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## Here is Our **GREEN STORY**



### **Sustainability • Stewardship • Easy on the Environment**

**Environmental Stewardship** in the Amazon Rain Forest has stepped-up over the last decade. Particularly in Brazil, logging and sawmilling is now a much more regulated industry than ever before. **Managed Concessions** and **Legal Harvesting** are the new normal, with appropriate Governmental Control, instead of one-off illegal or black-market cuttings.

Our **Sawmill Partnering** and **Purchasing Policy** reflect the strict laws mandating sustainable produced timber only. Amazonian timber growth is 135 BFT per acre per year, so this is the allowable cutting limit. This is the equivalent of only **TWO TREES PER ACRE**. Forestry projects are granted for 30-year cycles, and cutting permits are issued for each area for a year (1/30th of the total concession), renewable for one year only. Low impact logging practices such as pre-planned skidder tracks, felling patterns, and stepped sawing are used.

Areas and items of high environmental value such as river-banks, prolific seed trees, sloping terrain, or fauna habitat are off-limits to cutting and must be preserved. Every single tree in the concession is mapped by GPS prior to cutting authorization being granted, and each log is marked and tracked from the forest to the mill. Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID) technology has begun with this process.

Once cut into lumber and/or further processed into a machined product, the **GREEN TRAIL** or documentary trail begins, that tracks the wood all the way to port. Before being allowed to load on a vessel, three governmental agencies must sign-off on the legality of the wood, which insures full compliance for entry into the USA, including compliance with the Lacey Act.



**Hectare Mapping**



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### Legality • Certification • Documentation • Verification

We pay strict attention to environmental standards mandated by both local organizations in South and Central America, and global organizations such as the **ITTO** (International Timber Trade Organization). In Brazil, we support the harvesting and production of forest products in compliance with the Brazilian Forest Code Law 4771 as regulated by **IBAMA** (Brazilian Environmental Institute).

For every Imported load, each file has **Authenticity Documents**, to verify that Sabra's wood has been legally and correctly harvested and transported, i.e.:

**Certificate of Origin:** State SEMA (Secretariat of the Environment) verification of species.

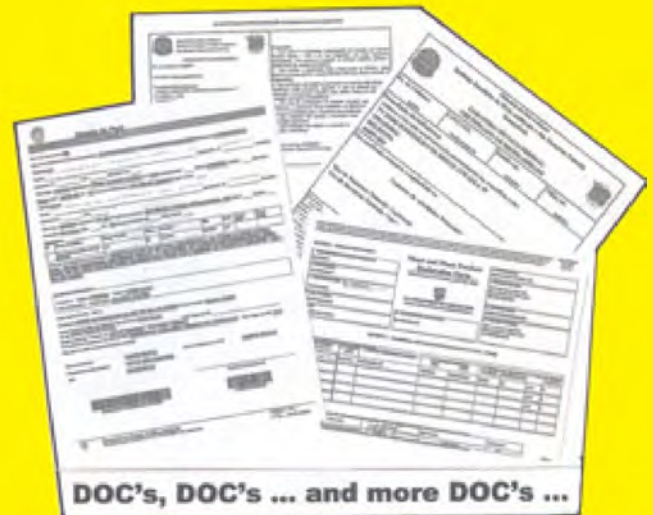
**Guia Forestal:** Chain of Custody mill to port.

**Third Party Verification:** For the Full Chain of Custody forest to port.

**AUTEF:** Permit to Log, Felling Authorities for concession projects.

**Lacey Act Back-up:** Compliance to U.S. Law that verifies the species as legally imported.

**Importer Security Filing (ISF):** Required Declaration for U.S. Homeland Security.



We are a member of the IWPA (International Wood Products Association) and likewise support the environmental stewardship advocacies of the IWPA. As well, we support the principles of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). We work hard to be **EASY ON THE ENVIRONMENT**.

