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Industry, Supply & Projections

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The 2015 edition of “CHINA SOFTWOOD SECTOR: The China Softwood Solid Wood Industry, Supply & Projections -- A 2015 DANA Perspective --” is the first Review about China published by DANA Publishing.

China has become a vital user of commodities from around the globe. On its economics fortunes hang the prosperity or otherwise of dozens of countries: from Brazil and Australia, to Russia and New Zealand. The wood industry in China is only a very minor component of China's GDP; but the construction industry into which most of the softwood (SW) domestic and imported wood is destined is estimated at 20% of China's economy. This means that the health of the China economy is closely linked to its construction industry, which in turn drives its wood imports.

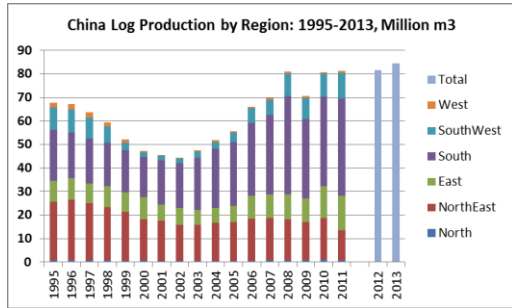
In preparation to write this Review, DANA Director Dennis Neilson visited China six times in 2013 and 2014, personally visited 7 provinces, 10 ports, 17 sawmills/remanufacturing plants, lumber yards and a domestic sawmilling cluster; 7 veneer/plywood mills and 3 furniture factories. In addition DANA colleagues visited 9 other sawmills and a remanufacturing plant; and 2 veneer/plywood mills. Other colleagues with decades of experience in the China domestic forest and processing industry, and international log and lumber trading kindly shared their time, expertise and data to assist DANA to complete the Review. The Review is **129 pages** and provides **41 tables, 51 charts** and **99 photographs**. In a departure from previous DANA multi-client Reviews, the author has included almost 100 photographs; on the basis that (especially in China) one picture is worth 1,000 words

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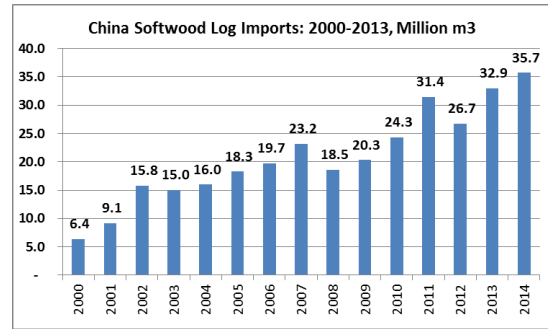
Introduction	The objective of the Review, China GDP history, and details of all ports and mills visited by DANA and colleagues in preparation to write this Review.
China Domestic Log Supply:	A commentary of regional trends for total and North East regional log harvest from 1995-2013; and SW harvest volume estimates in 2011 and in 2014.
SW Log and Lumber Import Data Series:	Several data series on SW (and Hardwood - HW) log and lumber; and Roundwood Equivalent volumes from 2000 to 2013 – a number covering January to October 2014; and as “STOP PRESS’S” detailed data series for calendar year 2014 for SW and HW log and lumber volumes from all countries.
The Use of SW in China:	Examples of temporary construction, remanufacturing and housing.
Sawmills and Veneer/Plywood mills:	Examples of Mark I through Mark IV style Chinese sawmill sets, a pruned log sawmill, Japanese and German manufactured sawmills; and a new large Chinese made sawmill in China; dry kilns, four large scale new SW wood possessing complexes in four provinces in China and data on SW plywood and examples of veneer/plywood manufacture.
Ports:	Twenty seven log and/or lumber ports are identified, with several pages devoted to commentary and photographs describing the major existing and new ones; and associated processing facilities.
Prices:	Some selected prices series comparing some country and species/grade prices are provided, as are average prices for log and lumber imports from major countries in 2014. This section also includes a table of an interactive 45 line excel spread sheet flowchart, which takes a data series through from stumpage (this example in NZ for mid- 2014) through to the margin of a Chinese sawmiller. This template could be used for any time/country/log grade in future with data updating.
Future Chinese SW Demand Drivers:	Fifteen negative and then eleven balancing positive demand drivers are identified and discussed which are likely to influence demand for SW logs and lumber in 2015-2020.
China SW RWE Demand Projections:	Projections are provided annually from 2015 to 2020, for a “ soft landing ”, medium landing ” and “ hard landing ” scenarios; detailing domestic logs, imported logs and lumber RWE for each year.
Supplier SW Trends and Projections:	Trends in the forests and forestry sectors of major SW log and/or lumber suppliers: Russia, New Zealand, Canada, USA, Australia, Ukraine, Japan and “Other Suppliers” are provided; and then possible annual RWE imports to China annually from 2015 to 2020, for each of the above three China economic scenarios. Commentary and data projections are also provided for imported HW logs and lumber to 2020.
Conclusions:	A 24- point conclusion section completes the Review.

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Data on Chinese total log harvest may be estimated only, but it has been increasing in total for some years, and including into 20103. But what about the softwood harvest?



Softwood log imports continued there almost relentless march upwards for almost 15 years. But what is likley to happen annually from 2015 to 2020?



There are some major refocussing occuring in the Chinese softwood processing sector in 2014 - 2016. How might a series of major projects inmpact on demand?



Several Chinese mills are moving away from a major focus on making greensawn, temporary construction lumber, to more sophisticated & larger facilities; and sometimes with new overseas- made equipment.



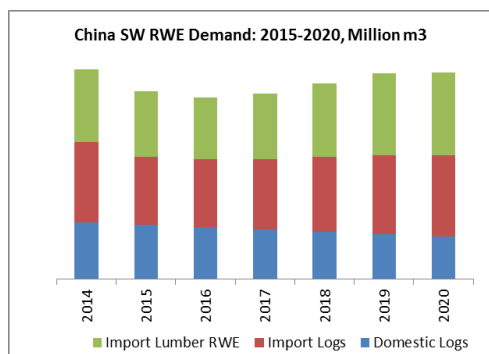
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Mr. Neilson's China- specific experience includes first visiting Northern China in 1985, Southern China in 1986; then being responsible for the first log shipments to China from New Zealand in 1987; and shipments until the early 1990s. He has visited China more than 25 times, including six times in 2013 & 2014 on trips with clients; to research for this Review, and to speak at a conference.

China Total SW Roundwood Equivalent (RWE) Demand, 2015-2020: Medium Landing Scenario



Russian SW RWE Supply Projections, 2015 to 2020; assuming a China "Hard Landing" Scenario

Hard Landing	Logs	Lumber	Total RWE	% Logs Range
	Million m3			
2014	9.9	7.2	23.0	58%
2015			21.5	55-60%
2016			20.5	55-57%
2017			21.0	50-55%
2018			23.5	50-55%
2019			24.5	48-52%
2020			25.0	48-52%

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