GTTN Regional Workshop Asia

Tentative Meeting Agenda

Date: 22-23 May 2019

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Introduction

The Global Timber Tracking Network (GTTN) Regional Workshop for Asia will be organised back-to-back with the IAWA-IUFRO international symposium on "Challenges and Opportunities for Updating Wood Identification", in Beijing, China. This is through cooperation with the Chinese Research Institute of Wood Industry of the Chinese Academy of Forestry (CAF) and the International Association of Wood Anatomists (IAWA). The IAWA-IUFRO symposium will take place on 20-22 May and the GTTN-IAWA workshop will be on 22-23 May.

The GTTN Asia Regional Workshop will address key issues related to the successful development of timber tracking tools and policies, and promote their use to reduce illegal logging and associated trade worldwide. The IAWA-IUFRO symposium will address wood identification methods development in detail, while the GTTN Asia Regional Workshop will look at demand and possible barriers for timber tracking in Asia. With many on-going activities represented, we will also look to be inspired as to how frameworks for cooperation might be further developed. On the second day we will have facilitated discussions on topics ranging from strengthened regional to global cooperation between institutions on sampling, reference data and lab capacities, to more specialized topics of methods selection guidance, tree species prioritization and communications. By addressing practical questions, we will seek to develop milestones for possible joint future activities.

Wednesday 22 May 13:00-20:00

13:30 - 19:00 Technical Tours – Joint cooperation with IAWA-IUFRO symposium

Note: Please bring your ID card or passport with you on the tour!

13:30	Meet at the lobby of Sheraton Chaobai River Hotel. We will split in two groups, for bus transport. Your assigned group will be communicated before departure.
13:50	Arrival at BBMG Tiantan Furniture Co., Ltd.
13:50-14:50	Visit BBMG Tiantan Furniture Co., Ltd. (In two groups)
15:00-16:30	Go to Temple of Heaven Park (In two groups, by bus)
16:30-18:00	Visit Temple of Heaven Park (In two groups)
18:00-19:00	Return to Sheraton Chaobai River Hotel

19:00-21:00 GTTN Welcome Dinner

Thursday 23 May 09:00-17:00

Session 1: Introduction to GTTN

09:00-09:10 Welcome and opening of the meeting by Mr. Jo Van Brusselen, GTTN coordinator, by Mr. Thorsten Hinrichs, of the German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture; and by Professor Biao Pan, Nanjing Forestry University of China, IAWA Council Member, Chair of IAWA-China Group.

09:10-09:30 Introduction to GTTN concept and activities, *by Mr. Jo Van Brusselen, European Forest Institute, GTTN secretariat*

09:30-09:40 Asian expertise within the global GTTN network, *by dr. Nele Schmitz, Thünen Institute, GTTN secretariat*

09:40-10:00 A general overview of how Asian countries improve their scientific capacities of wood identification*, by Prof. Yafang Yin, Chinese Academy of Forests, IAWA Executive Secretary.*

10:00-10:15 Presenters' panel: discussion, questions and answers ...

10:15-10:45 Coffee break

Session 2: Regulatory frameworks

10:45-11:00 Overview of the Lacey Act and legality policy development in East Asia, *by Bo Li, World Resources Institute*

11:00-11:15 The EU FLEGT Action Plan, the EU Timber Regulation and the EU-China Bilateral Coordination Mechanism on Forest Law Enforcement and Governance, implications for the forest products trade in the Asia region, *by Liyi Qin, EFI EU FLEGT Facility*

11:15-11:30 International law enforcement facilitation – Understanding differing intelligence and legislative frameworks, *by Mark Nuttall, Interpol*

11:30-11:45 Timber Regulation Enforcement Exchange, a case for stepping up enforcement authorities cooperation in Asia, *by Xiufang Sun and Jade Saunders, Forest Trends*

11:45-12:00 Presenters' panel: discussion, questions and answers …

12:00-13:30 Welcome for lunch

Session 3: New operational approaches to wood authentication service delivery

13:30-13:45 Leveraging forests certified under the Forest Stewardship Council, *by Jing Zhang, Forest Stewardship Council*

13:45-14:00 The DoubleHelix experience of integrating DNA, isotope and wood anatomy testing methods into operational certification and supply chain due diligence systems, *by Darren Thomas, DoubleHelix and dr. Eleanor Dormontt, University of Adelaide*

14:00-14:15 The Global Oak Project - A further step in the establishment of international databases in support of science-based authentication of traded timber, *by dr. Markus Boner, Agroisolab*

14:15-14:30 Sharing for caring. Technology, samples and data transfer in context of wood identification, *by Pacyinz Lyfoung, PIIPA*

14:30-14:45 Presenters' panel: discussion, questions and answers …

Session 4: Towards an Asia regional network node for GTTN?

14 :45-15 :00 Introduction to the concept of the parallel workshops (*Jo Van Brusselen*)

15:00-15:30 Refreshments break

15:30-16:15 Mapping challenges and opportunities – part 1 (participants sign up for a session at meeting registration desk)

Two consecutive sessions (45 minutes per topic):

➢ Topic **1A**. <u>How to develop a pathway towards strengthened regional cooperation?</u> (*facilitated prof. Yafang Yin*)

Under this topic we map what wood identification capacities exist in Asia, how timber tracking could be integrated in chain-of-custody systems, what joint interests exist between different stakeholder groups and how successful coalitions could be forged to strengthen timber tracking cooperation both within, but also between Asian countries.

➢ Topic **1B**. <u>The Timber Tracking Tool Infogram - discussing the way forward</u> (*facilitated by dr. Nele Schmitz*)

In April the GTTN published its timber tracking tool infogram, giving an overview of the capacities of the different wood identification methods. During this workshop we will discuss (i) how this infogram can be further improved for a second edition, (ii) the opportunities and threats this overview reveals for further timber tracking developments and implementation, and how we can act to grab these chances and avoid or mitigate the risks.

16:15-16:20 Room-switch break

16:20- 17:05 Mapping challenges and opportunities – part 2 (participants sign up for a session at meeting registration desk)

Two consecutive sessions (45 minutes per topic):

➢ Topic **2A**. Global cooperation for local protection, discussion on IPR and ABS (*facilitated by Pacyinz Lyfoung*)

What collaboration is needed for operationalizing effective timber tracking in the region. What IP tools, capacity and technology building and sharing may facilitate this within the Asian region and between regional and international partners. What system would empower most relevant stakholders.

➢ Topic **2B**. Tree species prioritization for reference data development (*facilitated by Jo Van Brusselen*)

GTTN is in the process of updating a tree species list to prioritize the sampling and the development of reference data. We will discuss about the criteria of regional importance for species priority setting, as well as about individual species prioritization.

➢ Topic **2C**. The potential hindrance of language in timber tracking tool development

With the GTTN being a global network, a multitude of languages is being used for information sharing between timber tracking experts. In this workshop we want to evaluate in how far this diversity of languages is a hindrance to timber tracking tool development, and how we can take action.

17:05-17:10 Gathering back in the plenary room

17:10-17:30 Report-back in plenary and discussion

17:30　　　　　Closing of the meeting

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