

Presentation Outline

Your Name: D.J. Brooks
Title of Your Presentation: U.S. Efforts to Combat Illegal Logging and Associated Trade
<p>Presentation Outline :</p> <p>The United States has been a leader in promoting sustainable forest management and in drawing international attention to the economic and environmental consequences of illegal logging and associated trade.</p> <p>USTR has led U.S. efforts to address this issue through trade-related agreements, as illustrated by a number of innovative initiatives: a bilateral agreement with Indonesia, negotiated under the US-Indonesia Trade and Investment Framework Agreement; a bilateral agreement with China, negotiated under the Strategic Economic Dialogue; the Annex on Forest Sector Governance of the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement; and the Asia-Pacific Regional Dialogue on Promoting Trade in Legally Harvest Forest Products.</p> <p>Common elements in these efforts include consultation, especially among relevant ministries, transparency including improved information about markets and trade, capacity building, partnerships between governments and the private sector, including both commercial interests and NGOs, and enforcing obligations.</p> <p>Complementing these efforts, in 2008 the United States amended the Lacey Act, a century-old anti-trafficking statute to provide an enforcement tool to assist other countries, as well as the U.S. states in efforts to combat illegal harvesting and associated trade in protected plants.</p>

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Brief Personal history	<p>Dr. David J. Brooks has responsibility for a wide variety of natural resource policy issues in the Environment and Natural Resources section of the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR). These include wildlife trade, forestry and environmental reviews of trade agreements. Prior to joining USTR, Dr. Brooks was a research scientist and science team leader with the US Department of Agriculture, Forest Service. He has degrees from Trinity College (Hartford, Connecticut), the University of Maine and Oregon State University.</p>
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