Material For Stakeholder Consultation:
PRELIMINARY FINDINGS FOR THE IDENTIFICATION AND FORMULATION OF A REGIONAL ASEAN FLEGT SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Consultants’ View
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Global Objective

• Development of a regional support programme, enhancing and consolidating regional cooperation on sustainable trade of legal wood and advancing the FLEGT agenda in VPA and non-VPA countries in the ASEAN region
Feasible Support Programme
Theme

• Enhancing and consolidating regional cooperation on trade of legal and sustainable wood in the FLEGT framework in VPA and non-VPA countries in the Asian region
Objectives

• Development objective:
  • to contribute to the enhancement of forest governance and sustainable forest management and promoting sustainable wood-based trade in the region

• Specific Objectives:
  1. Promoting best practices on national and sub national forest governance and management frameworks for landscape interventions;
  2. Promoting the regional cooperation on legal and sustainable timber trade
  3. Enhancing complimentary, synergy, and coordination among institutions and stakeholders to relieve unnecessary bureaucratic constraints to the wood-based industry
Expected Results (ER)

1. A significant contribution to improved forest governance and management at national and sub-national levels
2. Improved performance of bilateral and regional trade agreements and associated multilateral and bilateral processes under the FLEGT framework in the region
3. Increased inclusiveness of FLEGT processes in order to deliver credible, effective and transparent timber legality verification and SFM certification
4. Increased level of engagement of private economic operators, including better capacity for SMEs in the forestry sector
Foreseen Major Programs

Correspond to ER-1

• Support policy dialogues and consultations to address changes towards better forestry governance in AMS, in better coordination to other development partners’ programs *

• Support development and improvement of forest management systems at national and sub-national levels

• Support the development of FMU/jurisdictional approach on a joint unit of TLAS/SFM and REDD+, in better coordination to other development partners’ programs
Correspond to ER-2

• Support regional dialogues that promote FLEGT processes and climate change (REDD+)**

• Support the development of frameworks for strengthening forest laws/policies and governance for the ASEAN Member States*

• Support the development of a regional mechanism for Mutual Recognition of legality of timber*

• Support knowledge sharing on legal and sustainable sources timber trade at regional level**

• Support synergies between legal timber trade and the development of National Single Windows
Correspond to ER-3

- Support efforts of the Government in enhancing the inclusiveness of stakeholders in forestry*
- Support the development of knowledge management among stakeholders**
- Support information dissemination to all stakeholders on the progress and performance of FLEGT*
Correspond to ER-4

• Support communication and networking among SMEs in the region**

• Support capacity building of SMEs in terms of accessibility to financial institutions, SME business management, and shared learning**

• Support facilitation of business Associations in FLEGT framework*

• Support provision of incentive-based policies for better performance of wood-based industry