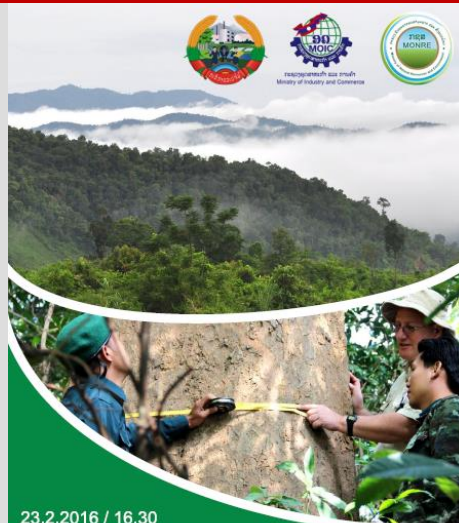


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Challenges & Opportunities
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Overview of forestry sector and timber trade in Lao P.D.R and the FLEGT/VPA Negotiation Process with special reference to a forestry legality compendium

Mr. Phoxai Inthaboualy (Department of Import/Export - Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MOIC))

Private sector perspective on benefits from sustainable forest product trade including the use of lesser known timber species

Mr. Thongsavanh Souliyamath (Lao Wood Processing Association (LWPA))

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Tree Cover Loss Accelerates in Mekong Basin, 2001-2014



EU Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) Action Plan (2003)

Ongoing Deforestation of forests is identified a major cause for climate change

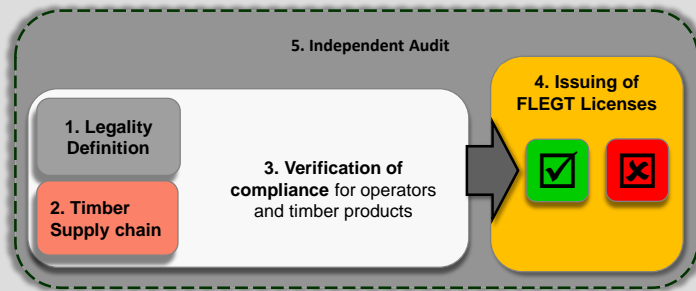
Civil society, industry, governments pressure:
stop the EU acting as a market for illegally harvested timber

FLEGT Action Plan 2003: Towards SFM, good governance & transparency
Mix of supply and demand sides activities:

- 1) New Legislation (Timber Regulation applicable March 2013)
- 2) Bilateral Partnership Agreements (VPA)
- 3) Encouraging public procurement policies
- 4) Encouraging private sector initiatives

Aim to eliminate trade in illegal timber in the EU
(EU = the biggest timber market worldwide)

5 Elements of Timber Legality Assurance System (TLAS) in FLEGT/VPA Process



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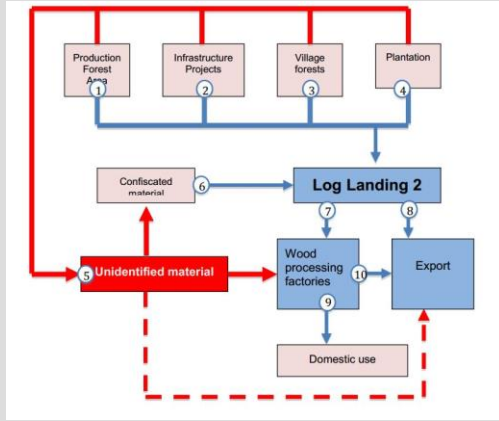
Status quo FLEGT/VPA in the South East Asia

- FLEGT licenses (not yet)
- System development
- Formal negotiations
- Entering into negotiations
- Preparation, in-country consensus building
- Introduction to VPAs
- Bilateral Coordination Mechanism (BCM)



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