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## **A Preliminary Analysis of Timber and Timber Products Production, Consumption, Trade and Prices in the Pacific Rim Until 2000**

**Peter Cardellichio, Yeo Youn, Darius Adams, Rin Won Joo & John Chmelik. 1989**

### **Executive Summary**

CINTRAFOR is engaged in the Pacific Rim Assessment (PRA), an ongoing analysis of forest products markets in the Pacific Rim. The primary objective of this research is to assess the future outlook for forest products production, consumption, trade, and prices in the Pacific Rim. A second objective is to develop analytical techniques and tools to study international forest products markets and policies.

The focus during the current phase of this project is on solid wood product markets, log/fiber markets, and related resource developments. Although the emphasis is on Pacific Rim regions, especially those that affect the future of the Pacific Northwest, the research encompasses the entire world to maintain comprehensiveness and account for “third-party” trade interactions.

While this manuscript constitutes the final report of the current phase, it might best be viewed as a progress report. A project like the Pacific Rim Assessment requires significant start-up costs. At this point, the basic groundwork has been completed and CINTRAFOR is now poised to commence more in-depth analysis of international forest products trade. We have developed a sound working model, assembled a fairly comprehensive data base, and conducted an extensive statistical analysis of market behavior in the Pacific Rim. Still much remains to be done. New data are always becoming available – more recent data and revised data, as well as new data sources. New research continues to add insights into our understanding of Pacific Rim market behavior. We hope that this report stimulates discussion and comments that will improve the quality of future analysis related to the Pacific Rim’s forest sector.

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