

FAO-EU Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) Programme

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Overview

Funding Contribution: 500,000 Euros

Donor: European Union (EU)
Government of the United Kingdom (DFID)
Kingdom of Sweden (SIDA)

Contribution to FAO's Strategic Framework: SO4
Enable inclusive and efficient agricultural and food systems.

Government Partner: Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Forest Management Bureau (DENR-FMB)

Collaborating Agencies: Civil Society Organizations, Private Sector, People's Organization, Academe, Other National Government Agencies

Project Duration: 2016-2020



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FAO-EU FLEGT Programme

- Part of a global network of actors supported by the EU to implement the **FLEGT Action Plan**
- It provides technical and financial support (grants) to national stakeholders to implement locally defined solutions to forest governance challenges and put the FLEGT Action Plan into practice.

Main Objective

To tackle illegal logging, promote trade in legal timber products and ultimately contribute to sustainable forest management (SFM) and poverty reduction.



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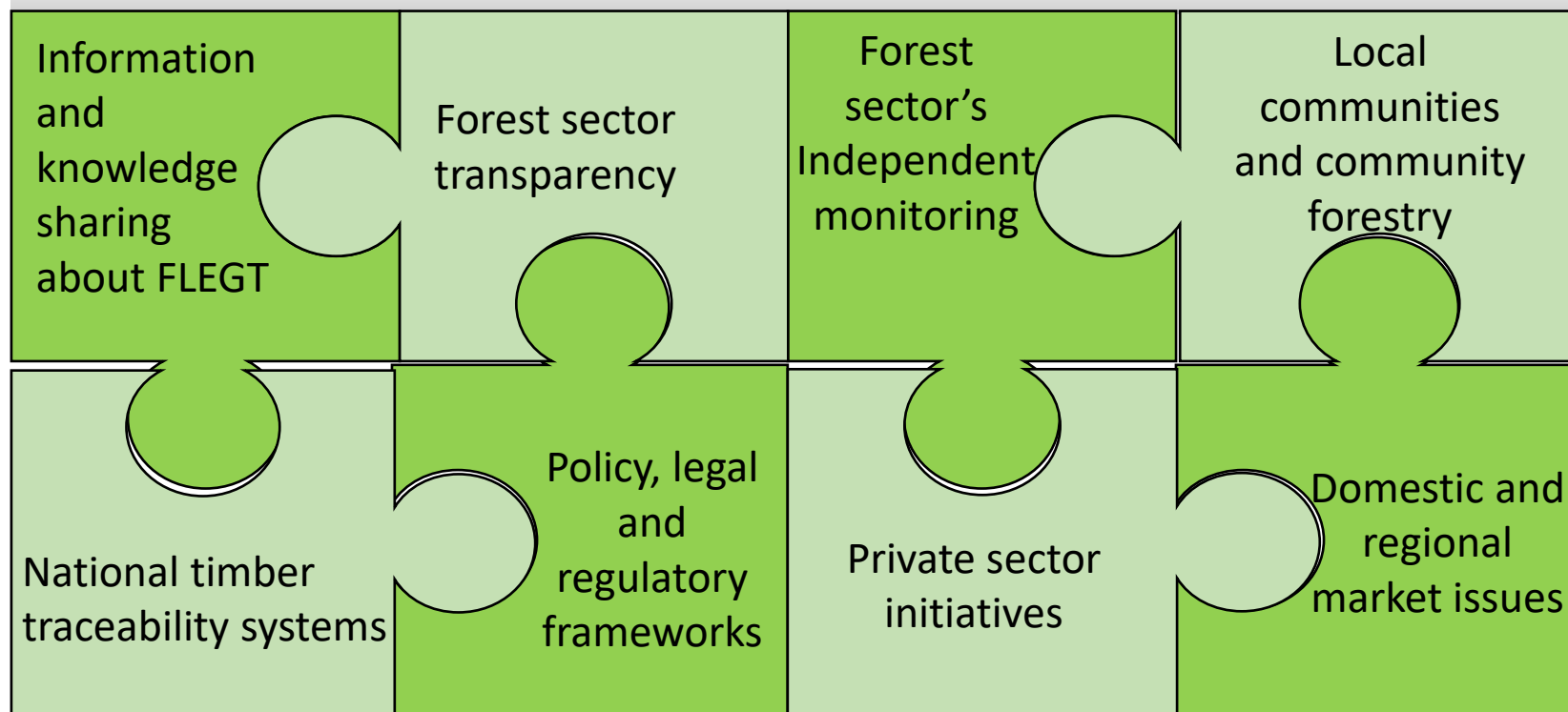
- Improved **local programme ownership and integration** for better planning, implementation and monitoring of programme support
- The programme works closely with the **private sector** (SMEs and smallholder producers) to define and address their greatest bottlenecks to producing legal timber.
- Stepping up collaboration and synergies with other **forest sector initiatives** (REDD+, CITES, Forest Certification, etc.)
- Strategic engagement with **consumer countries** and promotion of South-South Cooperation



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FLEGT Action Plan

8 thematic priorities



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Why FLEGT matters in the Philippines?

- Improved forest governance necessary to manage and protect the Philippines' remaining forest resources
- Consumer demand – markets in Vietnam and other ASEAN countries are asking Filipino producers for verified proof of legal timber
- Potential to revitalize Filipino forest sector by promoting creation of domestic supply of legal timber for supplying international markets
- Economic development and improved livelihood for tree farmers and communities through improving access to tenure registration mechanisms and market information



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Milestones

- Prepared the country situational analysis on the current state of forest governance and the private sector
- Conducted a multi-stakeholder workshop where a country FLEGT Roadmap identifying priority areas was developed including monitoring baseline for measuring progress and impacts on forest governance
- Established a national platform called Technical Working Group on Wood (TWGW) to guide, plan and monitor the progress and implementation of the FLEGT Roadmap
- Approved the implementation of three (3) Letter of Agreements (LOA) with service providers/project partners



Milestones

EU Regulations: Awareness campaign and compliance solutions

- Guide industry members to establish CoC systems that documents legal origin of material
- Guidebook includes mechanism for compliance monitoring of members by national associations
- Helps international clients comply with Due Diligence requirements



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Technical Working Group on Wood

- The TWGW was established as the national platform in the monitoring and implementation of projects in the FLEGT Roadmap.
- The 13-member TWGW has a Secretariat represented by the focal point from FMB and FAO Philippines. The Secretariat is responsible for coordinating the TWGW and evaluating concept notes.

TWGW Members

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) – Forest Management Bureau (FMB) Director
Philippine Wood Producers Association (PWPA)
DENR – Forest Management Bureau (FMB)
Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)
Society of Filipino Foresters, Inc. (SFFI)
Chamber of Furniture Industries of the Philippines (CFIP)
Community Based Forest Management People's Organization (PO) Federation (CBFMA)
National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP)
University of the Philippines Los Baños College of Forestry and Natural Resources – Forestry Development Center (FDC)
Department of Science and Technology – Forest Products Research and Development Institute (DOST-FPRDI)
Integrated Forest Management Association of the Philippines (IFMAP)
Philippine Center for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development, Inc. (PCEPSDI)
DENR – Foreign Assisted Projects Special Office (FASPO)



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Philippines FLEGT Roadmap

- *Information and Services*
 - develop online platforms that facilitate tree registration
 - mapping of the smallholder tree growers and their areas
- *Assurance Systems Development*
 - operationalize private sector due diligence systems
 - develop monitoring tools to ensure legality compliance
- *Policy and Legal Framework*
 - improvement of supporting legal framework for SFM
 - provision of incentive mechanisms to promote investments



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Projects (Letter of Agreements/LOA)

- Formulation of Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) for Executive Order 318, known as Promoting Sustainable Forest Management in the Philippines (*UPLB Foundation Inc.-Forestry Development Center*)
- Updating and Testing of the Chain-of-Custody (CoC) Guidebook: Advancing the Voluntary Due Diligence Process (*Chamber of Furniture Industries of the Philippines*)
- Advocacy Towards the Passage of the Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) Bill (*Society of Filipino Foresters, Inc.*)



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