

Dynamics of timber trade in the Mekong

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Forest Trends

Vietnam import-export round wood and sawn wood (2014) /VN Customs

- Import:
 - Round wood: 1.4 mil m³
 - Sawn wood: 2.0 mil m³
- Export:
 - Round wood: 89,000 m³
 - Sawn wood: 457,000 m³
- What does this mean?
 - Most of the round wood processed in Vietnam
 - For domestic and export markets?
 - Where?

Vietnam import round wood and sawn wood from Lao (2014)

- Round wood:
 - 309,000 m³ (Dipterocarpus, Bilinga, Dalbergia Cochinchinesis, Sindora)
- Sawn wood:
 - 495,000 m³ (Pterocarpus, Sindora, Bilinga, Pao Posa/Dalbergia spp)

Vietnam imports from Cambodia

- Sawn wood:
 - 153,500 m³ (Pterocarpus, Xylia Dobabrifornus, Anacardium, Dalbergia spp)

Vietnam export round wood and sawn wood to China

- Round wood to China: < 9,000 m³ (Dalbergia spp, Cunninghamia lanceolata, Pterocarpus spp)
- Sawn wood: 257,034 m³ (rubber, Pterocarpus, Dalbergia)

Vietnam export to the US

HS 94035000	Bedroom	646,868,834
94036090	Indoor furniture	523,479,063
94039090	Indoor furniture parts	291,383,054
94016900	Chair	233,154,920
94033000	Office furniture	126,690,903
94034000	Kitchen furniture	74,899,615
94016100	Chair	67,534,709
94019099	Parts of chair	29,539,138
44189090	Construction parts	21,821,686
44140000	Picture frames	20,821,789
	Other	49,557,235
Total		2,085,750,947

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Vietnam export to EU

- Total value: 681 mill USD
- Top 10:

1	United Kingdom	257,874,442.91
2	Germany	110,639,447.91
3	France	100,828,884.49
4	Netherlands	59,604,643.29
5	Belgium	32,507,341.68
6	Italy	24,601,309.64
7	Sweden	21,975,812.06
8	Spain	18,400,904.40
9	Denmark	15,527,694.68
10	Poland	14,310,556.61

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Vietnam export to EU: top 5 key products by value

HS	Value	Product
94036090	263,027,532	Other indoor furniture
94016900	172,863,747	Chair
94035000	94,500,958	Bedroom furniture
94033000	35,397,354	Office furniture
94016100	21,098,902	Other chair

Rosewood to the US and EU

- Yes
 - The seize of Dalbergia spp imported to Vietnam from Cambodia, intended to Demark
 - Wood village: Dalbergia spp exported to UK
- How much: don't know
- Handicraft products
- Asian customers, particular the Chinese

Some intra-regional dynamics

- Vietnam logging ban: deforestation in Laos
- Myanmar logging ban: Shrink domestic market in Vietnam, increase log price in Laos, reduce magnitude of Vietnam – India round wood trade
- Need to take regional approach to understand the dynamics of trade in the Mekong
- The role of China