



## Questions & Answers

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# IKEA actively works against illegal logging

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## Wood in IKEA products

Illegal logging is a complex problem that exists in some countries where IKEA suppliers buy wood for IKEA products. Finding solutions requires a range of measures involving a multitude of players, including authorities, NGOs and business. IKEA actively works against illegal logging.

Thomas Bergmark, Head of Social and Environmental Affairs, IKEA Group comments:

*"We want to make sure our wood has been legally logged and does not come from threatened forests such as intact tropical rainforests. This is why IKEA started eight years ago to hire forestry specialists to work on tracing wood from the supplier back to the forest. And is also why we join forces with WWF to work with the timber supply chain from Russia to China."*

Duncan Pollard, Director Forests for Life Program WWF, comments on the WWF and IKEA co-operation:

*"Our work with IKEA, especially in Russia, has been fundamental in raising awareness of the illegal logging problem and its complexities. The work has been pivotal in advancing understanding of the problem, particularly the underlying root causes, and in providing solutions not only for IKEA but also for its suppliers and others in the industry."*

*"While these activities go in some way towards helping to combat the problem, illegal logging can only be solved if there is political will and companies like IKEA continue to work proactively with their suppliers."*



## Questions & Answers:

### **Does IKEA use wood from rainforests, for example teak?**

No, IKEA does not use wood from threatened forests such as intact tropical rainforests. For example, IKEA does not sell teak or mahogany furniture.

### **How can I feel confident that the products I buy at IKEA are not made from illegally logged wood?**

IKEA suppliers must provide documentation to show where the wood comes from, and IKEA conducts audits to verify these. IKEA foresters trace wood all the way back to the forest. We want to make sure it has been legally logged and does not come from threatened forests such as intact tropical rainforests.

### **Can you guarantee that you don't sell products made from illegally logged wood?**

No, unfortunately IKEA can never guarantee that IKEA products are not made from illegally logged wood. However, we work actively to secure that the wood comes from legally logged and responsibly managed forests.

### **Why is it so difficult to guarantee legally logged wood?**

Illegal logging is a problem in some countries where IKEA suppliers buy wood. In order to support government efforts to prevent this, businesses and other stakeholders must work together to find long-term solutions. This is why IKEA cooperates with WWF, the global conservation organisation.

### **How do you make sure your suppliers buy legally logged wood?**

Our suppliers must provide documentation to show where the wood comes from, and IKEA conducts select audits, based on a risk assessment, to verify these. IKEA forestry specialists trace the wood from the supplier back to the forest in order to check that IKEA requirements are met.

### **Why don't you FSC-label IKEA wood products?**

IKEA supports FSC-certification and works actively to increase the availability of certified wood. We label our products exclusively with the IKEA logo as we want our customers to know that this stands for products that are safe and produced with respect for people and the environment. This applies to all of the IKEA range, not just for wood based products.

### **Do you use wood from Burma?**

No, no wood for IKEA products are sourced in Burma.

### **Where can I find more information?**

You can read more on [www.IKEA-usa.com](http://www.IKEA-usa.com) or on [www.panda.org/ikea](http://www.panda.org/ikea)

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