



# **Study on the possible establishment of an information and intelligence sharing mechanism in support of forest law enforcement in the Mekong Sub- region**

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# Background



- Recommendations of the Asia-Pacific Commission (November 2013), Governing Body of FAO

*“Exploring the potential for establishing a regional mechanism for sharing information related to trade in illegally logged timber in collaboration with other partners and member countries”*

- Joint FAO - UNODC initiative (Forestry and Law Enforcement)



# Objective

Asses the capacity, incentives and disincentives of national institutions to share information relevant to forest crime at both national and regional levels.

and (if feasible)

Recommend an effective criminal intelligence sharing system



# Scope

- Assessment of current information (crime, trade, legality) management and sharing in each country (links to VPA generated information)
- Assessment of contributions to and use of regional (e.g. ASEANAPOL, ASEAN WEN) and global (e.g. INTERPOL's Eco-messages, World Customs Organization's CenComm,) information or intelligence networks and sources (e.g. TRAFFIC's ETIS, Global Forest Watch, EUTR MO and CA. etc.)



# Planning

- Study will take 4 months, starting in November 2014
- Reporting to Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission
- Possible additional reporting to ASEAN (A-SOF and A-SOMTC) considering related objectives

# THANK YOU!

