



# TOWARDS A LEGAL & SUSTAINABLE TIMBER TRADE

**SGS IS THE WORLD'S LEADING INSPECTION, VERIFICATION, TESTING AND CERTIFICATION COMPANY**

To combat illegal logging and the associated trade in illegal timber, SGS has developed an innovative range of services offering Independent Verification of Legal Timber (IVLT). SGS issues internationally recognized IVLT Statements to ensure that timber products comply with specified legal origin and ownership criteria, as well as other relevant laws and regulations. Proving timber from known 'legal' sources is the first step towards responsible forest management and a sustainable trade in timber. It is also increasingly becoming a key condition to access high value markets. SGS can operate monitoring and auditing systems on a mandatory or voluntary basis, at either country level or individual company level, to validate legal timber production and chain of custody information.

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