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Welcome to the new GTTN newsletter! We update you frequently with news from the GTTN secretariat and from our international network of scientists, labs, timber operators, policy makers, NGO's and many more. Stay tuned!



We were happy to hold the GTTN regional workshop in China, back-to-back with the IAWA-IUFRO Symposium. The report summarising the most important aspects of the meeting is now available [here](#).

Products



GTTN developed a tree species priority list, which denotes relative importance or urgency to develop



The Timber Tracking Tool Infogram infogram is an overview of the current capacities of the different



We are assessing the market feasibility for wood identification technologies and their current and

reference data for the species. The list is based on the CITES Appendices and the IUCN Red List; statistics on infractions in wood trade; species for which reference data have been or is being developed since the first version of the list; and global trade or market importance of species. Read more [here](#).

timber tracking tools. It guides and informs on the different possibilities offered for the different identification requests, depending on the type of sample, and approx. budget. The guide links to a list of experts in timber tracking who we currently know of in the world. Read more [here](#).

potential applications. This survey is addressed to experts engaged in enforcement and due diligence activities in both timber producing and consuming countries. Feel free to share the link to the survey with your colleagues. Click [here](#) to proceed to the survey (also in [ES](#) and [FR](#)).

Media



The tree detectives episode of BBC's People fixing the world program clearly explains what GTTN stands for with concrete examples. It provides a very practical insight into the scientific work to stop illegal logging and to protect the forests. [Watch](#).



This series shows Cady Lancaster from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Forensics laboratory, where she is building a reference database with the goal of identifying timber crimes, victims and suspects at a local, federal and international level. [Watch](#).



Different GTTN members' efforts to fight illegal trade were highlighted in an article by Nature. It also shows that law enforcers, investigating non-government organisations and scientists are optimistic that they can start to turn the tide on the illegal timber trade. [Read](#).

Events



A Wood Identification Session titled “New Methods and Applications of Tropical Timber Identification to Promote Legal Logging” will be organised as part of the IUFRO Congress 2019 in Curitiba, Brazil, on 30 September. The session is chaired by Vera Coradin, Tereza Pastore and Yafang Yin. Find out [more](#).

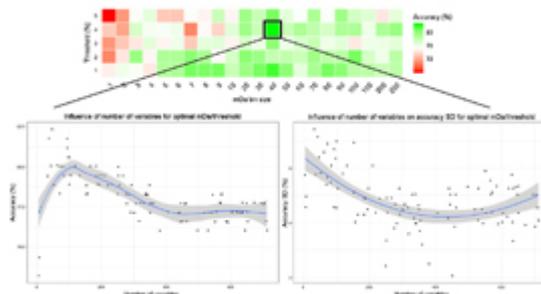
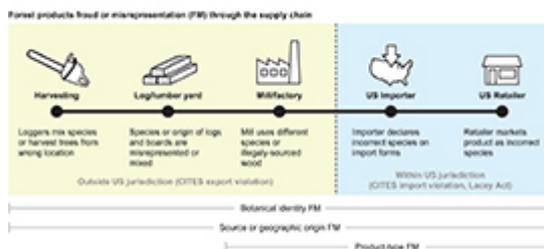
Washington Forest Legality Week is a multi-stakeholder, international event that enables dialogue and inspires action and partnerships to more effectively implement and monitor timber trade legality and due diligence measures. This three day event starts on 8 October. Find out [more](#).

ITTO will co-convene the international forum, “Together Towards Global Green Supply Chains”, in Shanghai and Huzhou, China, on 22–25 October 2019 in response to challenges and the changing demand in consumer markets underpinned by legality and sustainability requirements. Find out [more](#).

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Publications



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