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**Confronting Sustainability:
Forest Certification in Developing and
Transitioning Countries**

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Confronting Sustainability presents a comprehensive and historically rich comparative analysis of the emergence of forest certification in developing and transitioning countries. The book describes the diverse impacts of certification, but also reveals that existing commitments from North American and European markets have not yet been strong enough to significantly influence forest management choices in some of the world's most environmentally sensitive forests. The authors argue that the success of forest certification is conditional on a heightened level of concern and awareness on the part of the world's wealthiest consumers of forest products – whose consumption habits currently feed tropical forest destruction.

The study represents a significant collaborative endeavor in which a shared analytical template was used to assess the historical development of forest certification in 16 countries within four regions: Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America, and Eastern Europe. In order to present a comprehensive and culturally sensitive analysis, the editors engaged authors from the case study countries themselves. This diverse group of researchers includes Ugandan forestry practitioners, who examine forest certification's potential to impact carbon sequestration and ultimately global warming, and a Russian scholar who discusses the effect of differing market signals from Europe and China on the growth of certification in Russia. Preliminary results were presented by each case-study author at a symposium held at Yale in 2004 and then revised for the final volume.

CASE STUDY COUNTRIES

AFRICA

- Gabon
- South Africa
- Uganda
- Zambia

ASIA-PACIFIC

- Indonesia
- Malaysia
- Papua New Guinea
- Solomon Islands

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- Estonia
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- Russia

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