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Deforestation = loss of biodiversity



Settlers



Soya fields



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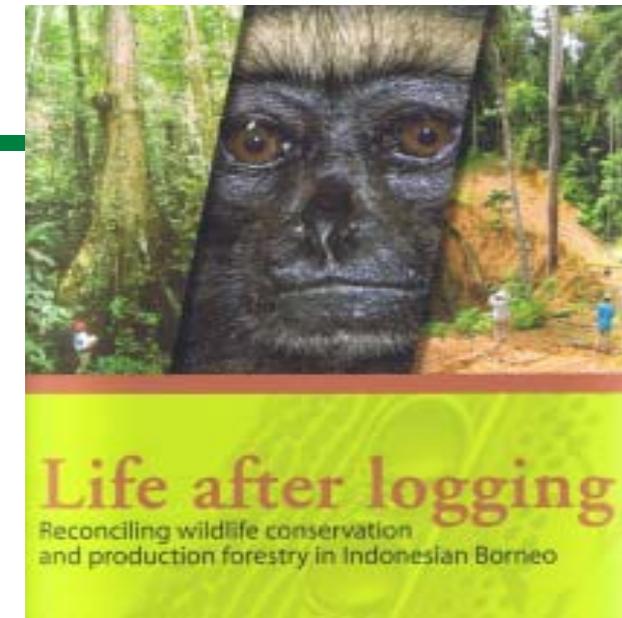
Precious Woods' vision

The best way to conserve natural tropical forests is to make **responsible use** of them.



Logging and biodiversity – 1

A major CIFOR Unesco study (2005) concluded:



“Selective logging has fewer direct negative consequences for many vertebrate species than is sometimes assumed.”

but

“Timber harvesting generally brings a number of associated problems, such as increased hunting and forest fragmentation.”

In FSC sites these associated problems are much reduced or non-existent (more on FSC later).



Logging and biodiversity – 2

This is confirmed in a recent study in Brazil (2006):

“Overall, the effect of selective logging on fauna was minor. The lower species loss in these forests compared to other types of land use in Amazonia highlights the value of this technique for conservation purposes among prominent economical activities.”

All sites surveyed in this study were FSC-certified.



Responsible Forest Management



**Forest belonging to Precious Woods Brazil,
four years after harvesting**

Biodiversity is high in
Precious Woods' forests





social criteria, working conditions, safety, land tenure etc. ...





... are just as important as ecological criteria





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Precious Woods at a glance

Precious Woods is a world leader in the responsible management and use of tropical forests. Our Business:

Responsible management of existing forests

in Brazil and Gabon

Reforestation of degraded pastureland in Central America

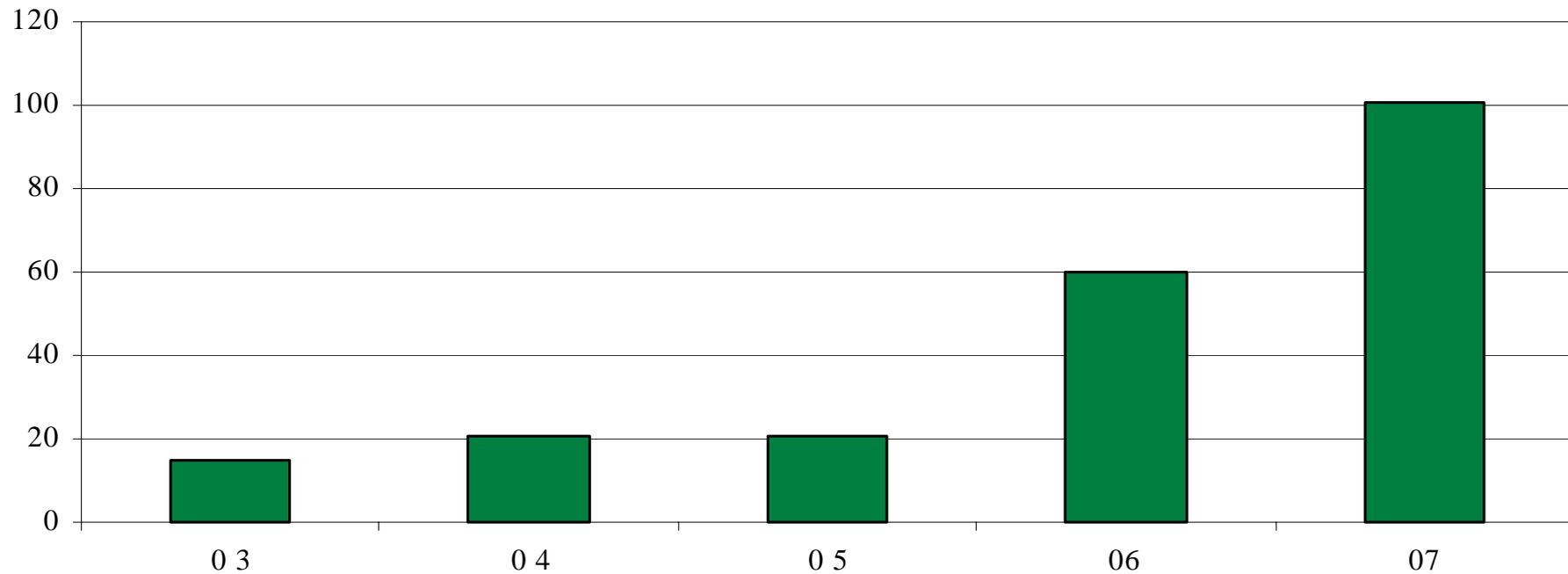
Timber industry and trading in Europe, Brazil, Asia and the USA

Generation of **carbon emission rights and electricity**





Total operating income of the Precious Woods Group (in USD million)

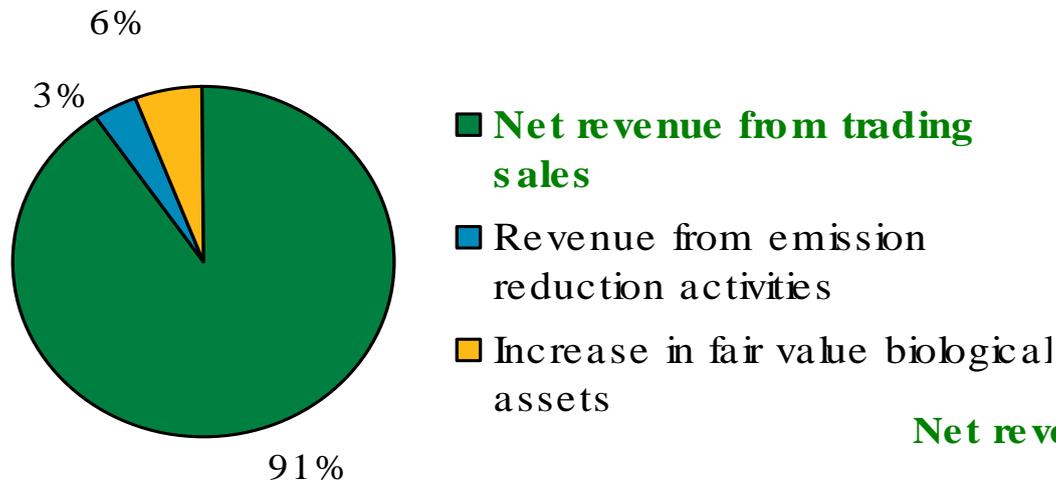


Shares are traded on the SWX Swiss Exchange.

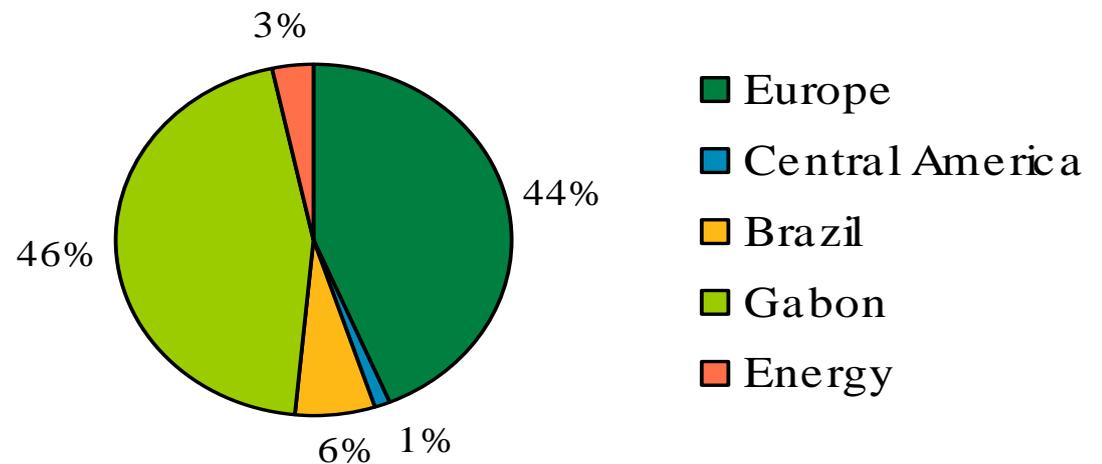


Total operating income of the Precious Woods Group in 2007 (in USD million)

Total operating income 2007 - 100.9 M\$



Net revenue from trading sales 2007 - 91.4 M\$





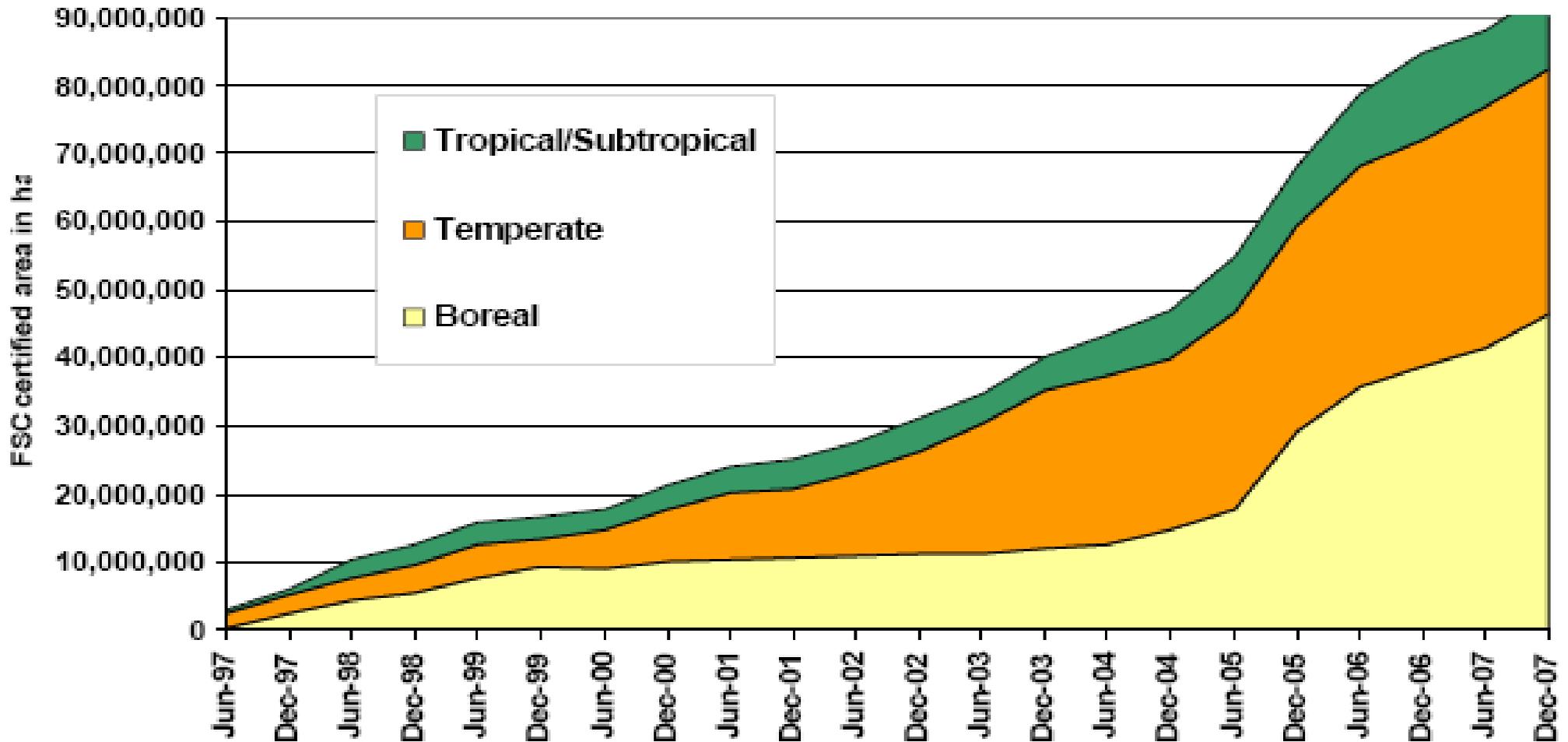
Precious Woods operates according to standards of Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)

- The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) is an international non-profit organisation. It was founded in 1993 to support environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial, and economically viable management of the world's forests.
- Its members are environmental and social groups, indigenous peoples' organizations and representatives of the timber trade and the forestry profession.
- It provides a truly independent, international and credible labelling scheme on timber and timber products.





FSC: supply and demand are growing fast





Precious Woods is a pioneer company

Precious Woods was the first company to achieve FSC certification in Brazil and the first to sell emission rights from reforestations.

In 2006, Precious Woods successfully sold Carbon rights from reforestations in Costa Rica on the Chicago Climate Exchange.

The company's woodchip fired power plant (diesel substitution and methane reduction) create emission rights compatible with EU ETS / Kyoto protocol.

Many new timber species have been introduced in beautiful projects.







Expansion in the DR Congo

- The Congo Project is about the involvement in an existing group of companies in the DR Congo that strive for FSC certification.
- The Group has more than 4 000 employees, owns several million ha of forest concessions and, amongst others, manages two hospitals and funds numerous schools.
- Precious Woods acquired a minority stake of less than 10% in March 2007, with the option of significantly increasing the share in the coming years, if the company and the political and business environment develop positively.





You can contribute too!

- Use FSC timber in new buildings, floors, etc.
- Use FSC paper
- Do not accept other claims on sustainability, nor on legality

Find out more at:

- www.whyFSC.com - FSC is the only certification scheme to offer genuine certainty on responsible forest management
- www.fsc.org - How it all works
- www.preciouswoods.com – How we work

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Thank you for your attention



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