

GTTN Phase II: What, Who, How?



GTTN

Global Timber
Tracking Network

The Global Timber Tracking Network (GTTN) promotes the operationalisation of innovative tools for species identification and for determining the geographic origin of wood to verify trade claims.

- ▶ **Assisting the fight against illegal logging and related trade around the globe**
GTTN supports the researchers who develop the tools, forest and timber industries which exercise due diligence, and law enforcement agencies.
- ▶ **An open alliance for cooperation**
GTTN is formed through the joint vision of all stakeholders involved in global action against illegal logging and the associated timber trade. Network activities are financed through an open multi-donor approach.
- ▶ **Working groups to reach shared aims**
GTTN phase II establishes working groups to elaborate and implement a joint roadmap to reach shared aims, linked to the core activities initialised in phase I (including e.g. GTTN standards and guidelines, reference database).

Read on for further information about key stakeholders, activities, working groups and **how you can engage with GTTN.**



Benefits for an expanded network

GTTN membership: what are the benefits?

Service supply side

- Visibility for members' work via events, website, and publications
- Broader networks through contact with experts from diverse sectors
- Higher laboratory profile by engaging on the international scene
- Opportunities for new projects and funding through advocacy

Service demand side

- Position at the forefront and being an early adopter of novel methods
- Guide the tailored development of services to meet customers' demand
- Influence priorities for database development, species and geographic focus
- Network engagement visible through GTTN communications

These benefits extend to **donor organisations** and **NGOs** that wish to input and join forces through GTTN participation.

GTTN network: expanding to meet new challenges on various levels

- ▶ **Countries:** political dialogue should be developed to support implementation of the timber tracking standards and methods supported by the GTTN project.
- ▶ **Expert institutions:** ensure functioning, adequate infrastructure and institutional support for the implementation of the timber tracking methods.
- ▶ **Experts:** provide expert (scientific) knowledge for the development of adequate internationally accepted standards and methods for timber tracking. Experts can be scientists or representatives of expert institutions active in the field of timber trade.



Organisational set-up

GTTN employs a bottom-up approach where network members form Working Groups to develop GTTN core activities, with coordination and guidance from the Expert and Steering Committees.

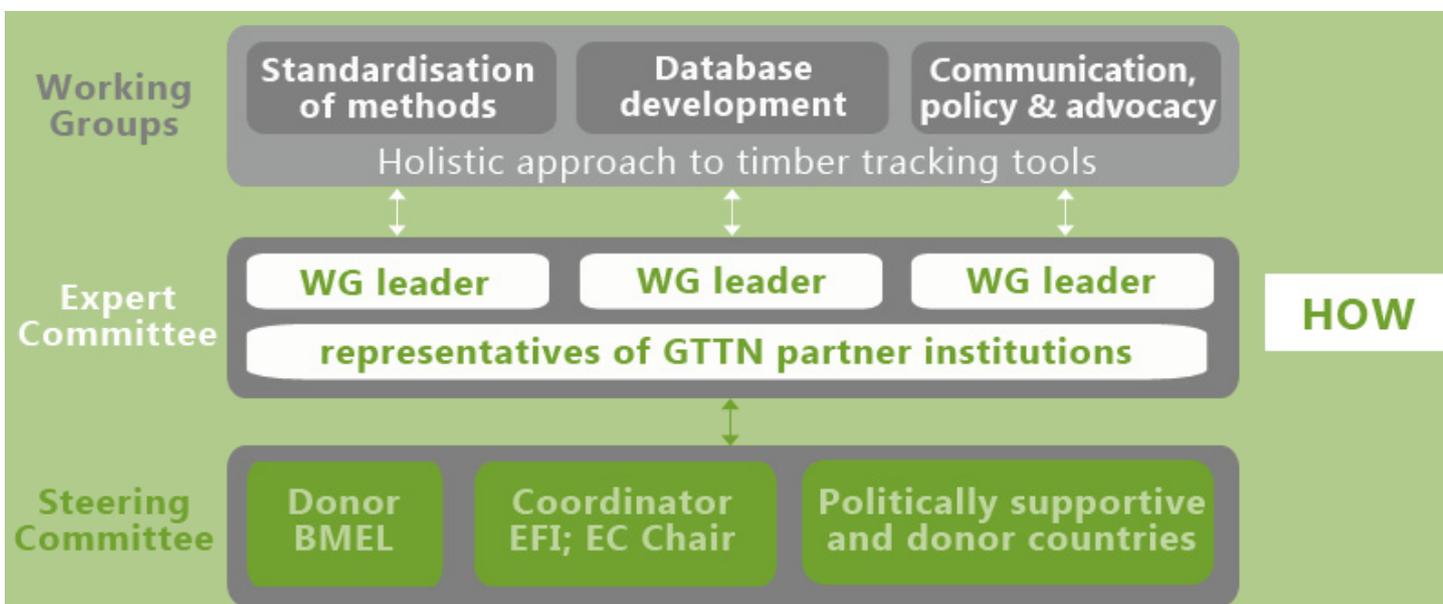
GTTN Working Groups include experts from any relevant background and are essential to the success of GTTN. Each WG appoints a leader for the whole duration of the project who is also member of the Expert Committee. Expert contributions to the WG are voluntary and are optimally framed within institutional cooperation with GTTN. WGs are developed according to GTTN core activities.

WGs will develop a joint work approach and joint roadmap, which will be finalised and agreed upon at a Working Groups kick-off meeting in September 2017. A second face-to-face meeting will be organised one year later. GTTN will be able to provide limited support for participation in these events.

GTTN Expert Committee provides technical and expert support to the GTTN Steering Committee and acts as the link between the Steering Committee and the Working Groups. The Expert Committee consists of WG Leaders, representatives of (up to 5) GTTN partner institutions and the GTTN Project Coordinator.

GTTN Steering Committee provides strategic guidance and advice on project operations. It reviews and provides feedback on the annual report and reviews and approves the annual work plan. It decides how the WGs are established and necessary adjustments. It approves expert missions and provides guidance and advice to the Secretariat on planned project activities. It decides on the regional focus and location of the Regional Workshops and keeps an overview of potential new network partners.

The Steering Committee consists of one representative of the donor country, Germany, and one or more representatives of other politically supportive countries and partners, such as US, Australia, and the European Commission; and continent representatives. The SC is further completed by the GTTN Expert Committee chairperson and the GTTN Project Coordinator.



Core activities and working groups

Working groups develop and implement WG roadmaps aligned with core GTTN activities.

WG 1

Core activity 1: Standardise methods

Evaluate existing protocols and guidelines and develop standardised guidelines for sampling and storage (across methods), and for construction of reference data and data analysis.

Organise ring tests and blind tests for GTTN associated laboratories.

WG-members' role:

- ▶ participate in assembling and reviewing guidelines
- ▶ share experiences on methods for developing the international GTTN guidelines

WG 2

Core activity 2: Build a data repository & expert catalogue

Develop an interoperable and distributed database for species- and geo-reference data catering for a holistic multi-method approach and providing an overview of data coverage and gaps.

Build an expert catalogue and service portfolio to handle questions on tree species or geographic origin: leads to a list of available laboratories with the right expertise.

WG-members' role:

- ▶ contribute to setting up an optimal database for all stakeholders
- ▶ share reference data (secured by data sharing and IP agreements)
- ▶ share lab contact and expertise data

WG 3

Core activity 3: Communication, policy & advocacy

Assemble needs of policy makers, practitioners and researchers to guide and fine-tune method development.

Inform researchers and stakeholders along the global timber supply chain network about available services.

WG-members' role:

- ▶ share experience on specific needs for timber tracking tools and tool development issues
- ▶ contribute to developing and implementing an advocacy strategy and setting up new projects

The objective of the Global Timber Tracking Network (GTTN) is to promote the operationalization of innovative tools for wood identification and origin determination, to assist the fight against illegal logging and related trade around the globe. GTTN is an open alliance that cooperates along a joint vision and the network activities are financed through an open multi-donor approach.

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