

MEDIA ADVISORY

A new scientific report on “**Illegal Logging and Related Timber Trade - Dimensions, Drivers, Impacts and Responses**” will be launched together with a policy brief on 3 December 2016 in the course of the UN Biodiversity Conference (CBD COP 13) High-Level Segment in Cancun, Quintana Roo, Mexico.

On this occasion, a press briefing will be held on 3 December from 9:00-9:50 in the Press Conference Room, Moon Palace Resort. The press briefing will be live webcast, with archived copies available on the CBD website as early as 6 hours following the closure of the conference.

The new assessment report is the most comprehensive scientific analysis to date on illegal logging, related timber trade and available response options. More than 40 renowned scientists from around the world collaborated on the study, which has been coordinated by the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) on behalf of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF). In the report, scientists call for policy measures that fully address all dimensions of illegal logging in order to provide for a sustained future of forests.

Program and Speakers

- *Welcome remarks and introduction of speakers by the moderator: 5 min*
Mr Alexander Buck, Executive Director of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO)
- *Statement on behalf of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) : 5 min*
Mr Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias, Executive Secretary of CBD
Relevance of the topic and the report to CBD
- *Statement on behalf the UN Environment (UNEP): 5 min*
Mr Erik Solheim, Executive Director UN Environment
Relevance of the topic and the report to UNEP as one of the partners of the assessment
- *Statement by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) as the Chair of the Collaborative Partnership of Forests (CPF): 5 min*
Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director-General Natural Resources of FAO
Global Forest Expert Panels (GFEP) as a joint initiative
- *Statement by the Scientific Chair of the assessment: 7 min*
Ms Daniela Kleinschmit, University of Freiburg, Germany
Introduction of the study and its contents, key messages
- *Statement by one Lead Author of the study: 7 min*
Mr Paolo Omar Cerutti, Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)
Insights into impacts and responses, examples from countries
- *Statement by the Brazilian Forest Service: 5 min*

Mr Raimundo Deusdará Filho, General Director Serviço Florestal Brasileiro

- *Questions and answers from the audience/media (moderated by Alexander Buck) – 10 min*
- *Brief closing remarks (moderator Alexander Buck)*

Stand-up interviews and photo opportunities with the authors of the report who are present at the press conference can be arranged after the briefing in the designated interview area.

Press release:

A press release will be published in English and Spanish on 3 December at 03:00 a.m. EST and distributed at the press briefing. The release will be available for download at:

<http://www.iufro.org/media/latest-releases/>

The full report and the related policy brief will be available as of 3 December 2016 at:

<http://www.iufro.org/science/gfep/illegal-timber-trade-rapid-response/report/>

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On behalf of IUFRO and the IUFRO-led Global Forest Expert Panels Initiative of the CPF we look forward to welcoming you to the press briefing on 3 December in Cancun!