

Summary of the Presentation at the “International Seminar on the Countermeasures against Illegal Logging”

Reduction in forests has now become an international problem. While the main causes of such reduction are their conversion on a large scale into the farms of palm oil, sugar cane and so forth, for which demand is rapidly increasing, as well as excessive commercial logging, and so forth, the problem of illegal logging is closely related to such reduction in forests.

Sumitomo Forestry, a leading company in relation to “wood”, has, in order to deal with this problem, put in order the direction of the wood procurement that it has so far conducted into the “Principles / Policy of Wood Procurement”, which it published internally and externally in June 2007.

Its specific contents include handling of legal and sustainable wood, active handling of domestically grown wood as well as planted wood, and so forth, and the specific approaches have been practiced in each field.

For the purpose of handling legal wood, the Company has independently formulated its own “Wood Procurement Standard”, and established an internal committee to examine the legality of wood / wood products handled, investigating each supplier.

In addition, each department and overseas office is making efforts to handle domestically grown wood and planted wood, aiming at the expansion of such handling.

While the Company is making such efforts, dealing with many problems for confirming the legality of wood yet to be solved, it is advancing the above-mentioned approach in a proactive manner.