

WHY DOES LEGAL TIMBER MATTER?



ILLEGAL LOGGING AND RELATED TRADE



Is worth an estimated **US \$51-152 billion** annually, or **10-30%** of the global timber trade.¹

¹ Interpol 2019

Has a devastating effect on forests and the people who depend on them.



The absence of good forest governance – or how people make and enforce decisions about the management, use and conservation of forests – is often **at the root of illegal logging.**



BENEFITS OF IMPROVING FOREST GOVERNANCE



Makes livelihoods sustainable



Preserves biodiversity



Reduces carbon emissions



Breaks cycles of corruption and poverty

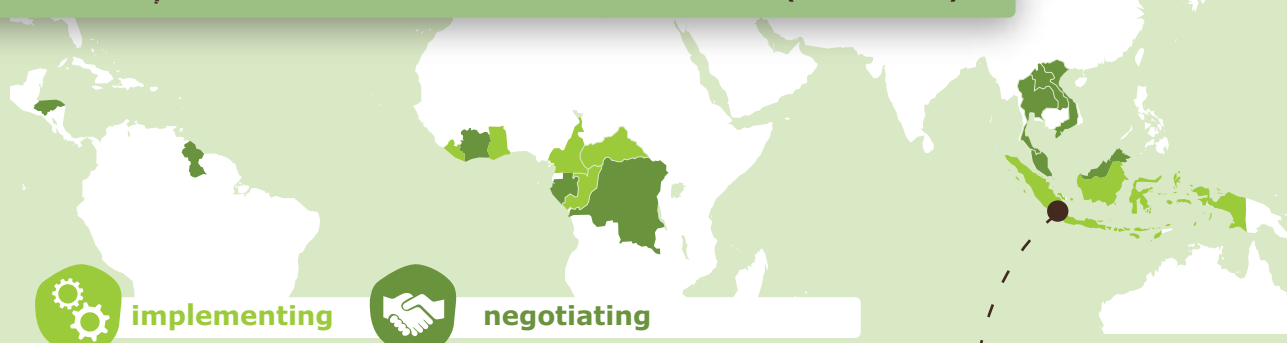


Protects forests for future generations

FOREST LAW ENFORCEMENT, GOVERNANCE AND TRADE (FLEGT)

The **FAO-EU FLEGT** Programme works to implement the European Union' FLEGT Action Plan by supporting timber-producing to improve forest governance and create an enabling environment for legal timber production and trade.

The **FAO-EU FLEGT** Programme has supported some **250** projects in **26** tropical timber-producing countries in **Asia, Africa** and **Latin America** combat illegal logging and associated trade.



15 countries are implementing or negotiating bilateral trade agreements, Voluntary Partnership Agreements which aim to ensure that timber exported to the EU comes from legal sources



In 2016, Indonesia and the EU agreed to issue the world's **first FLEGT license** ensuring timber arriving in the EU has been legally harvested, transported, processed and traded.

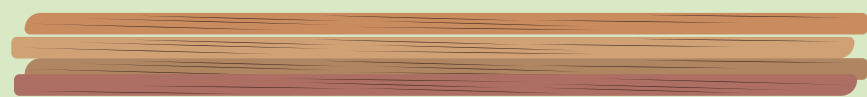


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WHAT CAN YOU DO?



In the year ending May 2019 the dollar value of EU tropical timber imports **increased** by **6%** from **USD 4.25** billion to **USD 4.50** billion²

² FLEGT IMM



- **Both producer and consumer countries** have a role to play in combating **illegal logging**.
- **Be a responsible consumer:** support initiatives promoting trade in legally or sustainably produced timber.



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