

WHY DOES LEGAL TIMBER MATTER?



ILLEGAL LOGGING AND RELATED TRADE



Is worth an estimated **US \$30-100 billion** annually, or **10-30%** of the global timber trade.¹

¹ UNEP/Interpol, 2014

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

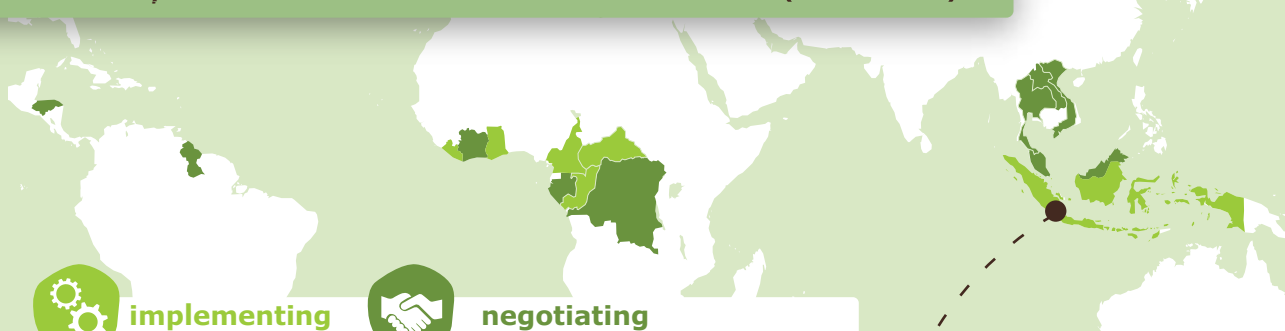
FOREST LAW ENFORCEMENT, GOVERNANCE AND TRADE (FLEGT)

FAO has supported **over 200 projects** in **40 tropical timber-producing countries**

to improve forest governance and support legal timber trade.



FAO works with the European Union (EU), member states, partner organizations and local stakeholders to help prepare timber-producing countries in **Asia, Africa and South America** to implement bilateral trade agreements on legal timber with the EU.



15 countries are implementing or negotiating bilateral trade agreements, eventually leading to FLEGT licensed timber with preferential access to the EU market.



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.



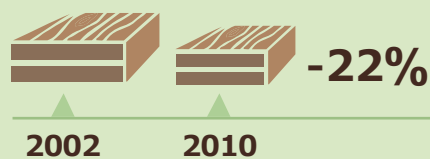
Indonesia



1/3 of EU's tropical timber imports by value comes from Indonesia.²

² EU

WHAT CAN YOU DO?



Illegal timber production has declined by **22% since 2002³** thanks to initiatives like the EU FLEGT Action Plan.

³ Chatham House, 2010



■ **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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