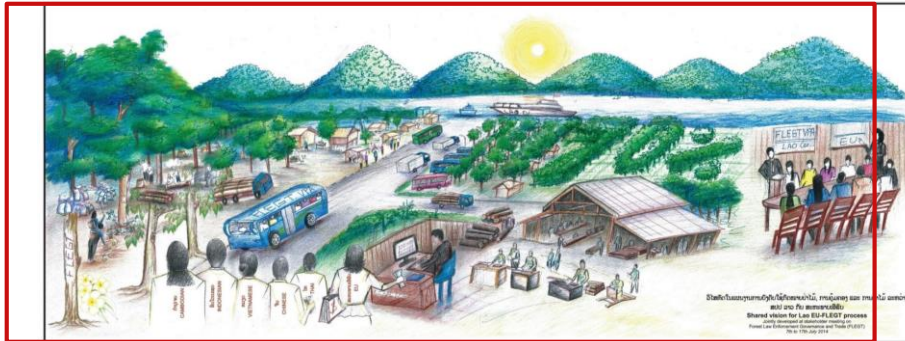
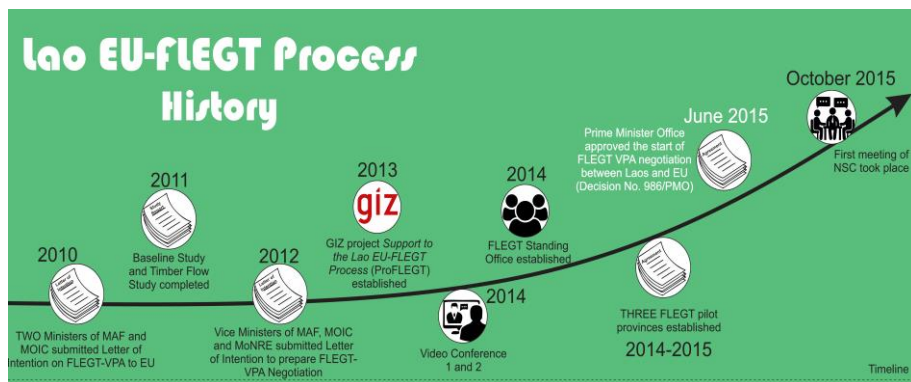


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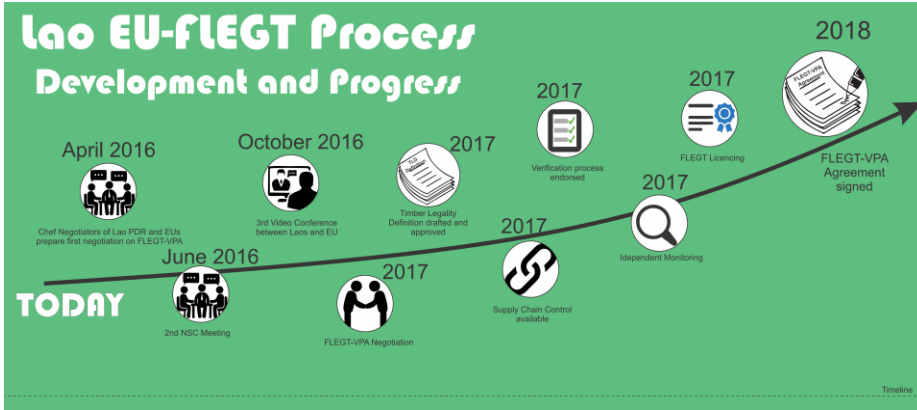


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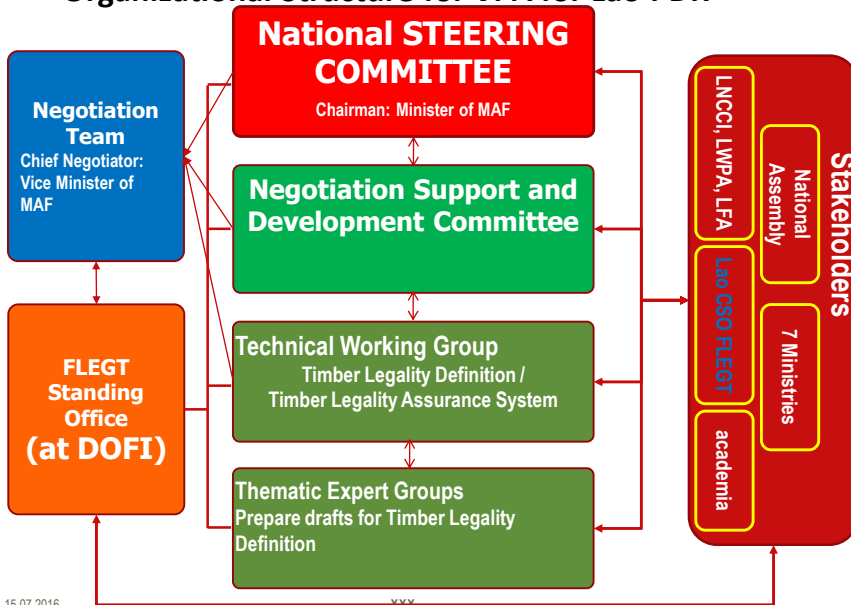


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Organizational Structure for VPA for Lao PDR



Success Stories with Links to Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

- Involvement of Stakeholder
- Cooperation between different Key Ministries
- Relevant stakeholders are included in all FLEGT committees – SDG 16
- Private sector engagement ensured through sector strategy – SDG 8
- Existing SFM approach for natural production forest integrated into FLEGT TLAS – SDG 15



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Success Stories with Links to Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

- Development of mandatory Chain of Custody System for wood processing companies – SDG 12
- Group of “champions” (in particular Government staff) supportive of multi-stakeholder approach
- New Lao Government has made Strengthening Forest Governance as top Priority
- Main driver “Illegal Logging” for deforestation is addressed – SDG 13



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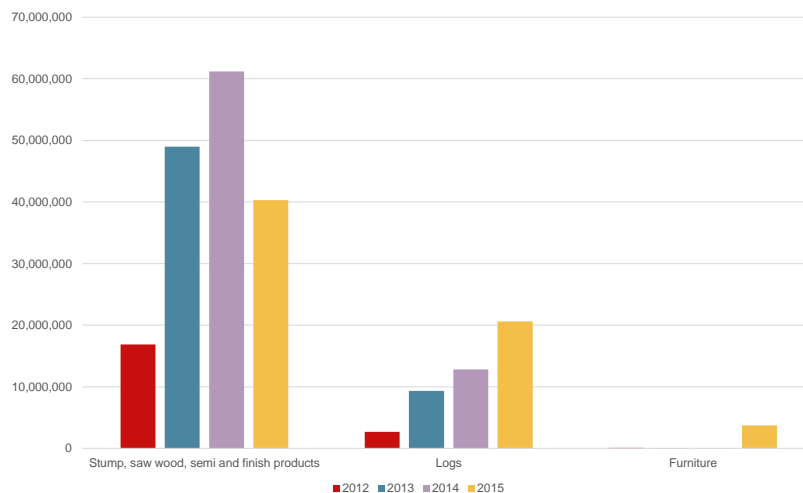
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Challenges & Opportunities

- Capacity of focal point (FLEGT Standing office) needs further strengthening
- No functioning overall timber flow monitoring system in place especially in log landing 3, customs checkpoint and for timber from concession in general
- Potential for more recognition of the Lao legality framework for logs & timber products especially with neighbouring countries
- CSO is formally involved but still at the very beginning to contribute to the process

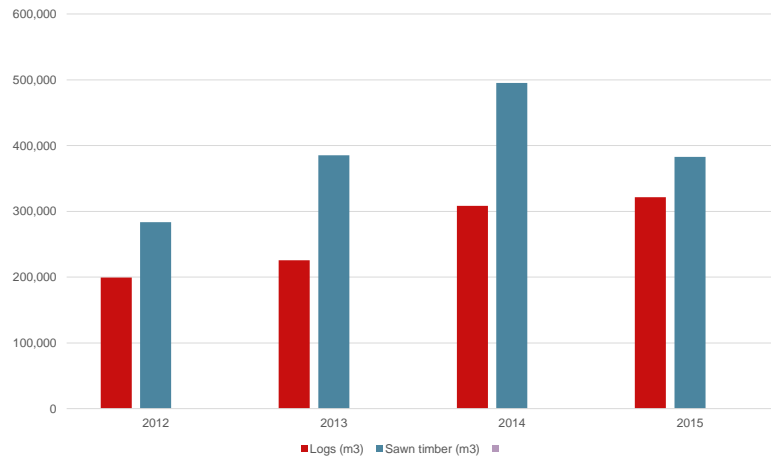
Timber exports from Laos to Vietnam in USD

(Source: DIMEX/MOIC)



Timber exports from Laos to Vietnam

(Source: Vietnamese Custom analyzed by HAWA/FPA/VIFORES/Forest-trends)



Prime Minister Office Order No. 015/PM.2016 on Strengthening the Forest Management, Harvesting Inspection, Transport and Forestry Business

Objectives:

- Imposed export ban on logs, sawn and cut woods, semi products, roots, stumps, non-timber forest products, etc.
- Suspension timber harvesting in production forest until the accomplishment of sustainable forest management plan
- Only finished products from verified sources can be exported

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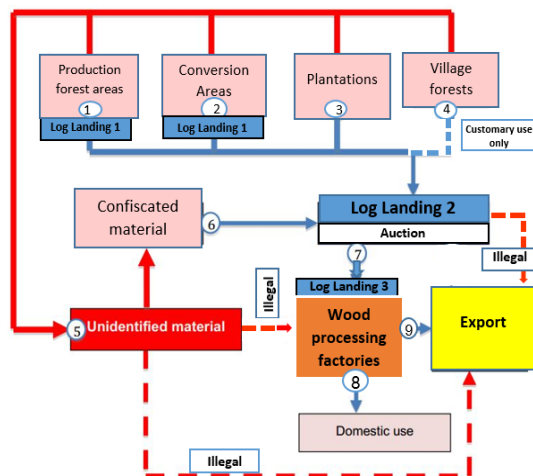
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Decision 40/PM on the establishment of the Task Force to conduct field inspection and provide guidance for the implementation of the Order 015/PM.2016.

Task Force members include:

- Central Anti-Corruption Commission
- Vice Minister of Agriculture and Forestry
- Inspection Department, Ministry of Defense
- Other relevant government agencies

Timber Flow Chart in Lao P.D.R



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