

ETTF supports Probos trade mission to Suriname

The ETTF has invited members to join a timber trade mission to Suriname.

The seven-day trip is organised by Dutch-based non-profit forestry consultancy Probos and Suriname-based counterpart Environmental Services and Support (ESS). It will take place from November 7 and entail visits to a range of timber and forestry businesses, and the forest itself.

Timber and wood products participants will all be FSC-certified and Suriname businesses involved are signed up to the Guiana Shield Facility's Tropical Timber Programme, which includes the Netherlands' IDH, The Sustainable Trade Initiative among its backers

Suriname is one of the most afforested countries, with estimates of tree cover up to 90%, and, according to Probos, 400,000ha of forest, managed by four companies, is now FSC certified.

"The attraction of the mission for



The mission covers timber processing and forestry operations

European companies is to meet and link with recently FSC-certified Suriname forest operations and view their range of products, species and processing facilities," said Mark van Benthem, Probos senior forest management and industries consultant. "They are eager to establish new business relations for FSC-labelled products."

The trip will also be an opportunity to learn about Suriname's sustainable forestry management plans.

The Guiana Shield Facility, which promotes investment in sustainable forestry, maintains that Suriname also has a well-established legality framework, with annual timber output around 400,000m³.

The mission will cost participants about €1750, including flights and accommodation.

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