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FROM FOREST TO THE INTERIOR - THE JOURNEY OF WOOD



1) How big a problem is deforestation globally?

Despite efforts to limit deforestation, it is still a significant problem. Globally, approximately 10% of tree cover has been lost since 2000.

2) Geographically, where is most deforestation occurring?

In 2020 the top five countries for tropical primary forest loss were Brazil, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Bolivia, Indonesia and Peru.

3) Outline the methods that Forest Certifications use to assess the sustainability of timber products.

Assessment involves a chain-of custody document trail that can be inspected/audited to ensure compliance. This allows all stakeholders to be assured that forest-to-floor is controlled and legal.

4) Name the different timber harvesting methods used around the world

There are three main harvesting methods used in forestry:

Clearcutting/clear felling

Group/species selection

Partial harvesting

5) Which wood species are most suitable for flooring applications? Why?

Typically, hardwood species are most suitable. Their density and hardness enables them to withstand the wear and tear associated with flooring. Some hardwood species (e.g. European Oak) are more responsive to treatments like smoking and fuming. This allows for more varied hues/tones in finished products.

6) Outline the attractions and benefits of reclaimed timber flooring products.

Reclaimed flooring products are a necessary part of any timber flooring supply chain as this allows existing internal built infrastructure to be reused.