RAPID SCREENING BY FLUORESCENCE OF FINISHED WOOD PRODUCTS FOR TARGETED SAMPLING

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INCREASING DEMAND, INCREASING TRADE

- Pulp and paper consumption will increase by more than 100 percent.
- Solid wood products will grow at a slower rate, between 28 and 61 percent.







Modeling of global industrial roundwood and fuelwood consumption from 2010 to 2060 (ucsusa, 2019)

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Highlights of Global Trade Flows of Wood Products



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Xylotron 2019. Chinadialogue.net



NIRS 2016. https://wildtech.mongabay.com



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Inspections are time-consuming











Requirements Dark room 365 nm flashlight

DATABASE PROTOCOL





- I. Select blocks from known curated database
- 2. VSC 8000 to image and measure fluorescence
- 3. Generate **visual** database and CIELAB measurements







Goal: Visual and technical database of fluorescence

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Inspector: Consistency in a shipment



White light



Inspectors don't *always* need to know species, they might just need to know <u>inconsistency</u> from a shipping manifest

Forensic Scientist: Consistency in an object



- Sample most accessible regions of complex evidence items
- Improve efficiency in selecting samples for intensive (expensive) analytical techniques

FLUORESCENCE RESOURCES



 Wood cell walls are naturally fluorescent due to the presence of lignin and vary based on heterogeneity of chemicals



INSIDE WOOD	
204	Heartwood fluorescent
205	Water extract fluorescent
210	Ethanol extract fluorescent

Krishna, Chowdhury, 1935. Pandey et al. 1998.

SUMMARY: NEVER FORGET THE SIMPLE STUFF

- By utilizing simple tools we can improve the efficiency of agents and scientists
- Improved efficiency = increased compliance by enforcement/regulators
- High rates of compliance = more inspections and increased enforcement



Start simple, find variation, then invest

Thank you for your attention

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