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WWF's work about China-Russia Transboundary Cooperation

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Russia is the biggest wood supplier of China

China's Import of Logs in 1996-2004



| Year | Total Logs (million m³) | Russian Logs (million m³) | Proportion of Russian Logs (%) |
|------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1996 | 3 | 0.5 | 15 |
| 1997 | 4 | 0.5 | 12.5 |
| 1998 | 5 | 1 | 20 |
| 1999 | 10 | 2 | 20 |
| 2000 | 14 | 6 | 43 |
| 2001 | 17 | 9 | 53 |
| 2002 | 24 | 15 | 62.5 |
| 2003 | 25 | 15 | 60 |
| 2004 | 26 | 17 | 65 |

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Action I: Developing "Keep it Legal" Manual

- ❖ **Purpose:**
 - Make all parts of supply chain to guarantee the wood they use is not illegally harvested
- ❖ **Four parts of the "KIL" manual.**
 - background and explanatory information about the problem of illegal logging in China and in Russia
 - what you need to do to ensure you avoid buying illegally harvested or illegally traded wood.
 - The information you should request from the countries which supply wood to you
 - various appendices, providing more detailed information on the various topics and guidance towards further sources of help

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Action II: Case study of practical systems to identify legally-sourced wood from Russia to China

- ❖ **Activities:**
 - Review the purchasing policy/documents and operations of the key players along the chains
 - a costs and benefits case study report for "verified legal" wood in cross-border from Russia forest to China factory
 - Demonstrate feasibility of verified legal cross border trade, evaluate and promote results of pilots in Russia and China

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Action III: Improve cross-border collaboration between customs agencies in China and Russia

- ❖ **Activities:**
 - Analyze current methods for control of trans-boundary timber shipments and compilation of customs statistics along Russian-China border
 - Expert consulting workshop on how to improve current methods
 - Develop recommendations report on improved methods for control of trans-boundary timber shipments and compilation of customs statistics
 - Submit the recommendations with WWF's analysis and suggestions to unify customs procedures and statistical calculations to the customs agencies of both sides.