Asia Pacific Forestry Week (APFW)
Stream 1: Part ways to prosperity - Future trade and markets

Challenges & Opportunities of the development of timber legality definition in the early stage of the FLEGT/VPA Process in Lao P.D.R

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Overview of forestry sector and timber trade in Lao P.D.R and the FLEGT/VPA Negotiation Process with special reference to a forestry legality compendium

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Private sector perspective on benefits from sustainable forest product trade including the use of lesser known timber species

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Q&A Session
Tree Cover Loss Accelerates in Mekong Basin, 2001-2014

Annual Tree Cover Loss 2001-2002

Tree Cover Extent 2000

http://ow.ly/RBbgw
Aim to eliminate trade in illegal timber in the EU (EU = the biggest timber market worldwide)

Civil society, industry, governments pressure: stop the EU acting as a market for illegally harvested timber

FLEGT Action Plan 2003: Towards SFM, good governance & transparency
Mix of supply and demand sides activities:
1) New Legislation (Timber Regulation applicable March 2013)
2) Bilateral Partnership Agreements (VPA)
3) Encouraging public procurement policies
4) Encouraging private sector initiatives

Ongoing Deforestation of forests is identified a major cause for climate change
5 Elements of Timber Legality Assurance System (TLAS) in FLEGT/VPA Process

1. Legality Definition
2. Timber Supply chain
3. Verification of compliance for operators and timber products
4. Issuing of FLEGT Licenses
5. Independent Audit
Status quo FLEGT/VPA in the South East Asia

- FLEGT licenses (not yet)
- System development
- Formal negotiations
- Entering into negotiations
- Preparation, in-country consensus building
- Introduction to VPAs
- Bilateral Coordination Mechanism (BCM)
Timber Supply Chain in Lao P.D.R
More information

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