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Changing Forests - Changing Perceptions



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What's Changed?



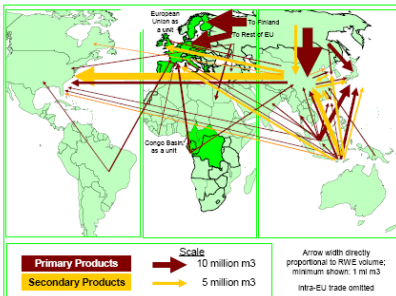
- The emergence of Asia as the epicenter of global economic growth
- Increasing rural urban disparities
- The end of the forest frontier (almost)
- Recognition of the forest - climate change link
- Increasing emphasis of forest quality and forest services
- Emergence of greater competition for energy and land
- Decentralization, diversification of forest ownership and rethinking the role of the state in forest management

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The Dimensions of Globalization

- Key role of US and EU markets for processed timber products
- Importance of Strengthening public and private demands for legally verified and certified timber
- Parallels with carbon emissions

Figure 6. Major High Risk trade flows (Primary & Secondary Products, 2005)



Scale
 10 million m3
 5 million m3

Arrow width directly proportional to flow volume; minimum shown: 1 ml m3
 Intra-EU trade omitted

Source: James Heavitt; based on calculations commissioned for this paper. Annex 3 gives more detailed information on some additional flows.

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Institutional Challenges in a Time of Change




- The relevance of traditional forest bureaucracies to colonial and post colonial forestry
- The challenge of complexity and competing values
- The need for participatory planning and conflict management

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The Challenge of Effective Forest Conservation and Management



The fundamental reason for forest loss and degradation is the **disjunct** between the costs and benefits generated by both Forest exploitation and forest conservation