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**Notification of stakeholders and invitation for review and comments of up-dated
Rainforest Alliance/SmartWood Interim Standards for Assessing Forest
Management in China
Version: January 2008**

The SmartWood Program of the Rainforest Alliance would hereby like to notify interested stakeholders of release of the draft version (January 2008) of the up-dated Rainforest Alliance/SmartWood Interim Standards for Assessing Forest Management in China.

As part of the consultation of these draft interim standards we would like to invite all interested stakeholders to review the standards and send any comments and suggestions to the SmartWood Program of the Rainforest Alliance's Asia Pacific Regional Office. In addition to sending comments to SmartWood, comments and suggestions may be sent to FSC International Office.

We would like to ask that comments are sent by email, fax or regular mail to the SmartWood Asia Pacific Regional Office within 30 days of the date when this notification was sent.

The up-dated interim standards will be used for all forest management assessments and audits in China. The old standard "SmartWood Certification Interim FSC Standard for Assessing Forest Management in China (December 2006)" will no longer be valid or used and all FM audits and assessments will be carried out based on the new version.

We appreciate your comments and review of the standards.

Further information about forest certification is available from SmartWood on request or from our webpage www.smartwood.org.

Thank you,

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