



### **GFTN-UK FOREST PRODUCT REPORTING SUMMARY FOR 2013**

Oxfam GB has been a member of WWF's Global Forest & Trade Network (GFTN) in the UK since 2000.

All GFTN members are committed to progressively sourcing forest products from well-managed sources.

Oxfam GB undertakes due diligence to assess and mitigate any risk of illegal and unwanted forest products entering into the UK market from our supply chain. We collect as much information on supply chain sources as possible, and systematically work to eliminate poor sources which may not positively benefit forests as a future resource for people and nature.

To highlight our progress towards meeting our commitments to source well-managed and recycled materials, we're publishing the status of our current supply chain for preferred categories of forest goods, as defined by the GFTN.

We hope the transparency of the UK GFTN members about their performance on forest sourcing will prompt others in the sector to follow suit. We also encourage all forest certification systems to continuously improve their performance in delivering responsible forest management.

At present, WWF and GFTN participants believe the FSC represents the gold standard and a credible benchmark for other forest certification schemes to match. Our preference is to source increasingly from credibly-certified forests or verified recycled sources.

The European Timber Regulation aims to limit the trade in illegal timber. It provides a baseline of legality as a minimum for forest goods entering the European market and reaching consumers. GFTN members want to make sure they're playing their part in reducing the UK footprint on global forest resources, by sourcing sustainably – going beyond a compliance-only approach.

Our forest products reported for the 2013 calendar year are as follows:

60% Credibly Certified (e.g. FSC purchased with Chain of Custody)

1% Source Verified

1% Pre-consumer Recycled

19% Post-consumer Recycled

Our Ethical and Environmental Policy which includes a clause on responsible forest product procurement can be found here:

<http://www.oxfam.org.uk/what-we-do/about-us/plans-reports-and-policies/information-for-suppliers>

### **Scope of reporting**

- All forest products for resale and/or end use in business delivery

### **Challenges**

Historical gaps in the chain of custody were identified, which resulted in some products needing to be downgraded.

A major organisational restructure with a reduction in headcount combined with unforeseeable changes to teams, resulted in changes in all roles that were responsible for either forest product sourcing or report management.

As part of solutions to achieve cost savings, we switched from sourcing recycled paper to sourcing FSC certified paper, with the challenge of maintaining relevant due diligence and data collection.

### **Priorities**

Providing training to internal stakeholders responsible for sourcing and reporting purchases of forest product for retail and non-retail operations.

Integrating newly developed supporting tools into the buying process to further improve data collection.