

SO WHAT CAN YOU AS AN INDIVIDUAL DO?

THIS IS THE INTERESTING PART- THERE ARE LOTS OF THINGS YOU CAN DO!

Here is a list of some possible actions:

1. WHEN BUYING TIMBER IN YOUR OWN COUNTRY, ENSURE IT COMES FROM SUSTAINABLE SOURCES. (there is no sustainable timber cut in Cambodia anymore-ALL of it comes from forests). **Look for the appropriate certification schemes, when you see their stamp, you know its OK** and that the environment and local people have been protected.



Certified Sustainable Timber

2. DEMAND THAT YOUR TIMBER SUPPLIER STARTS TO STOCK TIMBER THAT COMES FROM SUSTAINABLE SOURCES.

If enough people demand then everyone will start to stock sustainable timber.



FSC Certified Forest after logging.

3. YOU HAVE THE CHOICE WHERE TO STAY IN CAMBODIA AND THE REST OF THE REGION. IF YOUR HOTEL OR GUEST HOUSE IS NEW AND MADE OF WOOD THEN DO NOT STAY THERE -it encourages local people to use lots of wood in buildings and so the destruction continues. e.g. Tourism in Siem Reap is a major user of wood cut illegally from the forests.

4. TRY TO BE MORE AWARE OF YOUR PAPER CONSUMPTION. It might not affect Cambodian forests directly but it does contribute to the necessity of the logging industry on the whole.



5. LASTLY THERE ARE SOME VERY GOOD ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH YOU CAN DONATE MONEY to help them in their fight to protect the forest resources of the world.

e.g:

Rainforest Alliance
www.rainforest-alliance.org



The Rainforest Foundation
www.rainforestfoundationuk.org



World Rainforest Movement
www.wrm.org.uy



WWF
www.wwf.org



We know that people are always asking for donations

- but think about it like this: **Supporting organisations that protect forests helps EVERYONE**

PROTECT FORESTS TODAY TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF LIVING OF THE POOREST PEOPLE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.



WHEN THE TIMBER BUYING STOPS, THE CUTTING WILL TOO.

IF THERE IS NO MARKET FOR ILLEGAL TIMBER THERE IS NO PROFIT.

IF THERE IS NO PROFIT THEN NOBODY WILL CUT THE TREES.

REMEMBER YOU ARE THE MARKET AND YOU HAVE THE POWER TO DECIDE WHAT THAT MARKET SELLS -

WE CAN ALL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



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