



## Study on New Market Opportunities of US Certified Forest Products in China

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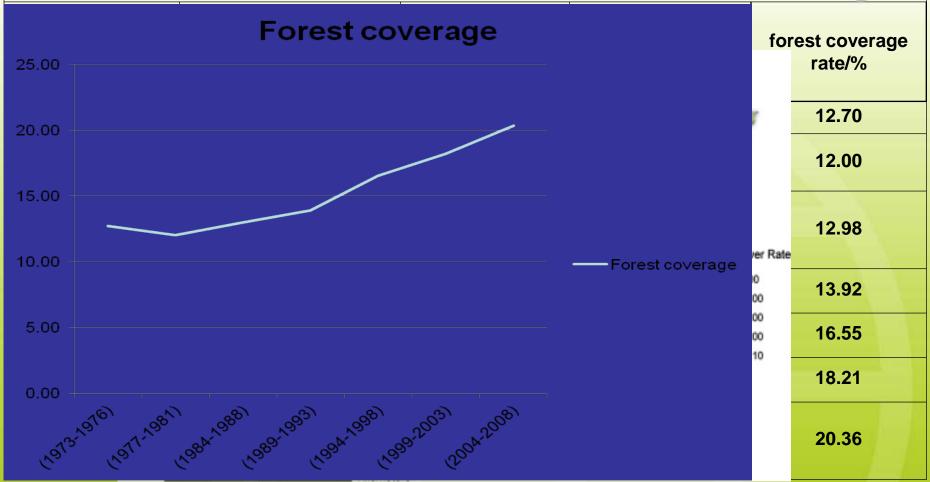
### 1.China



Population: 1.35 billion

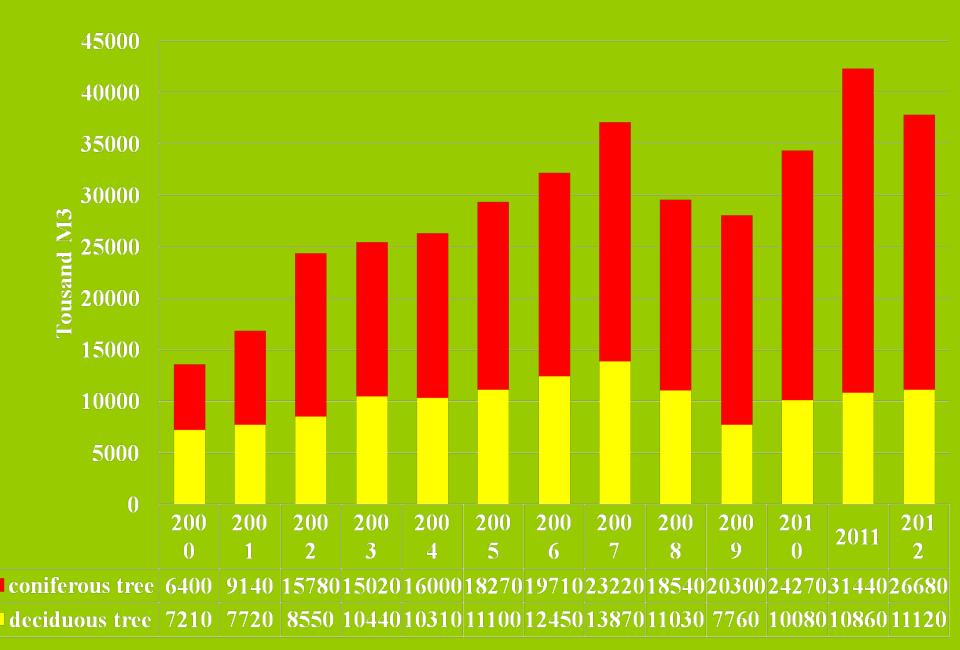
Area: 960,000,000ha

## **National Forest Continues Inventory**

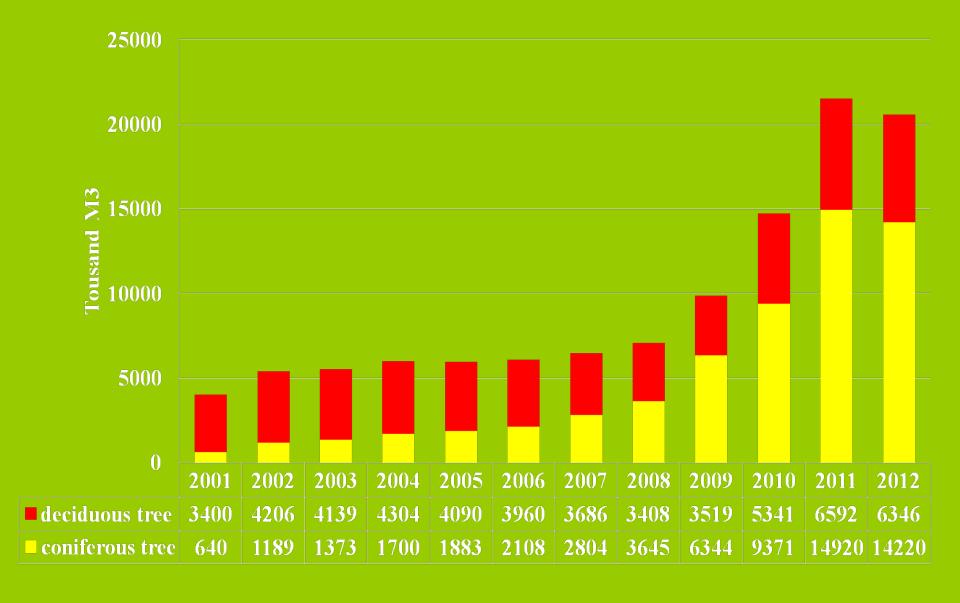


Plantation:62 milion ha(2004-2008)

## Global Import of Logs(2000-2012)



## Global Import of Sawn Timber (2001-2012)



## Import Country(Thousand M<sup>3</sup>)

Quantity

1403.54

5938.2

2781.4

1178.4

1056.2

34347.5

4366.9

412.6

1432.3

4022

14711.8

**Proportion** 

41.86

17.29

8.1

3.43

3.08

29.68

2.8

9.74

27.34

**Proportion** 

52.79

15.73

2.71

1.33

2.61

31.64

4.24

9.42

24.71

Quantity

14811.5

4413.5

759.5

372

732.1

28059

3120.5

417.8

929

2437

9863

2012

Quantity

11182.9

8621.4

3639.4

2440.8

1221.2

37892.7

6215

486.4

2225.6

6441.6

20562.7

**Proportion** 

29.51

22.75

9.6

6.44

3.22

30.22

2.37

10.82

31.33

**Proportion** 

33.24

19.48

11.54

5.81

3.72

28.23

1.91

12.46

31.91

Quantity

14070.9

8423.3

4885.9

2461.2

1576.4

42325.8

6073.3

410.2

2680.2

6866.1

21517

Country	
	Puccia
	Russia

Logs

Lumber

New

**Zealand** 

U.S.

Canada

Australian

Russia

New

**Zealand** 

U.S.

Canada

**Total of Import** 

**Total of Import** 

**Proportion** 

63.12

6.45

1.34

0.7

1.45

27.91

3.39

14.78

16.07

Quantity

18665.1

1908.6

397.5

206.6

429.5

29570

1968.3

239.1

1042.5

1133.6

7053

## Why I am here

- Along with the increasing demand of legality and sustainability of forest products by the international communitues, the market demand for certified forest products in China will be increasing rapidly.
- U.S is China's top trade partner in forest products.
- U.S has 2 national forest certification schemes which are SFI and ATFS, and both are endoresd by PEFC.

## **Project Purpose**

- Share China forest certification information
- To understand the current trade status of un-certified and certified forest product between China and U.S
- To analyze the future trade perspectives of un-certified and certified forest products between China and U.S



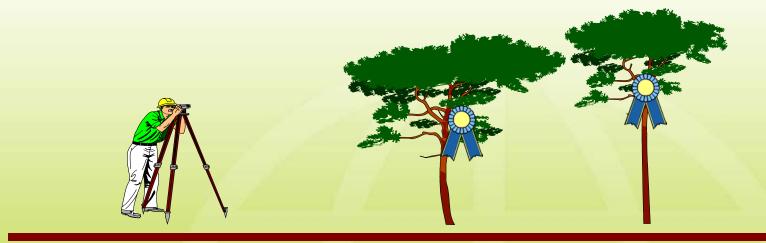
## 2.China Forest Certification Scheme and International Schemes in China

## Overview of forest certification schemes in the world

Forest certification started around
 UNCED in 1992

 The first forest certification scheme was established in 1993

#### FM certification: to enhance forest management level



**COC certification:** to ensure sources of certified raw materials



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American Tree Farm System
We grow stewardship from the roots.

Currently, there are 2 c





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**Endorsement of Forest Certification Schemes**)

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## Forest certification in China



- PEFC Sch
- FSC Sche



### **CFCC**



- Certification standard
  - Two certification standards both for FM and COC
  - Forest Certification in China --- Plantation
     Management ( nearly finished )
  - Forest Certification in China --- Bamboo
     Plantation Management ( nearly finished )
  - Carbon forest management certification (certification standard is going to be developed)

### **CFCC**

#### Also:



- Non-wood forest products certification (certification standard is under development)
- Forest eco-service certification (certification standard is under development)
- Certification for commercially managed precious, rare and endangered species (certification standard is under development)



## **CFCC** progress --- certification



- Only one certification body
  - Some applicants are waiting for approval
- Current progress of certification
  - Issued 10 certificates: 8 for FMUs with 420,000 ha; 2 for COC



## certified forest management units



## **FSC**



- Established in November 1993
- Headquarters: Now in Bonn, Germany
- Mainly initiated by ENGOs, such as WWF and the Greenpeace
- Accredit certification standards and certification bodies by itself
- Certification bodies: 30 accredited

## **FSC**



#### International standard:

- Before: 10 principles and 56 criteria
- Currently: 10 principles and 70 criteria
- Each country may develop its own national standard, but with FSC requirements and accredited by FSC
- National Initiatives/National Working Groups, now transferring to National Offices

### **PEFC**



- Established in June 1999 in Paris, with headquarters now in Geneva
- Mainly initiated by private forest owners in Europe
- Changed from regional scheme into international scheme in 2003, with the same abbreviation of PEFC
- Consists of PEFC Council and Board of Directors, and national governing bodies are its members
- 36 national members, including China

### **PEFC**



#### Certification standard:

- Same as Helsinki Process (6 criteria and 27 indicators)
- Each country may develop its own standard but should be endorsed by PEFC)
- Certification bodies: Accredited by national accreditation bodies









## Development of international schemes in China

- as of July 2013
- FSC
  - 3.13 million ha by 59 FMUs
  - 2,956 COC certificates, excluding 140 from Taiwan and 572 from Hong Kong
- PEFC
  - No forest certified by PEFC due to no endorsement yet
  - 190 COC certificates, excluding 7 from Taiwan

## FSC and PEFC relationship with Chinese Government

#### • FSC:

- The first forest certification scheme in the world and the first forest certification scheme entering China
- Now the relationship is complicated due to: (1) that it can not be mutually endorsed; (2) We already have CFCC; (3) Certification body register;

## FSC and PEFC relationship with Chinese Government

- PEFC
  - Its China Office was established in 2007
  - Currently, China Forest Certification Scheme is seeking endorsement by PEFC
  - the relationship will reach peak stage once the endorsement is made

## **Perspective of CFCC**

- Government side
  - Help wood companies to access the international market
  - Help to improve forest management level
  - Green-wood products public procument policy
- © Enterprise side
  - Need certification for int'l trade
  - China wants own system (more cost-effective than FSC)

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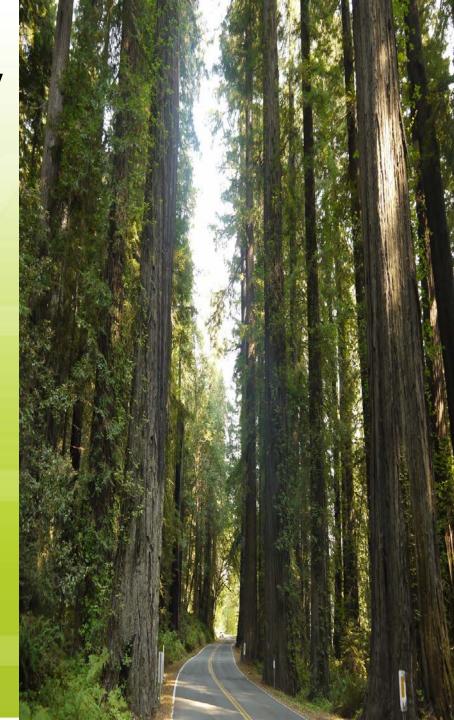
# **Certified Forests in Oregon and Washington**

- FSC --- 7 cases, 72,617 ha
- SFI --- 18 cases, 3,987,531 ha



## **Questionnaire Survey**

- FSC certified company:
  - -Sent 7, got 4 reply
- SFI certified company:
  - -Sent 15, got 10 reply



 What percentage of your forestlands and your wood product are certified?

FSC: 75% of them have all of their forest land certified by FSC, and all of them want to increase their acreage.

SFI: 90% of them have all of their forest land certified by SFI, 40% want to increase their acreage.

Do you export to China?

FSC: 100% of them export their logs/ lumber/forest product to China. 30%;

SFI: 50% of them export their logs/lumber/forest product to China. 25%;

 Do you think that having certification is critical to the success of your business, both domestically and internationally?

FSC: 100%

SFI: 70%

 Are you aware that China has its own forest certification system (Chinese Forest Certification Scheme), which will be endorsed by PEFC-the European certification system?

FSC: 0% know

SFI: 30% know

 Are you aware that FSC does not comply with the Chinese Certification and Accreditation Regulation, and it is likely that in the future the Chinese Government will not accept FSC certified products?

FSC: 0% know

SFI: 10% know

### Conclusion

- All of FSC certified respondents sell their logs/lumber to China, and only some of SFI certified respondents sell their log/lumber to China
- The current trend will continue the market demand for forest products in China will keep increasing
- SFI certified wood In a short time after CFCC is endorsed by PEFC, the market demand for SFI certified forest products in China will increase rapidly
- FSC certified wood the market demand for FSC certified wood in China will decrease
- The companies I spoke with did not know much about Chinese Forest Certification situation, we need much more imformation exchange

## Thank you!

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## List of companies I spoke with

#### **SFI CERTIFIED COMPANIES:**

Forest Investment Associates

Hampton Resources

Hancock Forest Management

Olympic Resource Management

Plum Creek Timber Company

Port Blakely Tree Farms, L.P.

Sierra Pacific Industries

Weyerhaeuser NR Company

Yakama Nation

**Starker Forests** 

#### **FSC CERTIFIED COMPANIES:**

Collins Pine Co

GreenWood Tree Farm Fund

Hancock Forest Management

**Trout Mountain Forestry**