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China-Africa Forest Governance Project News

This project kicked-off in June 2014. Take a look at the one-page project profile linked below describing what is going on. Teams have found their feet in the five project countries - Cameroon, DRC, Mozambique, Uganda and China - and exciting work is already underway.

- Following rigorous consultation with in-country players, and with WWF and IIED, each country team now has a **work plan** (see box below) with baselines, activities, milestones and targets.
- A number of research and engagement activities are under way – in particular, all country teams are conducting **diagnostics**, examining the status and issues of Chinese trade and investments linked to forests, to be ready by March 2015.
- **Engaging with Chinese timber companies** has begun – in Cameroon, DRC and Mozambique, initial interactions in Chinese language with Chinese forestry and trade enterprises show promise for future work towards legality and sustainability. See the attached report from Ding Lei on Cameroon and DRC.



In a local company's log yard in Cameroon, June 2014. From left: Ding Lei, Xue Weng, Norbert Sonne and Pettang Jules Blaise (Photo: James Mayers)

Latest News

- **Journalist exchange programme:** Partners from the 5 countries had a conference call in December to plan for an effective exchange programme. As a start, two experienced Chinese journalists will travel to Cameroon and DRC in January-February 2014 to report on Chinese forest-linked trade and investment.

- **2nd China-Africa Forest Governance Learning Platform** is currently planned in the period May-June 2015. The candidate locations are Cameroon or Mozambique. IIED aims to firm up the dates and location as soon as possible.
- **Contact list of all the players** in the five country teams is attached – please get in touch directly with other country partners to say hello!
- **First quarterly progress and financial reports** were submitted to DFID. The next reporting from the country teams is due 31 January 2014
- **Project communication and branding guidelines** are currently being drafted and will soon be shared.
- **Contracts** between IIED and country teams are up and running, and almost finalised between IIED and WWF.

Work plans for each country team available:

- Cameroon <http://pubs.iied.org/G03882.html>
- China <http://pubs.iied.org/G03883.html>
- DRC <http://pubs.iied.org/G03884.html>
- Mozambique <http://pubs.iied.org/G03885.html>
- Uganda <http://pubs.iied.org/G03886.html>

Publications and Media

- Lei, D. (2014) Engaging with Chinese Businesses in Cameroon and DRC, Internal project report, attached
- Sun, X., Ren, P. and Van Epp, M. (2014) [Chinese views of African forests: Evidence and perception of China-Africa links that impact the governance of forests and livelihoods](#) Natural Resource Issues No. 29. IIED, London.
- The China-Africa Forest project page <http://www.iied.org/china-africa-forest-governance-project> and one-page project profile in [English](#) and in [French](#), September 2014

Elsewhere in the News

- A new Chinese voluntary guideline: [Guidelines for Social Responsibility in Outbound Mining Investments](#)," released by the government – an insightful analysis [here](#).
- China-Africa Forest Governance Project gets a mention on the CSR 21 Land Citizenship website: [Root and branch review: IIED moves to work with China](#)
- [Chatham House event on the extractives industry in Africa](#), March 2014



Meeting with members of the National Coalition against Illegal Logging (CNCEILB) in Kinshasa, DRC, July 2014 (Photo: Xue Weng)

Project Partner Information

In this issue of the newsletter, we would like to introduce the **China project team**. Other project partners will be introduced in future newsletters, so watch this space!

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