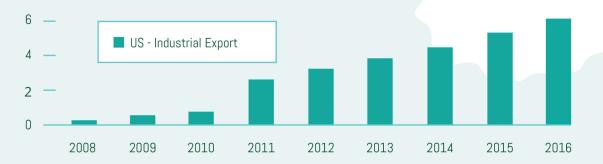




Southern forests contain the highest tree species diversity in North America, the highest concentration of valuable wetlands in the U.S., and the richest temperate freshwater ecosystem in the world. They are also the places we fish, hunt, camp and enjoy with our families.

Southern forests are being razed to feed Europe's appetite for wood pellets. A loophole in European clean energy laws has prompted massive demand for wood pellets to fire electricity plants; this loophole is leading to rapid deforestation around the Southern U.S

Wood Pellet Production (2008-2013) Million tons





Export-driven clear cuts of endangered forests and irreplaceable wetlands are devastating the South.

