

FLEG in ASEAN: Where to go?

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Outline

- ▶ ASEAN Cooperation on Forestry (Structure)
- ▶ Update ASEAN Policy Framework on Forestry Cooperation
 - ▶ Strategic Measures from the ASEAN Blueprints
 - ▶ ASEAN Statement on FLEG
- ▶ Work Plan for Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (FLEG) in ASEAN (2016-2025)
- ▶ Way forward

Structure of ASEAN Cooperation in Food, Agriculture and Forestry



ASEAN Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF)

SOM-AMAF

ASEAN Senior Officials on Forestry (ASOF)

AWG on Forest Management

AWG-CITES and Wildlife Enforcement

AWG on Forest Product Development

AWG Forest and Climate Change

AWG on Social Forestry Network

- SFM issues
- FLEG issues
- Capacity bldg
- International forest Policy precesses

- CITES
- Wildlife enforcement
- Illegal Wildlife Trade (FLEG)

- HMP
- Forest Products
- Forest Certification
- FLEG

- Forest & climate change

- Social forestry

ASEAN Policy Framework on FLEG

- ▶ 29th ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF) Meeting issued the ASEAN Statement on Strengthening FLEG →
 - ▶ Improve FLEG in ASEAN
 - ▶ Address illegal logging and its associated trade issues
- ▶ *ASEAN Declaration on Environmental Sustainability* on 20th November 2007 at the 13th ASEAN Summit held in Singapore which committed AMS to "strengthening law enforcement, promoting environmentally sustainable practices, as well as combating illegal logging and associated illegal trade".
- ▶ *Singapore Declaration on Climate Change, Energy and the Environment*: "reduce deforestation, forest degradation and forest fires, including by promoting sustainable forest management, combating illegal logging, protecting biodiversity, and addressing the underlying economic and social drivers" through, among others, "strengthening forest law enforcement and governance to combat illegal logging and other harmful practices".



ASEAN Policy Framework on FLEG

- ▶ Promoting Sustainable Forest management; enhance trade facilitation, foster competitiveness and economic integration (*AEC Blueprint 2025*)
- ▶ Strengthen regional cooperation on sustainable forest management (*ASCC Blueprint 2025*)
- ▶ Ministers Guidance:
 - ▶ Strengthened efforts in preventing and combating illegal logging and its associated trade in timber and timber
 - ▶ Developing a regional framework for mutual recognition of timber legality system
 - ▶ Strengthening co-ordination of joint strategies, approaches and actions to seek greater market access and promote ASEAN forest products that are sourced legally
 - ▶ Strengthening collaboration on information exchange and technology transfer with all relevant stakeholders and international communities
 - ▶ Adopting ASEAN common positions on issues related to timber legality and associated trade at international fora, where possible



Some significant achievements

- ▶ ASEAN Guidelines for CoC of Legal and Sustainable Timber
- ▶ ASEAN Guidelines on Phased Approach to Forest Certification
- ▶ ASEAN C&I for Legality of Timber
- ▶ Study on Existing Initiatives for Ensuring Legal and Sustainable Timber in ASEAN
- ▶ Manual for Assessing FLEG implementation in AMS
- ▶ ASEAN Voluntary Code of Conduct on Imports for Forest and Timber Companies

Critical Question:

Could those regional tools facilitate intra-ASEAN trade?

Work Plan for FLEG in ASEAN (2016-2025)


► Objective :

- ✓ the attainment of sustainable forest management for enhancing the international competitiveness of ASEAN's forestry products that meet international requirements and which is consistent with sustainable forest management practices, including conservation and protection, and contributes to the poverty reduction in the region

► Strategic thrust

- ✓ Enhancing sustainable forest management
- ✓ Enhancing trade facilitation, economic integration and market access
- ✓ Strengthening ASEAN's joint approaches on regional and international issues affecting the forestry sector
- ✓ Institutional strengthening and human resources development

Work Plan for FLEG in ASEAN (2016-2025)

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- ▶ Action programmes:
 - ✓ Strengthened FLEG implementation
 - ✓ Facilitation of legal and sustainable forest products trade
 - ✓ Strengthened ASEAN coordinated actions on FLEG in regional and international fora
 - ✓ Enhancement of ASEAN Joint Approaches in Addressing FLEG issues
 - ✓ Promotion and implementation of training programmes on FLEG
 - ✓ Enhancement of sharing experiences and lessons learned on FLEG implementation



Way Forward

- ▶ Develop manual, guidelines, handbook on good practices of FLEG implementation
- ▶ Develop regional framework for mutual recognition for legality of timber
- ▶ Promote dialogue with private sector in increasing the trade of forest products
- ▶ Encourage private sector in marketing forest products from legally sources
- ▶ Enhance partnership with development partners, international organisations, private, CSO
- ▶ Promote dialogue on linkage of FLEG and REDD
- ▶ Promote and implement training programmes on FLEG
- ▶ Support SMEs in enhancing their capacity to meet regional/international trade requirements in forest products



A Question for Discussion

- ▶ How ASEAN could move toward the enhancement of intra-ASEAN forest Products?
- ▶ Any views?
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Thank you