


# POLICY STATEMENT

*addressing the IFOA objective to:*

**“enlarge  
markets for  
forest products”**



 Historically, forests of the world have been an essential part of the development of civilization. Forest products have been used to provide food, shelter, water, heat, cooling, transportation, communication, art media, tools, etc. in every way imaginable.



One of the most important concepts of using forest products for the benefit of mankind is that forest products are renewable on a sustainable basis, if the forests they come from are managed properly. More local manufacturers or markets promotes competition, higher values for raw materials, and more revenue to reinvest in forest management. More types of products leads to more efficient use with less waste of raw or recycled material.

Traditional markets for forest products such as sawmills, paper mills, and Christmas tree vendors are cornerstones of private forest income. “Alternative” product markets may serve the landowner well in leveling out periodic cycles in traditional markets. IFOA encourages market innovation and expansion which does not diminish the forest resource land-base.

IFOA encourages the development of both traditional and new forest products, not only for increased profit for forest owners, but also for a better quality of life for everyone.



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