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# WAY FORWARD ON ILLEGAL LOGGING

BOA recommendation

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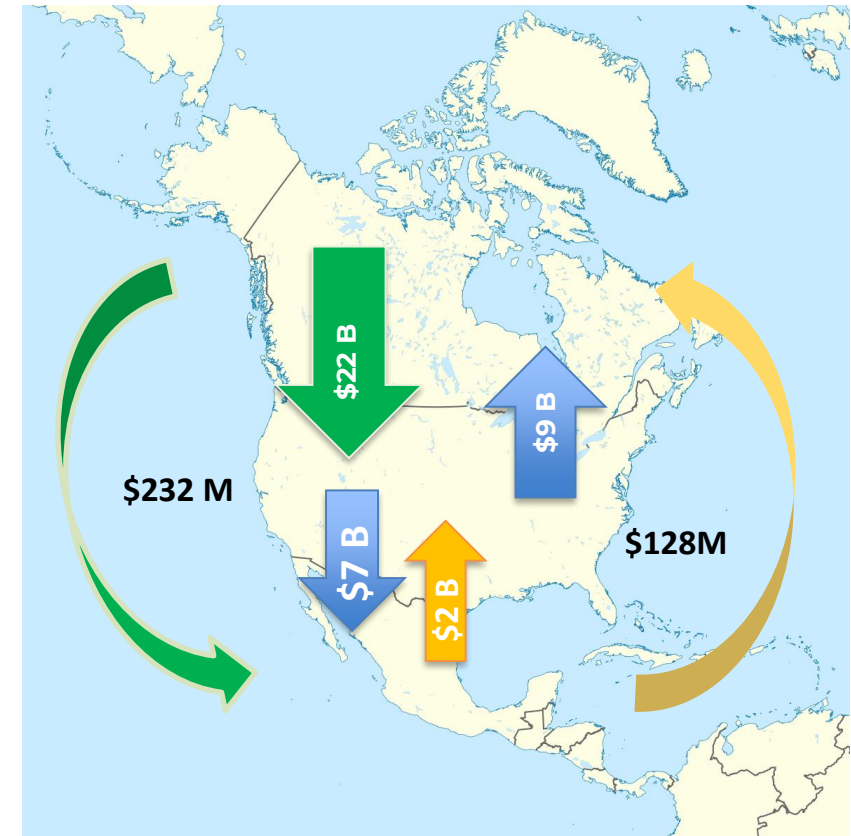
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# Key messages

- Forest legality is an important issue in North America.
- The retail value of illegal logging, worldwide, is from \$52 billion to \$157 billion USD.
- Three well-attended information exchange webinars were convened.

Trade flows (in CAD)



# Webinar process

## Webinar 1

Country context related to illegal logging and forest legality

- Common challenges and opportunities.

## Webinar 2

Innovative technologies and strategies to address illegal logging

- Outcomes suggest a high potential for trilateral collaboration on science and intelligence.

## Webinar 3

Inter-agency coordination

- Identified potential to increase domestic communication and coordination, and opportunities of collaboration.

# To summarize...



On average we had approximately **40 participants** for each webinar



Approximately **14 government agencies** from the three countries attended at least one webinar



Following webinar 3 on inter-agency collaboration, Canada held their own **inter-agency meeting on illegal logging**



Canada and the US-based Wood Identification and Screening Center (WISC) have **held calls to discuss further research collaboration**



The webinars and subsequent engagement between the Forest Service and CONAFOR have elevated the issue of illegal logging and **supported existing forest legality cooperation** between Mexico and the United States

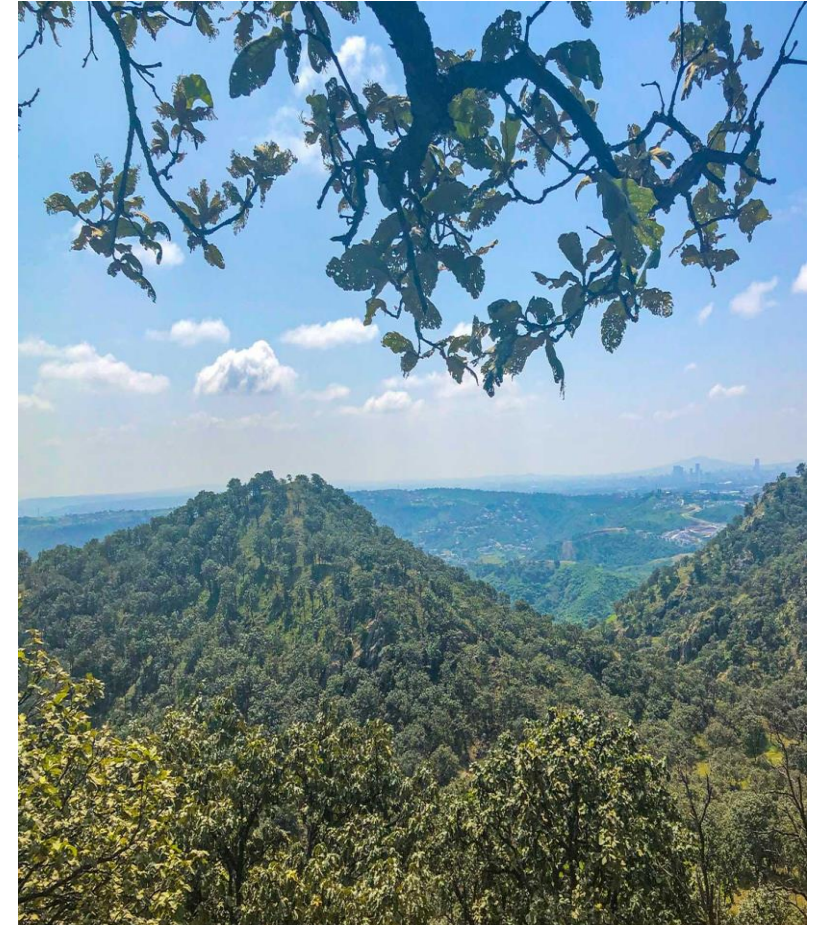


Mexico potentially will **highlight the NAFC illegal logging work** at APEC



# BoA recommendation

- **The Bureau of Alternates recommends the adoption of an ad hoc working group on illegal logging.**
- It is an opportunity for NAFC to help raise awareness regarding this issue and strengthen coordination within and between countries.
- The webinars have already generated increased inter-agency collaboration; an ad hoc working group can build on this momentum.
- The BoA will gladly work on next steps, if approved.





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