

Is the China "wood demand growth" era over?

Or will we see a new growth resurgence?

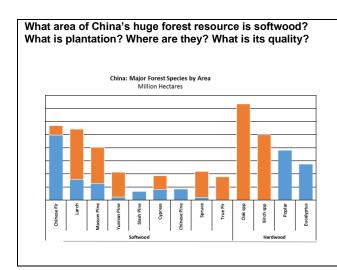
The Review includes demand and supply predictions for China domestic and imported softwood for 2025, 2029 and 2034

# **China Softwood Supply And Demand Outlook Review**

The 2024 edition of the 'China Softwood Supply And Demand Outlook Review' is an update of the inaugural 2022 edition produced by DANA publishing (see experience of authors later).

This Review is a very important information tool for everyone involved/interested in importing softwood (SW) logs and lumber into or exporting these wood products to China. The Review profiles 27 countries which export SW logs and/or lumber to China, together with historic supply data for each.

It provides the analytical framework, and forecasts for China's **demand** for softwood 'Log Roundwood Equivalent' (RWE) in 2025, 2029 and 2034, and provides forecasts for SW log, lumber and RWE volume imported **supply** to China from 27 countries in 2025, 2029 and 2034.





### **Review Chapters**

Introduction:

Photographs of China forests, log vessels, China domestic logs and sawmills, authors' experience and motivation for writing and publishing the initial Review in 2022 – and for updating it in 2024

China Domestic Forest Resources and Wood Supply

This chapter identifies China domestic forest resources by regions, provinces and species, with annual total, and softwood harvest trends. It includes maps showing the location of China's natural and plantation forests and softwood forests. It discusses China government policy and its likely impacts on future China softwood harvest volumes and quality

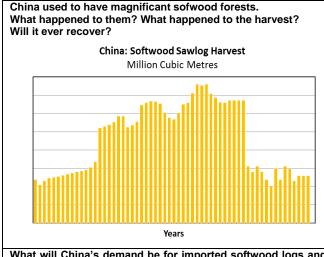
Global Softwood Log and Lumber Imports to China This chapter introduces China's history of importing softwood logs and lumber over the past 35 years and provides the four major softwood log import and five major lumber import 'subplots'

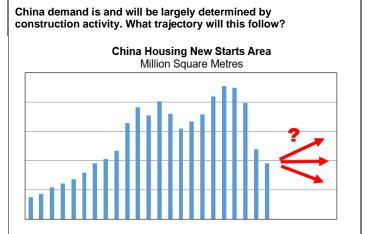
**China Softwood Demand Outlook** 

This chapter reviews how China's annual GDP growth has performed over the last 55 years and the future impact from the change from a 'mortgage' to a 'high technology — consumer' economy; shows the correlations between total softwood and imported softwood demand and construction starts, and uses a high  $R^2$  regression to forecast housing starts (in billions  $m^2$ ) in 2025, 2029 and 2034 — and shows images of various Tier 1,2,3 and 4 cities

China Softwood Domestic and Import Supply Forecasts This chapter discusses challenges to the China domestic softwood supply in the future, summarises 2023 and 2024E domestic log supply and import log and lumber and RWE volumes by 27 countries; then provides forecasts of China domestic softwood supply, and detailed log and lumber import forecasts by 27 countries for 2025, 2029 and 2034

### 2024 Edition





What will China's demand be for imported softwood logs and lumber be in future?

China Softwood Import RWE Forecasts
Million Cubic Metres

What are the forecasts for China and importing countries' SW log and lumber capacity to supply?

China Domestic & Import	2023	2025F	2029F	2034F			
Supply Based							
Million cubic metres							
Base Case							
Domestic SW Logs	X	X	X	X			
Import SW Logs	X	X	X	X			
Import SW Lumber	X	X	X	X			
Import SW lumber RWE	X	X	X	X			
Total Import Log RWE	X	X	X	X			
Total China Log RWE	X	X	X	X			
% Import Log RWE	X	X	X	X			
% Import Lumber RWE/Total Import RWE	Х	Х	Х	Х			
China Demand Based							
Total Import Log RWE	х	Х	X	х			

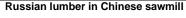
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