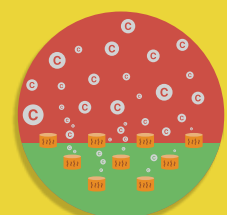


FAO FLEGT FOREST LAW ENFORCEMENT, GOVERNMENT AND TRADE PROGRAMME

Promoting the
legal timber trade
and better forest
governance

What are the **costs** of illegal logging?

Illegal logging and associated trade:



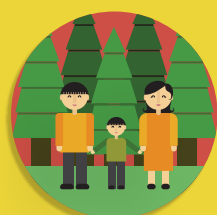
DEGRADE

carbon-rich forests



UNDERMINE

sustainable forest
management



THREATEN

livelihoods



CONTRIBUTE

to biodiversity loss



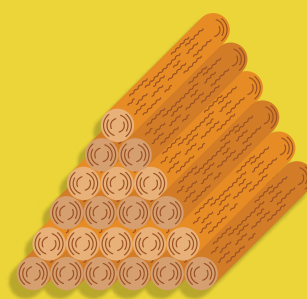
Are worth an estimated
30-100 billion USD annually,
or 10-30% of the global
timber trade
(¹ UNEP/Interpol, 2014)

What is FAO doing to help?

FAO's **FLEGT Programme** works with the **European Union (EU)**, its member states and many other international partners to implement the **EU FLEGT Action Plan** to combat illegal logging and associated trade by:



Increasing demand
for legal timber



Improving the supply
of legal timber

What are Voluntary Partnership Agreements (VPAs)?

VPAs are bilateral trade agreements between the EU and timber-exporting countries that:



aim to ensure countries
only export legally
harvested, transported,
processed and traded
timber products



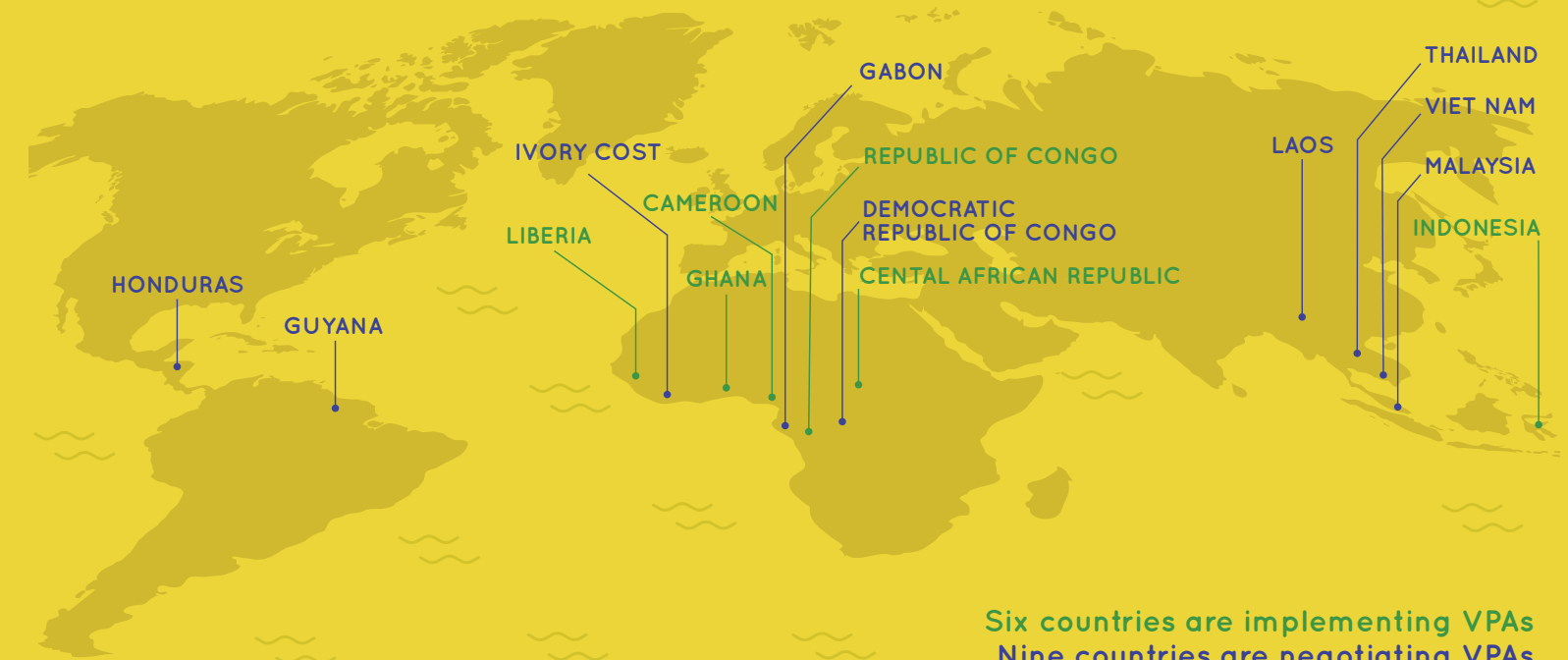
are negotiated by
governments in close
consultation with private
sector, civil society and
indigenous peoples



agree on a timber legality
assurance system that is
audited and results in
FLEGT licences for
consignments of legal
timber exported to Europe

Which countries are engaged in the VPA process?

In 2016, Indonesia and the EU agreed to issue the world's first FLEGT license, helping to ensure that Indonesian timber entering the EU has been legally harvested, transported, processed and traded.



How does FAO strengthen forest governance?

FAO offers **technical and financial support** to countries in Africa, Asia and South America:

Support is provided through:



working
towards
a VPA



working to improve
forest governance in
alignment with FLEGT
Action Plan objectives



Calls for proposals

- ◆ Project ideas promoting forest governance and timber legality
- ◆ Open to government, civil society and private sector organizations



Direct Assistance

- ◆ Immediate, specific requests such as provision of training and technical assistance.
- ◆ Open to governments and private sector organizations

The FAO FLEGT Programme has supported over 200 projects in some 40 tropical timber-producing countries since 2008