



# World Tropical Timber Situation: Production and Trade

Focus on raw materials used  
for further processing

Industrial roundwood –logs

Sawnwood

Veneer



A rich and diverse resource

# Additional 'take-away'

Sources of statistics and market information

Not only for policy makers but a valuable resource for enterprises

Create country profiles as first step in efforts to:

**Shorten the supply chain**

**Diversify sources of raw materials**

**Assess opportunities for overseas acquisitions or direct investment**

What sources?

**ITTO:**

*Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation*  
*Tropical Timber Market Report*

**FAO:**

Forest Resources Assessments

**Timber legality Portal**

ETTF/ATIBT Timber Trade Portal

## *Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation*

Biennial review and assessment  
of the world timber situation

*2015-2016*



International Tropical Timber Organization

international statistics  
on global production  
and trade of wood  
products with an  
emphasis on the  
tropics

[www.itto.int/annual\\_review/](http://www.itto.int/annual_review/)

an invaluable resource which, when read alongside the 'real-time' trade commentaries in Market Information service report, delivers an in-depth assessment of the tropical timber sector

# Tropical timber supply countries

## Africa (13)

Benin  
Cameroon  
Central African  
Republic  
Congo  
Côte d'Ivoire  
Democratic  
Republic of the  
Congo  
Gabon  
Ghana  
Liberia  
Madagascar  
Mali  
Mozambique  
Togo

## Asia & Pacific (10)

Cambodia  
Fiji  
India  
Indonesia  
Malaysia  
Myanmar  
Papua New  
Guinea  
Philippines  
Thailand  
Vietnam

## Latin America (12)

Brazil  
Colombia  
Costa Rica  
Ecuador  
Guatemala  
Guyana  
Honduras  
Mexico  
Panama  
Peru  
Suriname  
Trinidad and Tobago

# Timber importers

## Importer countries (38)

Albania

Australia

China

European Union (28)

Japan

New Zealand

Norway

Republic of Korea

Switzerland

United States of America

## Covers:

**Volume and value of  
production and  
international trade  
in:**

**Logs**

**Sawnwood**

**Veneer**

**Plywood**

**Builders woodwork**

**Furniture**

# The ITTO Tropical Timber Market Report, an output of the ITTO Market Information Service

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### Top Story

#### Indonesia - Largest supplier of hardwood plywood to US

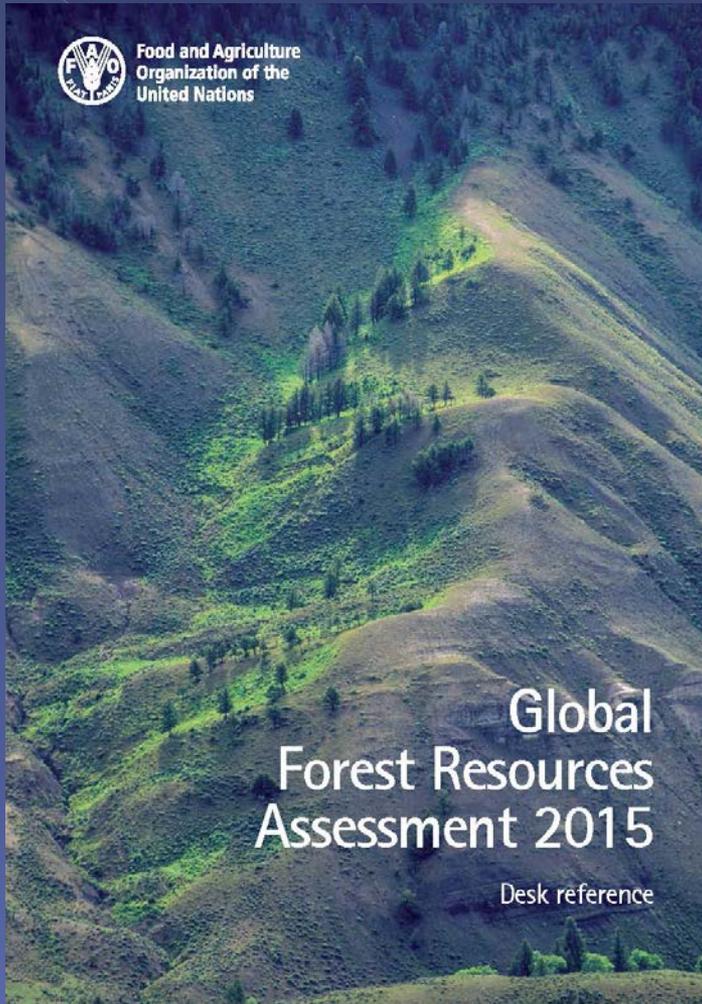
US hardwood plywood imports fell to 173,179 cu.m in February as imports from most countries declined. The largest fall was in shipments from China and Russia. While volumes have been falling the value of imports are rising as prices climb.

US imports from Vietnam and Cambodia gained after the US introduced antidumping and countervailing duties on Chinese hardwood plywood. In terms of volume, Indonesia has replaced China as the largest supplier of hardwood plywood to the US.

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## Forest resource data from FAO

Provides information for understanding the extent of forest resources, their condition, management and uses.

Data delivered by global network of correspondents.

Combined with data from remote sensing and other sources .

Information used governments, civil society and the private sector.

[www.fao.org/forest-resources-assessment/en/](http://www.fao.org/forest-resources-assessment/en/)

ETTF/ATIBT Online Portal

A photograph showing a close-up of several stacks of light-colored wooden planks, likely pine or spruce, arranged in a neat, industrial manner. The planks are stacked horizontally, with some showing the grain and others showing the edges. The lighting is warm, highlighting the natural texture of the wood.

# Gateway to international TIMBERTRADE

Provides details of the laws and regulations that exporters must satisfy

A tool for importers verification of legality

A one-stop source for producer country profiles

[www.timbertradeportal.com/](http://www.timbertradeportal.com/)

# Industrial roundwood



Doussie



Acacia



Rubberwood

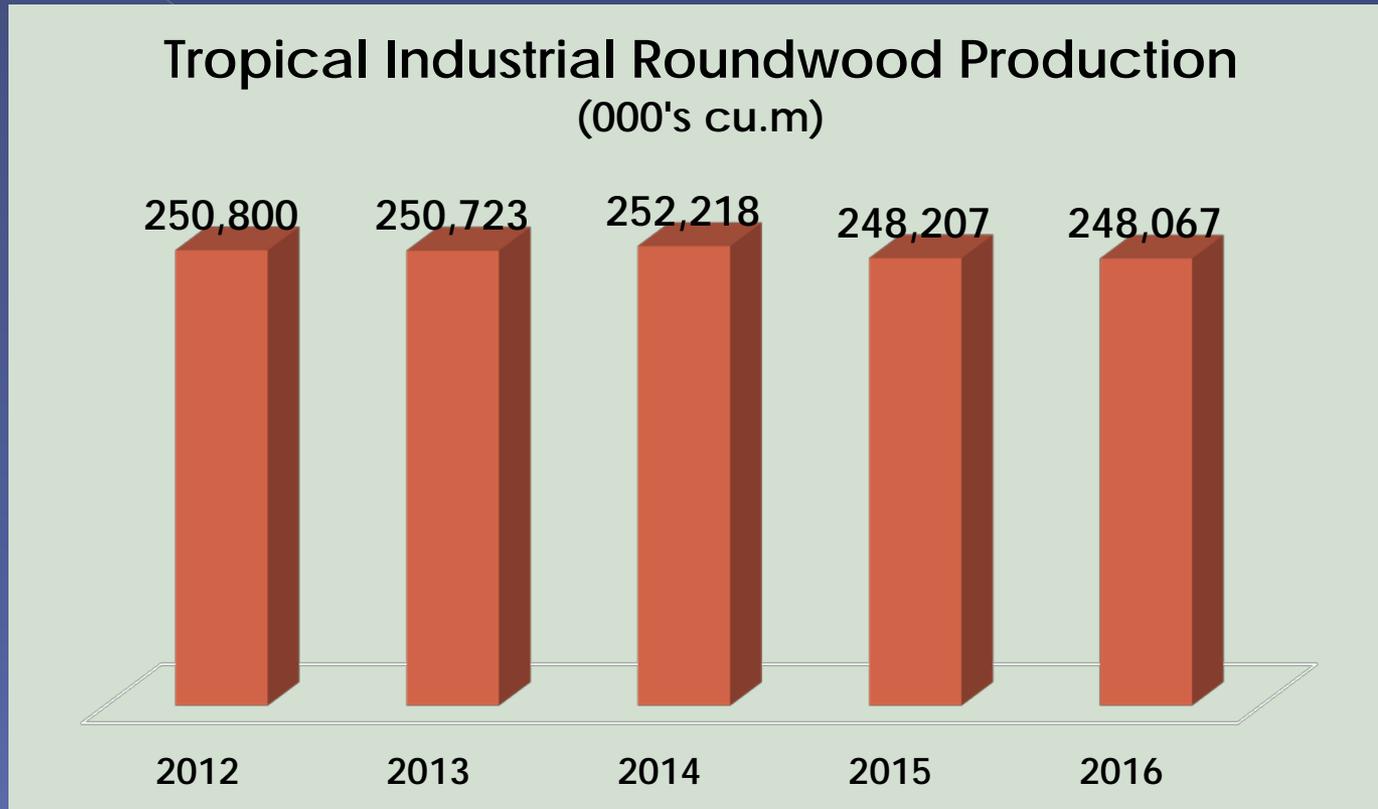


Bolivian rosewood



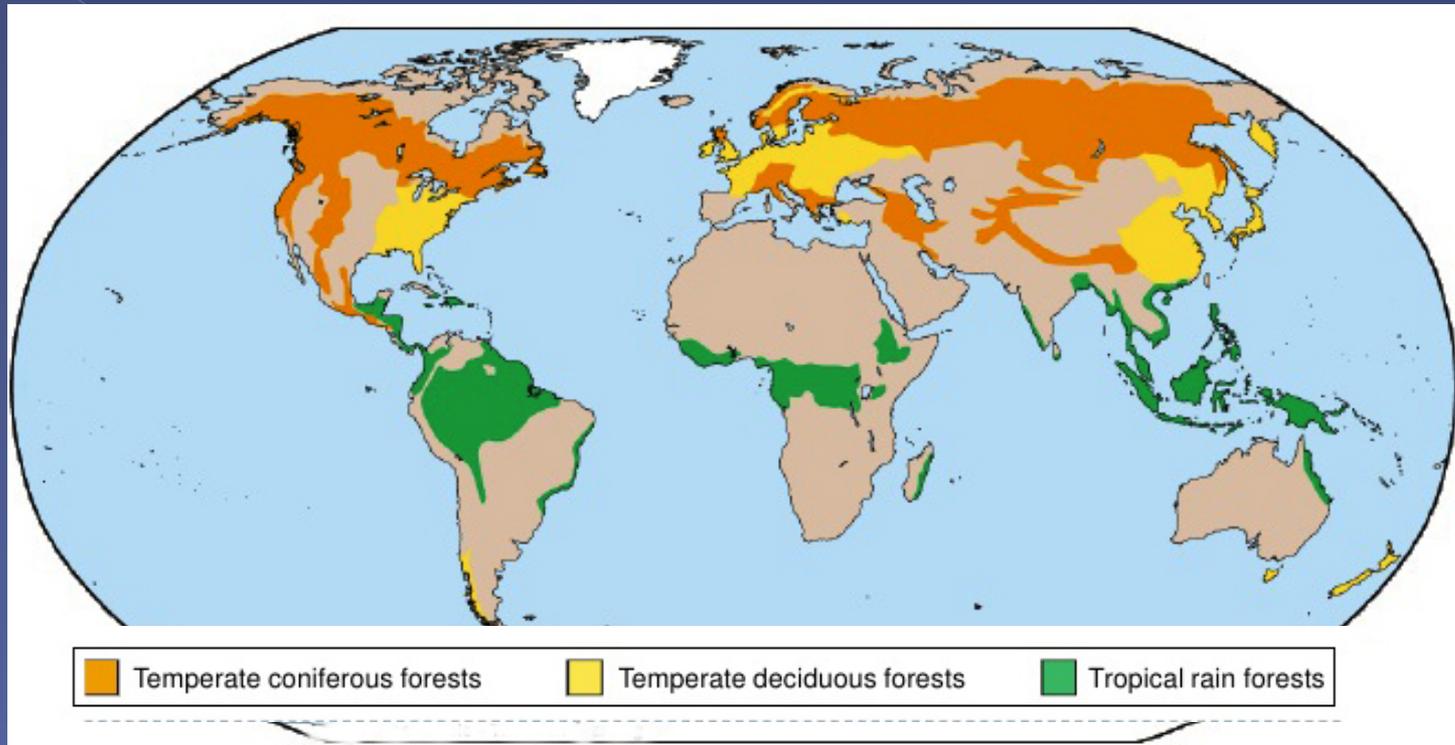
Wamara

# An unremarkable picture



A story yet to be told

# Logs from where?



South and Central America

Congo Basin

Asia/Pacific

Amazon basin alone 750 mil. ha .

Congo Basin 350 mil. ha. - 6 countries

Asia/Pacific around 250 mil. ha.

## A closer look at production in 2016

2016	Forest area mil. ha	% of World total	Log production mil. cu.m	% of World total
Amazon	750	50%	34	13%
Congo Basin	350	23%	15	6%
Asia/Pacific	250	17%	150	54%

Amazon - 50% of total tropical forests but only 13% of log production

Congo Basin 23% - 6%

Asia/Pacific 17% - but whopping 54% of log production

# 2016 log production

## Indonesia

70 million cu.m

## Brazil

27 million cu.m

## Malaysia

20 mil. cu.m

## Thailand

5 mil. cu.m – mostly  
plantation rubberwood and teak.

## Viet Nam

10 mil. cu.m

## Papua New Guinea

4 mil cu.m

Production of less than  
2 mil. cu.m each:

DRC

Myanmar

Philippines

Cameroon

Ghana

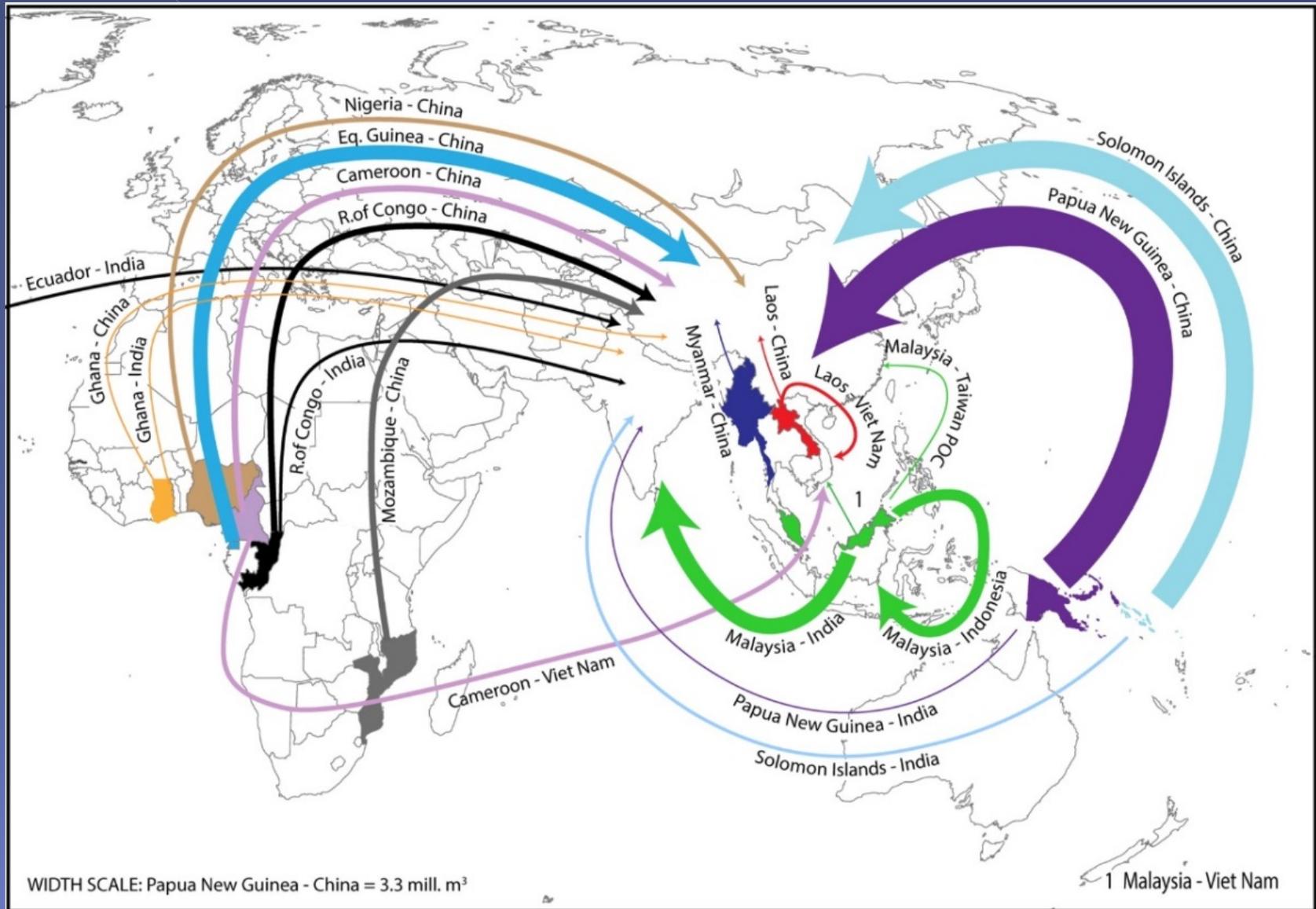
Cote d'Ivoire

Gabon

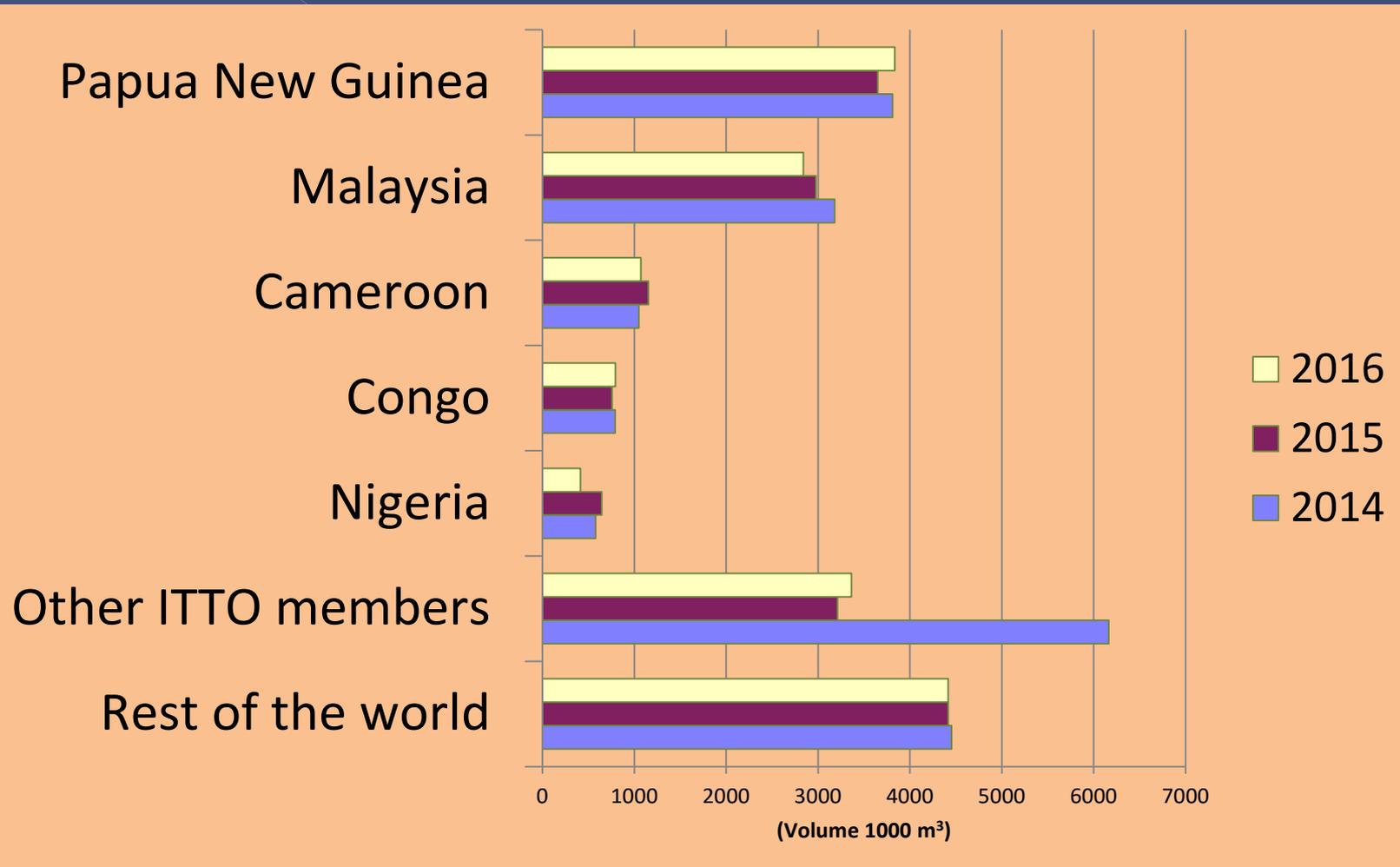
Republic of Congo

Ecuador

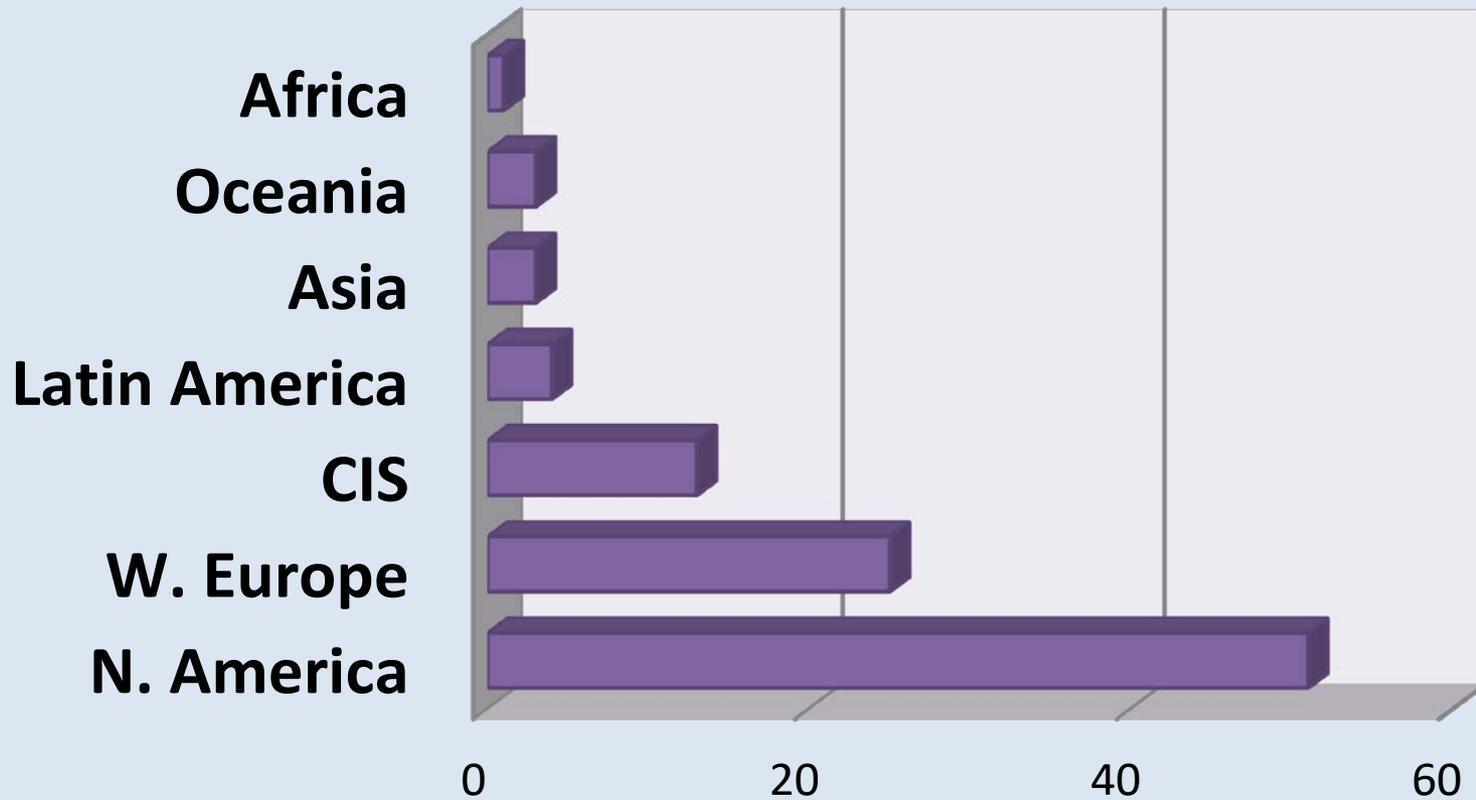
# Log exports



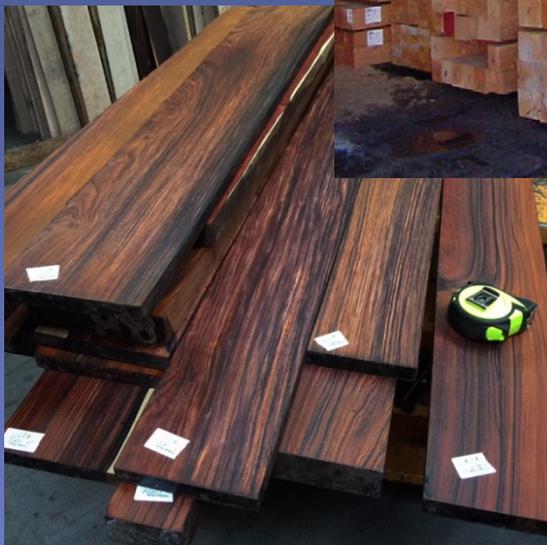
# Major Tropical Log Export Trends



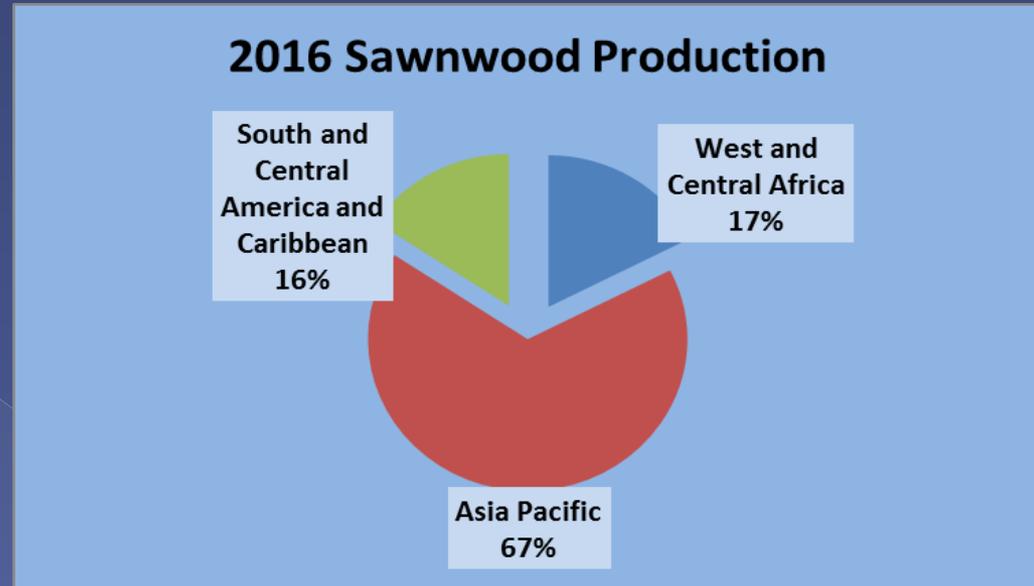
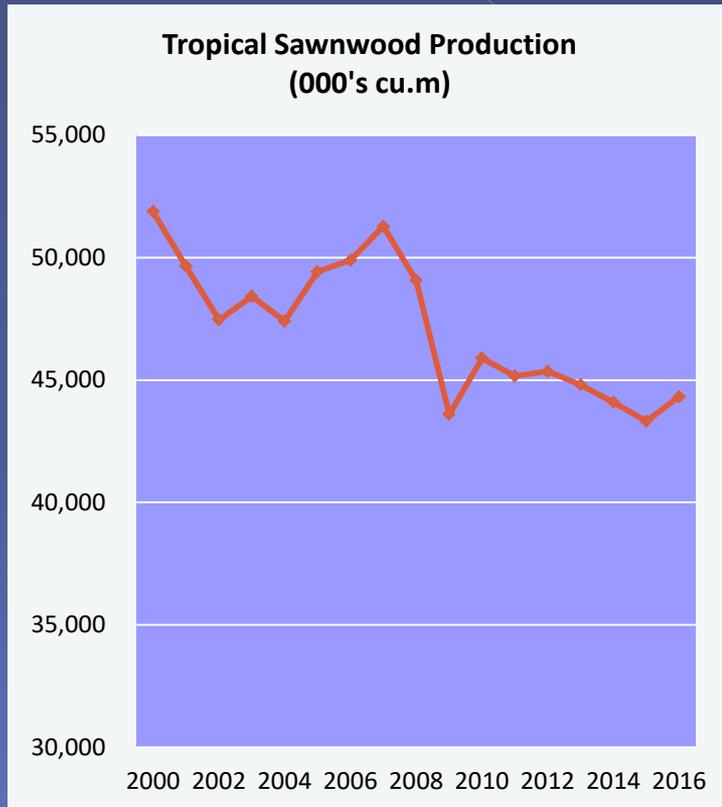
## Distribution of Certified Forests (%)



# Tropical Sawnwood



# Tropical Sawnwood Production

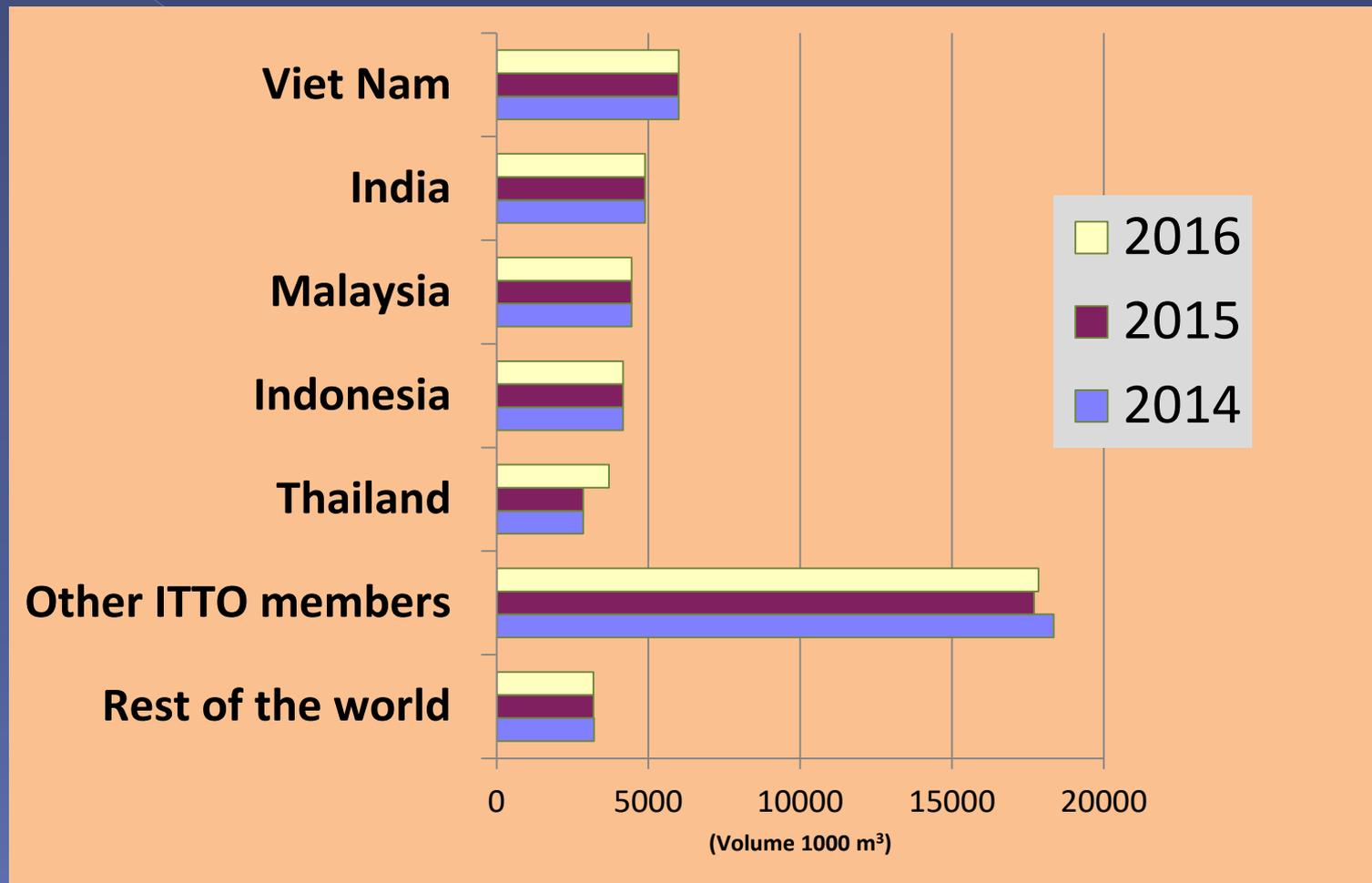


Since early 1990s a steady decline in tropical sawnwood production

Steep dip in 2008/9 and weak recovery

First signs of up-tick in production in 2016

# Main Sawnwood producers



# Who produces tropical sawnwood?

Viet Nam is the largest producer

all the other major producers are in Asia-Pacific region – India, Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand

top five countries produced around 60% of tropical sawnwood in 2016

1 million cu.m annual sawnwood production by:

Philippines  
Côte d'Ivoire  
Gabon  
Ghana

Peru produces around 500,000 cu.m annually

# Sawnwood Production in Latin America and West/Central Africa

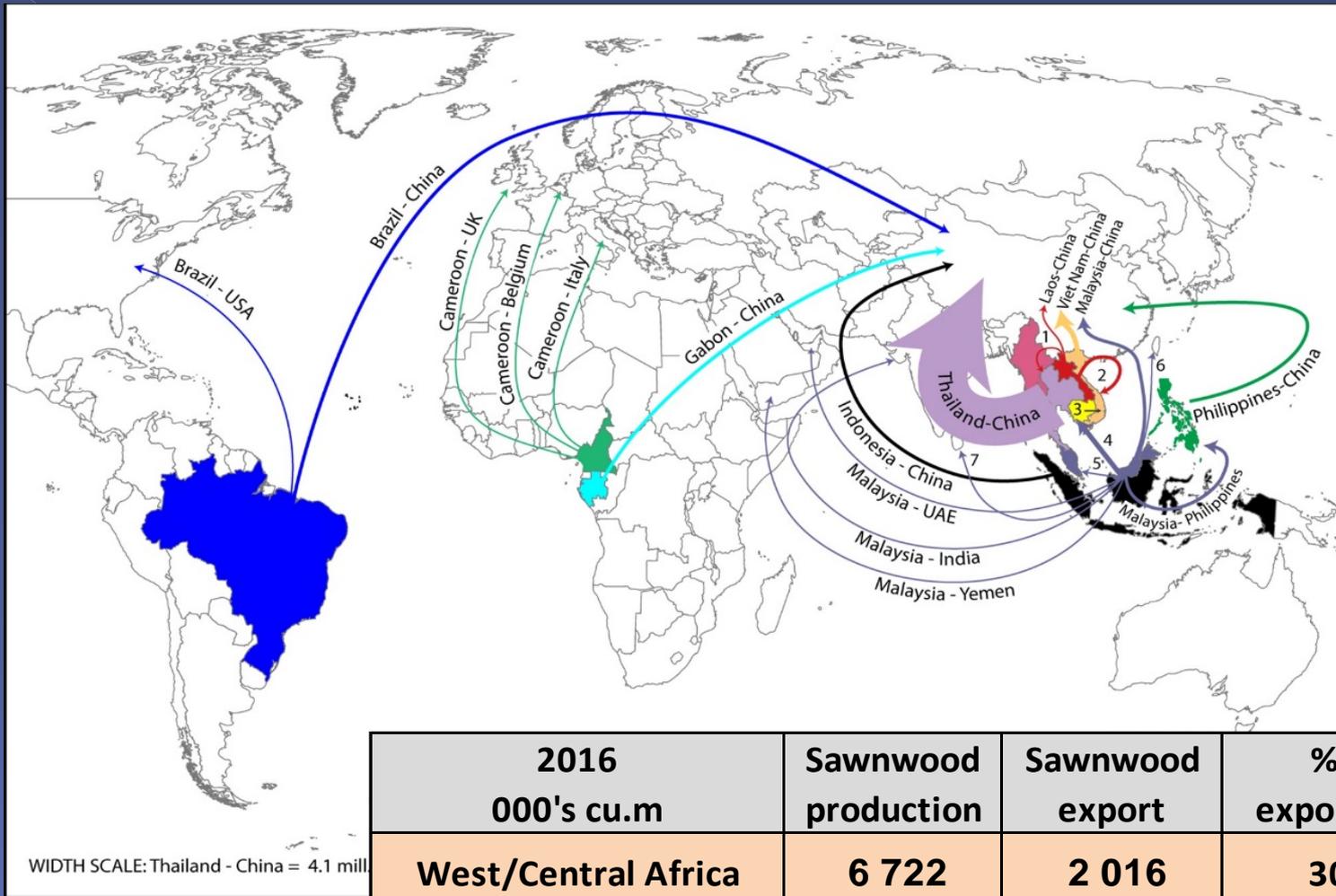
Production in Latin America recovered slightly in 2016 to 6.0 million cu.m

Brazil accounts for 46% of the region's production, with Peru, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Ecuador and Colombia also important producers

Production in Africa has grown steadily over the last five years, reaching 6.7 million cu.m in 2016

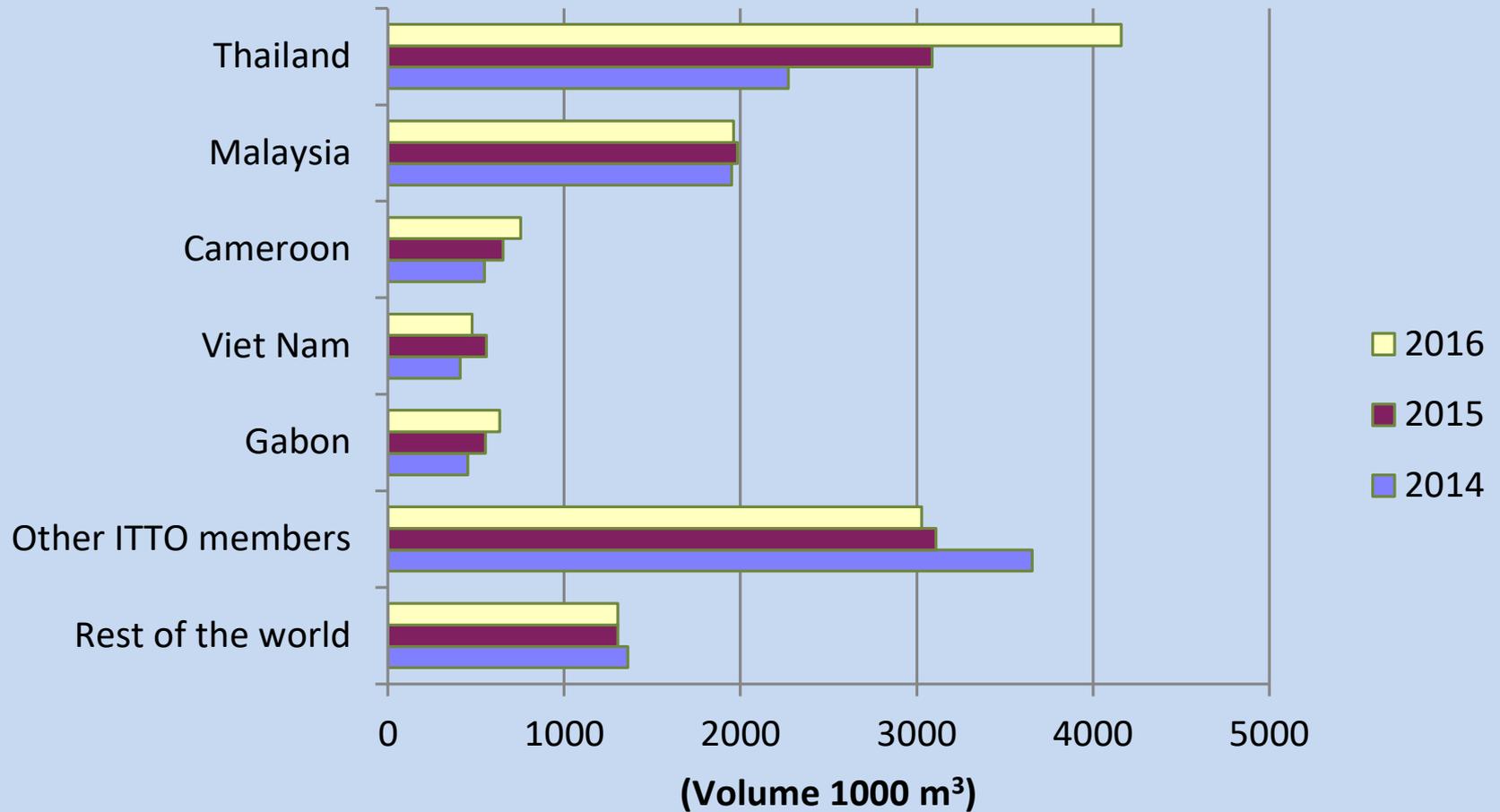
Nigeria, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Gabon and Ghana were the largest African producers

# Major trade flows for tropical sawnwood in 2016



2016 000's cu.m	Sawnwood production	Sawnwood export	% exported
West/Central Africa	6 722	2 016	30
Asia/Pacific	25 672	7 711	30
South/Central America	6 014	893	15

# Top 5 tropical sawnwood exporters



# Exports of Tropical Veneers

Exports reached 1.723 million cu.m in 2015

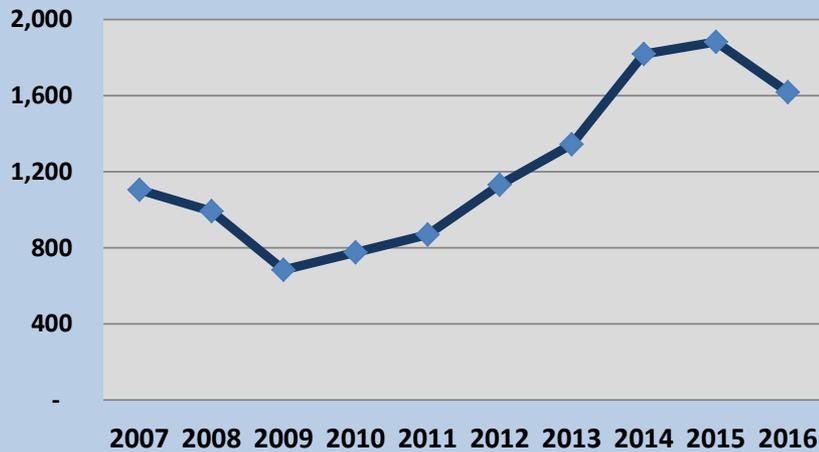
A decline to 1.459 million cu.m in 2016

Viet Nam the top veneer exporter

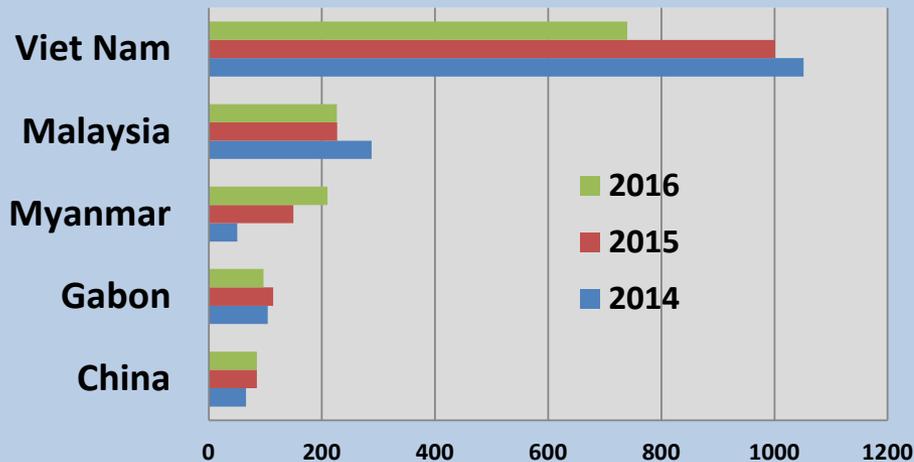
2015 more than double 2012

Most exported to China and India

### Tropical Veneer Exports (000s cu.m)



### Major Tropical Veneer Exporters (000s cu.m)



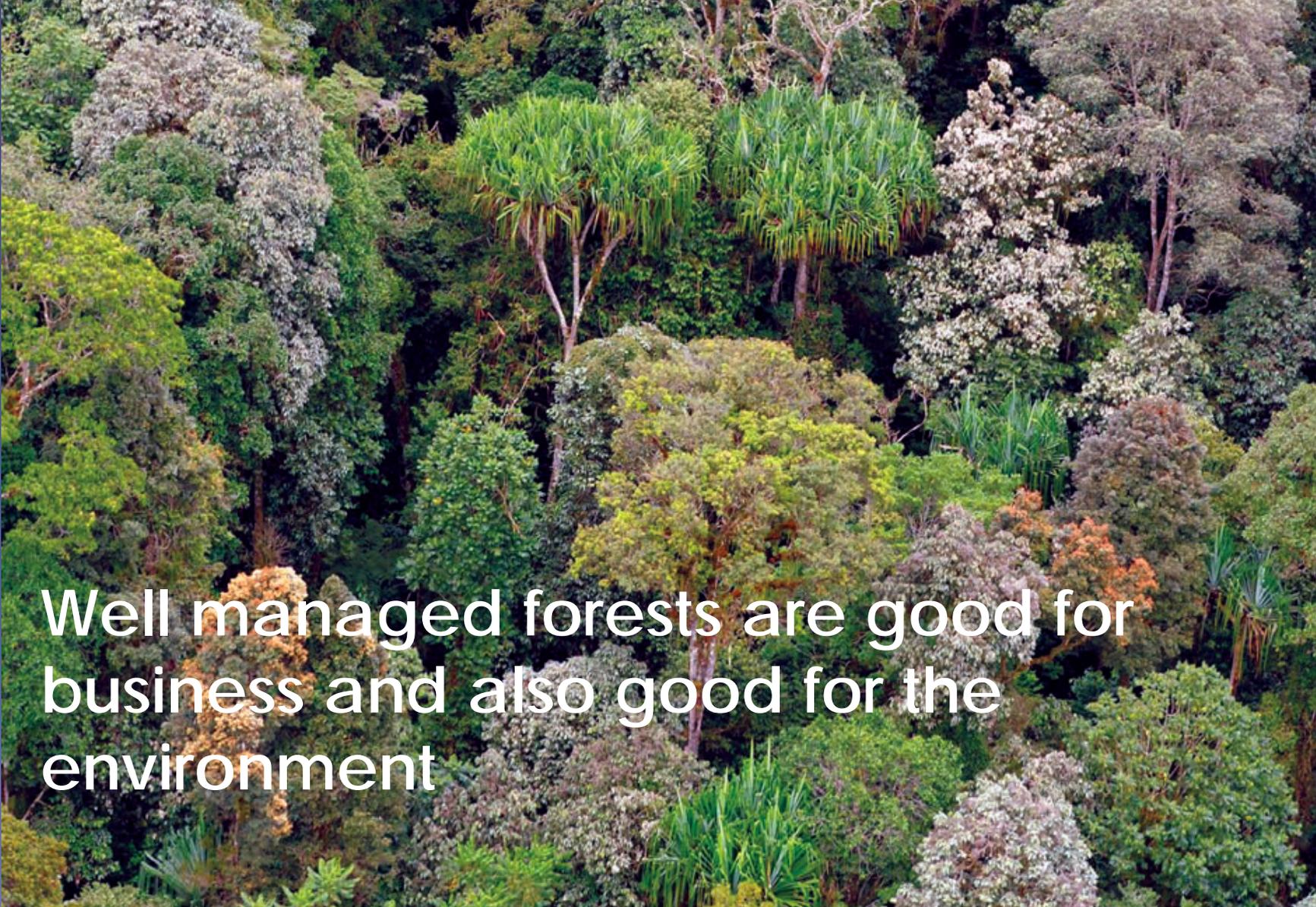
## EU 28 Tropical Veneer Imports

	<b>% Change 2016-2017</b>
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Gabon</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Côte d'Ivoire</b>	<b>-19</b>
<b>Cameroon</b>	<b>-1</b>
<b>Congo</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Ghana</b>	<b>-12</b>
<b>DRC</b>	<b>187</b>
<b>Eq. Guinea</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Indonesia</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>27</b>

## US Hardwood Veneer Imports

	<b>% Change 2016-2017</b>
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>-87</b>
<b>Italy</b>	<b>-36</b>
<b>China</b>	<b>-56</b>
<b>Ghana</b>	<b>-79</b>
<b>Cote d'Ivoire</b>	<b>-43</b>
<b>Cameroon</b>	<b>-48</b>
<b>India</b>	<b>-76</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>-96</b>

## A rich and diverse resource



Well managed forests are good for business and also good for the environment