

**ITTO INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON PHASED
APPROACHES TO CERTIFICATION**

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Public Procurement of Tropical Timber

State of Play in Denmark

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Milestones - Green Procurement

- 50 product specific guidelines (1995-2001)
- Thematic guidelines on Env. requirements (2002)
- Panel for Prof., Environmentally Concerned Buyers (2003)
- Thematic guidelines on Social requirements (2004)



Milestones - Tropical Timber

- Parliament decision (2001)
- Review on certified tropical wood for harbour work (2002)
- Guidelines on Public Purchase of Tropical Timber (2003)
- Information campaign and workshops (2004)



Guidelines - Task

- To assist public purchasers in ensuring that the tropical timber they buy is legally and sustainably produced
- To acknowledge the FSC as an example of a credible guarantee that tropical timber carrying this label is legally and sustainably produced



Guidelines - Process

- Background reports
- Contact group
- Workshops
- Steering Committee
- Final decision (Minister/Gov.)



Definitions and requirements

**Tropical,
Public**

**International
standards?**

**Legal,
Sustainable,
Documentation....**

PROBLEM:
NO Consensus
on key
definitions



Legal - the producer has

- had the ***necessary rights and permits*** to log the given tree species, grades and dimensions, within the given time and region
- fulfilled all ***relevant national legislation*** regarding Forest Management and its effects on people and the environment
- paid any ***due taxes and duties***
- obtained ***all statutory declarations and permits from authorities***, incl. CITES permits



Sustainable Forest Management

- Principles
 - Rio 1992 ("Forest Principles")
 - ITTO 1998 (C&I for SFM, Policy Development Series 7)
- Criteria
- Standards



SFM - **Rio principles (1992)**

“...(forests) should be managed to meet the social, economic, ecological, cultural, and spiritual needs of present and future generations”



SFM - ITTO-principles

“SFM is the process of managing forests to achieve one or more clearly specified objectives of management with regard to the production of a **continuous** flow of desired forest products and services without undue restriction of its inherent values and future productivity and without undue undesirable effects on the physical and social environment.”



SFM - criteria

(source ITTO Techn. series 19 Pending Challenges..)

- Legislative and inst. framework
- Size of Forest resource
- Health and vitality of forest
- Production function of forest
- Protection function
- Biodiversity
- Socio-economic, cultural and spiritual commodities



SFM - standards

“.. should be developed in a consultative process, open to participation by all affected parties, including financial, environmental and social stakeholders”



Documentation

- Certificates (Forest Man. & CoC)
 - Problem: **MANY** actors, reports and recom-mendations - **NO** consensus on neither system requirements nor performance standards
 - Solution: We **HAD** to and **DID** come up with an assessment, based AS FAR AS POSSIBLE on international concensus (ISO guides etc.)
- Alternative Documentation



Certification - five important elements

- **Standards** *precise and measurable, developed in a consultative and open process ensuring Legal and Sustainable production*
- **Certification** *monitoring, assessment AND final approval/rejection by competent and independent third party*
- **Accreditation** *to be done by acknowledged company*
- **Traceability** *monitoring and documentation of the wood products path from certified forest to the end user*
- **Labelling** *precise rules for credible labelling of wood products*
- **Trademark protection...!**



Recommendations

- Requirements in three levels:
 - 1. Legal and sustainable
 - 2. Legal and progressing towards sustainable
 - 3. Legal - minimum
- Documentation (for each level)
 - 1. FSC or alternative doc.
 - 2. MTCC or alternative doc.
 - 3. alternative doc.



Other certificates?

- either considered *insufficient to stand alone* (but may provide valuable contribution) or
- not in use in the tropics (mid 2003)



Alternative documentation

- Necessary (EU)
- Fair (0,5 % trop. forests certified)
- Many indications, not well defined
- Assessment by independent third party!



Alt. documentation...

- Certificates or verification schemes other than FSC and MTCC
- Export permits
- Certificates of origin
- Declarations from authorities
- Declarations from suppliers and sub-suppliers
- Concession agreements



Alt. documentation...

- Documented eco-management system like ISO 14001 or EMAS II
- Specification of standards used and the process undertaken (has it been open and inclusive?)
- Overriding Principles and Criteria
- Specification on monitoring activities - independent?
- Any bilateral agreements...?



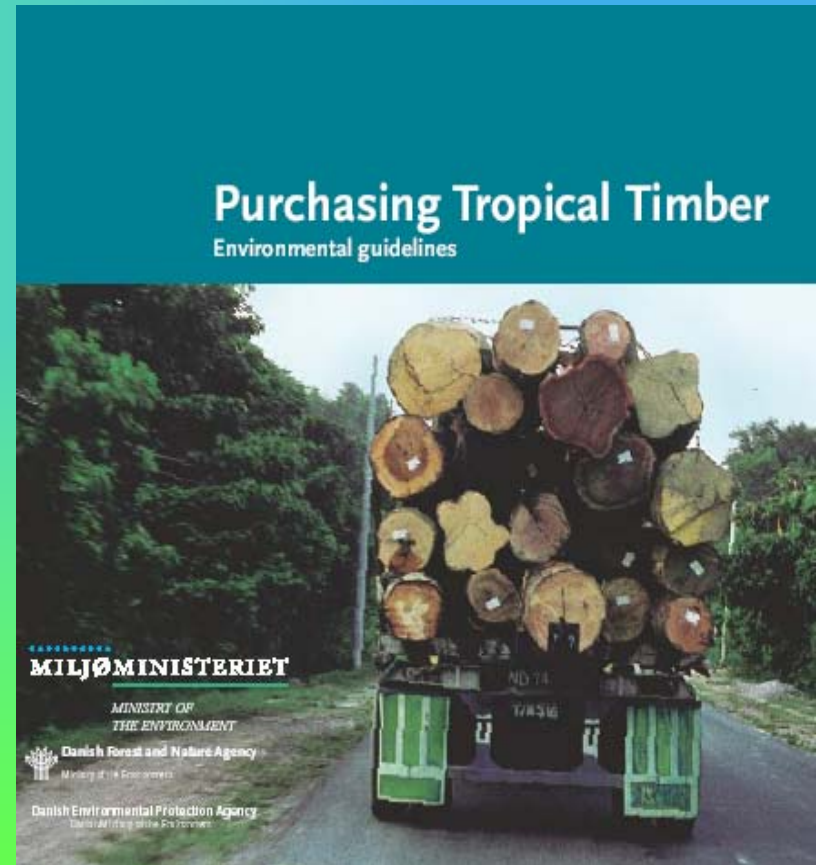
Alt. documentation...

- ASSESMENT BY IMPARTIAL THIRD PARTY WITH MARKET INSIGHT AND KNOWLEDGE OF FORESTRY CONDITIONS IN THE TROPICS



Results

- Short guidance (read in 10 minutes)
- Back ground document(s)
- Additional Web-info, “green” guides & the BuyerPanel
- A good and positive dialogue



Impacts

- Are the guidelines known, understood and used?
- Does it affect trade patterns?
- Does it make any difference in the forest?

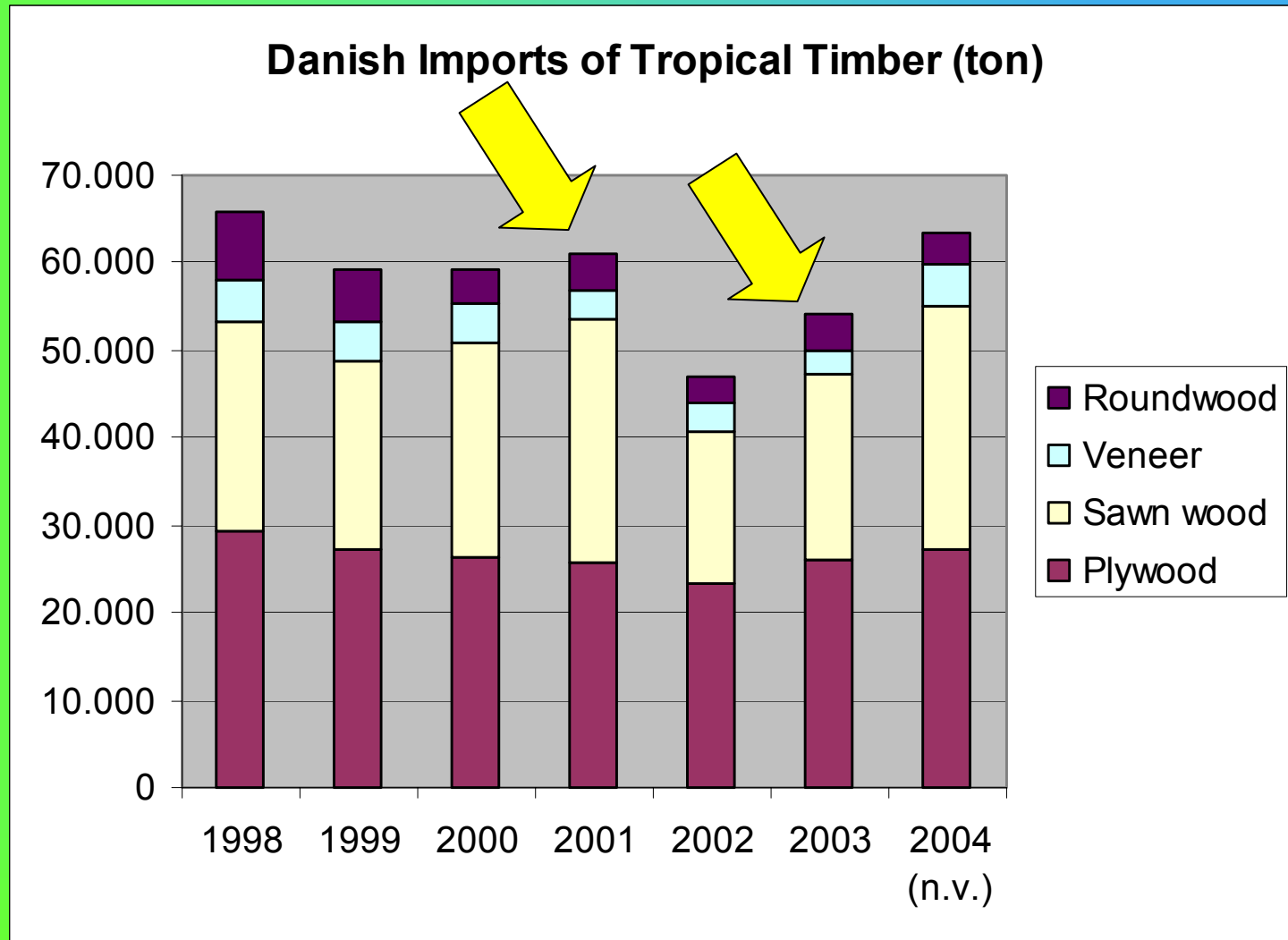


Are the guidelines used?

- Yes
- and no....



Trade patterns



MTCC forest in Malaysia

2 years after fire

Nice!
What about
the other 5 mio ha?





What is this....?



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