

A new tool against illegal logging: Tree DNA technology goes mainstream

The following is an excerpt.

Modern DNA technology offers a unique opportunity: you could pinpoint the origin of your table at home and track down if the trees it was made from were illegally obtained. Each wooden piece of furniture comes with a hidden natural barcode that can tell its story from a sapling in a forest all the way to your living room.

“CSI rely on use of genetic info for catching criminals. Exactly the same type of analysis is used for illegal logging,” explains Andrew Lowe, a professor in plant conservation biology in University of Adelaide, Australia and Chief Scientific Officer with Double Helix, a company leading in the development of the tree DNA tracking.

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