



Tackling illegal timber trade

Illegal logging and illegal trade are major problems for many timber-producing countries. Illegal activities cost governments billions of dollars in lost revenue and pose a serious threat to species.

Measures to address illegal trade include strengthening enforcement and marking and tracking logs with barcodes. These actions help remove illicitly sourced wood from the supply chain.

Training of enforcement officers, computer-based identification tools and genetic analysis techniques continue to be developed to tackle illegal trade.