timber Exchange

Information Tool

Organization: Chatham House 'Forest governance & legality'

URL: to be launched on 13 November

Audience: Policy makers, CSOs, researchers, private sector, media

Geographic scope: 19 country profiles

Data Type: Country profiles: policy assessment; overview of forest resources; trade data – including assessment of illegal trade; analysis & reports;

Last Updated: 2014 - all data; 2018 - policy assessment

Future Plans: update all data; post new articles & analysis

Risk Tool

Organization: WRI's Forest Legality Initiative

URL: <https://forestlegality.org/risk-tool>

Audience: Private sector, enforcement officials, 100,000 users a year

Geographic scope: 26 country profiles

Data Type: Country profiles: Forest Management, Laws and Policies, Forest Resources, and Contacts

Last Updated: 2016

Future Plans: Update and Simplify

Open Timber Portal

Organization: WRI's Forest Legality Initiative

URL: <https://opentimberportal.org>

Audience: Private sector, enforcement officials, 2,000 of the beta version year 1

Geographic scope: 3 countries full package, global for IM

- **Data Type:** official concession boundaries and the list of registered timber producers from the government; documents uploaded voluntarily by timber producers to demonstrate compliance; and observations by third party forest monitors
- **Last Updated:** constantly updating
- **Future Plans:** Expand and improve some features