



The Forests Dialogue



TFD and Forest Certification

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Workshop on Phased
Approaches to Certification
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Overview

- Background on TFD
- Key Issues
- The Certification Dialogues
- Moving Forward



Who We Are

- **Founding**
 - Civil society and private sector leaders
- **Mission**
 - MSD for leaders to pursue SFM, build trust, share learning and seek collaboration
- **Governance**
 - Steering Committee
- **Home**
 - Yale University



What We Do

Priority Issues

- Forests and Biodiversity Conservation
- Intensive/Production Forestry
- Forests for the Reduction of Poverty
- Illegal Logging and Forest Governance
- Forest Certification





Our Dialogue on Illegal Logging

To Date: First MSD March 7-10, 2005 in Hong Kong

Challenge: International processes lack private sector involvement; still profitable for illegal operators; ineffective measures to curb; creates uneven playing field for legal operators

Objective: Stimulate collaborative action with gov't/ngo/private sector partners, highlight joint projects, help strengthen FLEG

Partners: DFID, TNC, WBCSD, WWF, SIDA, IP, ITTO, AFPA, USAID

Outcomes: Work to strengthen alliances, develop legality standards, develop ratings system, encourage use of wood tracking systems, committed to work with Govts.





Our Dialogues on Certification

To Date: *Geneva 10.02* – MSD focusing on lessons learned
London 05.03 – Cert. System CEO's Dialogue
Maidenhead 10.04 – Assessment Frameworks
(preceded by 2 scoping dialogues in 2004)

Challenge: Not effective tool for verifying SFM; “wars” have been a distraction; proliferation will continue

Objective: Build trust, bolster leadership, seek common assessment framework, collaborate to improve market conditions

Partners: WBCSD, TNC, WWF, Cert. Systems, IKEA, Tetra Pak, Ford Foundation, World Bank, IFBWW, IUCN, FPAC



Key Outcomes

- Identified key issues: fair competition, application in developing countries, application to NIPFOs
- Stronger relationships and collaborations such as WWF-WBCSD framework agreement on certification and illegal logging
- Development of the Legitimacy Thresholds Model continues with a range of stakeholders
- Cashore paper on Legitimacy and Nussbaum/Simula paper on Impact and Assessment Comparisons





Phased Approaches

- Strong support for Phased Approaches
- Key challenges are
 - which scheme are you tied to
 - and, how do you establish your baseline



Moving Forward

- TFD will continue to convene dialogues on certification
 - Next certification dialogue “penciled in” for 2006
- TFD will monitor closely progress with LTM, QACC and other “framework” efforts
- TFD will continue to collaborate with partners to identify priority issues AND TFD’s unique role to add value



Thank You!

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