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Issued by Office of Yunnan Provincial People's Government, on May. 11, 2006

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To each prefecture, municipality of people's government, provincial committee, offices and bureaus and relevant units of central government based in Yunnan and large-scale enterprises (groups). The provincial government has agreed on the issuance of 'Interim Measures to Manage Timber and Mineral Cooperation between Myanmar and Yunnan Province'. Hereby it is printed for your knowledge and future compliance.

Office of Yunnan Provincial People's Government, May 11, 2006

In order to regulate cooperation between Myanmar and Yunnan timber and mineral industries and promote sustainable development, and in accordance with the relevant State provisions and the spirit of the first meeting on China-Myanmar Forestry and Mining Cooperation the following measures were put in place (below referred to as "the methods").

Article 1: Implement Verification System for Myanmar-China cooperation on timber and mineral projects

1. All Myanmar timber and mineral cooperation projects agreed after this date (including compensation trade projects) must apply for approval before they are implemented.
2. The Provincial Bureau of Commerce is the main competent authority for regulating Chinese timber and mineral cooperation projects in Myanmar State and municipal departments are responsible for the initial evaluation of the cooperation projects. Having passed the initial evaluation, the projects will be passed on to provincial bureau of commerce for verification. The provincial bureau of commerce will issue the approval certificate to qualified projects.
3. Application material:
 - Application form.
 - Agreement/ contract of cooperation project endorsed by Myanmar government.
 - Enterprise business licence, proof of

qualification for foreign trade or economic and technical cooperation.

Article 2: Enterprises, which purchase timber and mineral products directly, must register at the provincial bureau of commerce. State and municipal bureau of commerce are responsible for the verification, selection, and recommendation of eligible enterprises. It is recommended that in the 6 prefectures boarding with Myanmar there should not be more than 5 business registers. In principle, enterprises from other states and municipalities are not eligible for registration. Registration is valid for 1 year.

Article 3: Issuance of Licence for Myanmar-China Timber and Mineral Trade

Enterprises, which have successfully registered, need to apply for importing certificate at the provincial bureau of commerce. The following application materials are needed:

1. For cash trade: a registration certificate and trade agreement with the relevant government department of Myanmar.
2. For Chinese enterprise operating in Myanmar: a verification certificate.

Article 4: Managing the movement of goods and labour across the China-Myanmar border:

1. Shipments of timber can pass customs accompanied by an importation certificate issued by the provincial bureau of commerce.

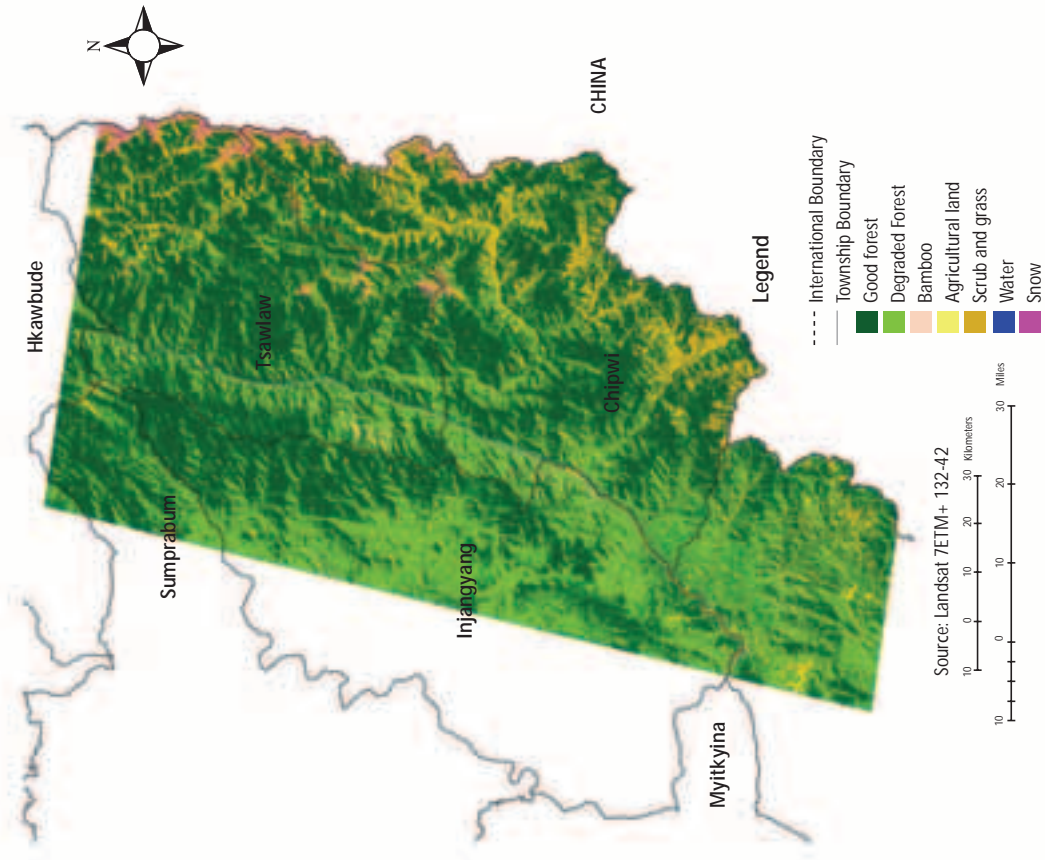
Article 7: Strengthening the management of transportation and processing of timber. Enterprises and individuals should use customs declaration forms to apply for conveyance certificates for imported timber. They also need to apply for conveyance certificates for transporting the timber in Yunnan province once having passed the border. Enterprises and individuals that intend to carry out processing activity need to apply for a certificate for processing imported timber. Non-compliance could lead to the confiscation of goods and other penalties.

Article 8: A levy is put on timber imported from Myanmar based on the customs duty-paid price for an afforestation fund. Please refer to the "Provisional Measures on collecting afforestation levy on the Cross-Border timber trade of Yunnan Province" for specific requirements (Cloud [2006] No. 42).

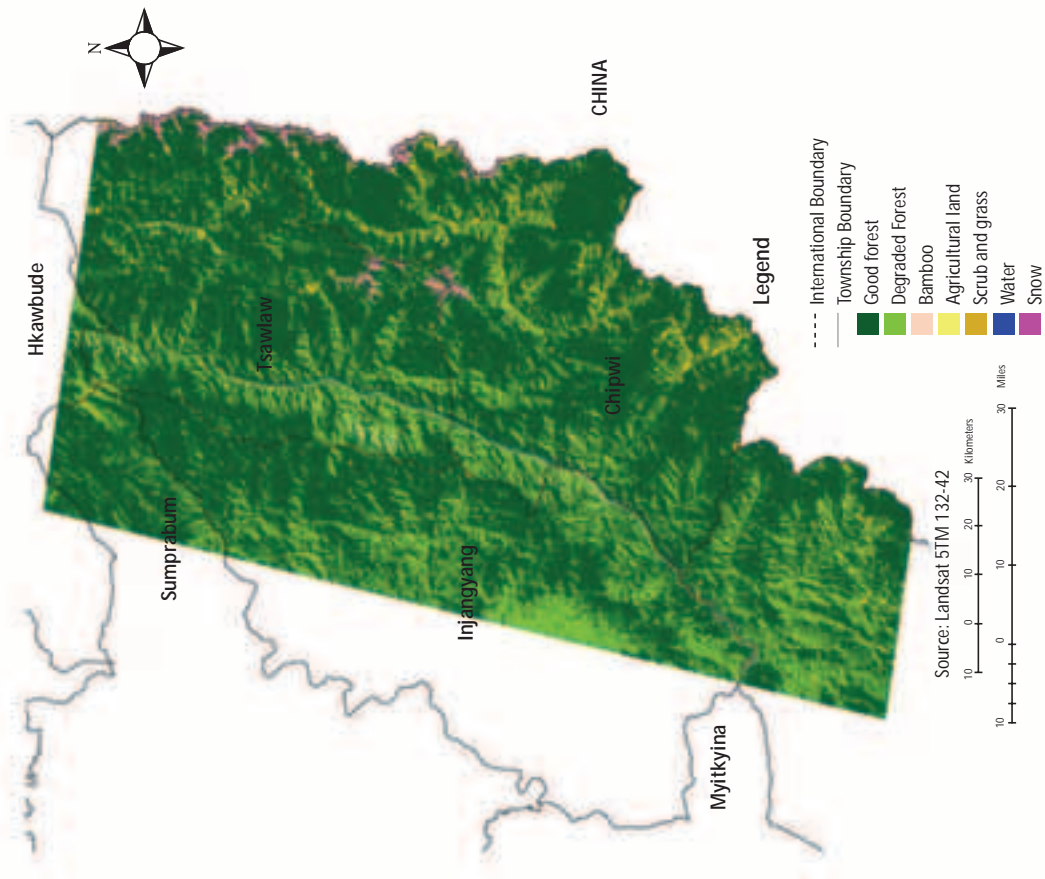
Article 9: These measures come into force upon promulgation.

13.6 Appendix VI: Land cover maps of eastern Kachin State (1991 and 2005)

Land cover map of Eastern Kachin State (2005)
(Landsat 7ETM+ 132-42)

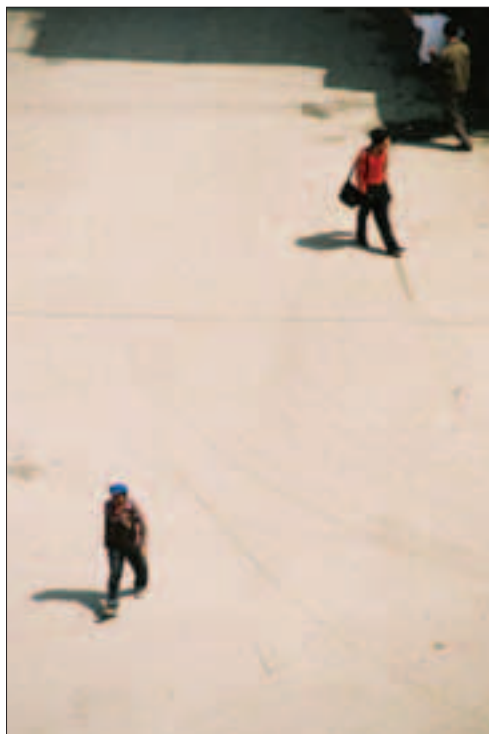


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Monitoring for REDD Implementation: Beyond Carbon MRV. (Out soon)

'Monitoring for REDD Implementation' is intended to inform the development of a monitoring, reporting, and verification system for REDD based on lessons learned from existing systems, particularly IFM and the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI). The report recommends the establishment of national systems for independent monitoring of REDD (IM-REDD) as part of a comprehensive monitoring system, founded on multi-stakeholder processes, to ensure the successful implementation of REDD at national and local levels.

Trick or Treat: REDD, Development and Sustainable Forest Management. (September 2009)

'Trick or Treat' argues that the inclusion of 'sustainable forest management', a euphemism for industrial-scale logging, in a global deal on climate change could spell disaster not only for the future of the world's forests but also for the climate.

Fuelling Mistrust: The need for transparency in Sudan's oil industry. (September 2009)

The 2005 peace agreement which brought to an end the conflict between north and south Sudan – one of Africa's longest-running and most bloody wars – was based on an agreement to share oil revenues. *'Fuelling Mistrust'* is the first public analysis of Sudan's oil figures and Global Witness' first report on Sudan. It documents how the oil production figures underpinning the peace agreement don't add up.

Faced with a gun, what can you do? War and the militarisation of mining in eastern Congo. (July 2009)

Based on Global Witness field research in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, this report describes the involvement of armed groups and the Congolese national army in the mineral trade in North and South Kivu. The desire to gain or retain control of the region's tin ore, coltan and gold mines continues to be one of the main factors prolonging the armed conflict. *'Faced with a gun'* highlights the role of European, Asian, and other companies who are buying these minerals, their failure to carry out due diligence to ensure that their trade is not fuelling the conflict, and the refusal of governments to hold these companies to account.

Vested Interests: Industrial logging and carbon in tropical forests. (June 2009)

'Vested Interests' argues that REDD funds should not be used to finance industrial-scale logging, or sector reform. The report warns that 'sustainable forest management' is acting as a stalking horse for industrial logging and makes the case that industrial-scale logging is not sustainable i.e. industrial-scale logging cannot meet, *"the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs"*.ⁿ²

According to the Stern 'Review on the Economics of Climate Change', issued on 30 October 2006, "[Greenhouse gas] Emissions from deforestation are very significant – they are estimated to represent more than 18% of global emissions, a share greater than is produced by the global transport sector". The

n2 This is the World Commission on Environment and Development definition of sustainable development.

majority of this deforestation takes place in the tropics. These forests also act as a vast carbon sink (1.3 billion tonnes each year during recent decades, across all tropical forests).⁵¹⁶ From a climate change perspective therefore, it is of vital importance to keep forests standing. Negotiators at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change are aiming to reach a global deal on climate change in Copenhagen, in December 2009. As a result, billions of dollars could soon be made available for REDD activities.

The degradation of tropical forests by industrial logging companies, including those operating legally, is a significant source of greenhouse gas emissions, thereby contributing to global warming. In addition, the carbon stock of forests subject to industrial logging, even of a selective nature, is on average significantly less than the carbon stock of natural, undisturbed forests. Worse still, roads and other infrastructure, built to facilitate industrial-scale logging, open up the forest to further exploitation, often leading to deforestation and permanent conversion and yet more greenhouse gas emissions.

Undue Diligence: How banks do business with corrupt regimes. (March 2009)

'Undue Diligence' names some of the major banks that have done business with corrupt regimes. By accepting these customers, banks are assisting those who are using state assets to enrich themselves or brutalise their own people. This corruption denies the world's poorest people the chance to lift themselves out of poverty and leaves them dependent on aid. The report sets out what governments, regulators, and banks need to do in order to tackle this complicity with corruption.

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'A farce in three acts' describes how, between 2006 and 2007, the authorities in Honduras promoted illegal logging on a large scale. Poor governance in forest management is threatening Río Plátano, the country's largest protected area and a 'Man and the Biosphere Reserve' accredited by UNESCO,ⁿ³ and jeopardising the livelihoods of local communities.

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