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Alexander von Bismarck has extensive, senior-level experience in all aspects of EIA's campaigns to protect forests from illegal logging, the atmosphere from greenhouse gases and ozone-layer-depleting chemicals, and endangered wildlife species from illegal international trade in their products. Von Bismarck has undertaken EIA undercover investigations into illegal logging and associated wood trade in Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Taiwan, Honduras, Madagascar, the Russian Far East and China— documenting the flow of illegally sourced wood into the U.S. market. He has presented evidence to senior U.S. enforcement officials, Department of Justice officials, Walmart management, furniture procurement managers at JC Penney's headquarters in Dallas, and the management of other major U.S. companies. Von Bismarck also led EIA's detailed coordination with congressional representatives, industry and environmentalists to finalize the U.S. Lacey Act's "plant provision" amendments enacted into law in May 2008. Von Bismarck holds a Master of Science in Environment and Development from the London School of Economics, where he focused on international governance mechanisms for natural resources in the developing world. He also is a graduate of Harvard University's Environmental Science and Public Policy program.