

# Forest Law Enforcement Governance and Trade (FLEGT)

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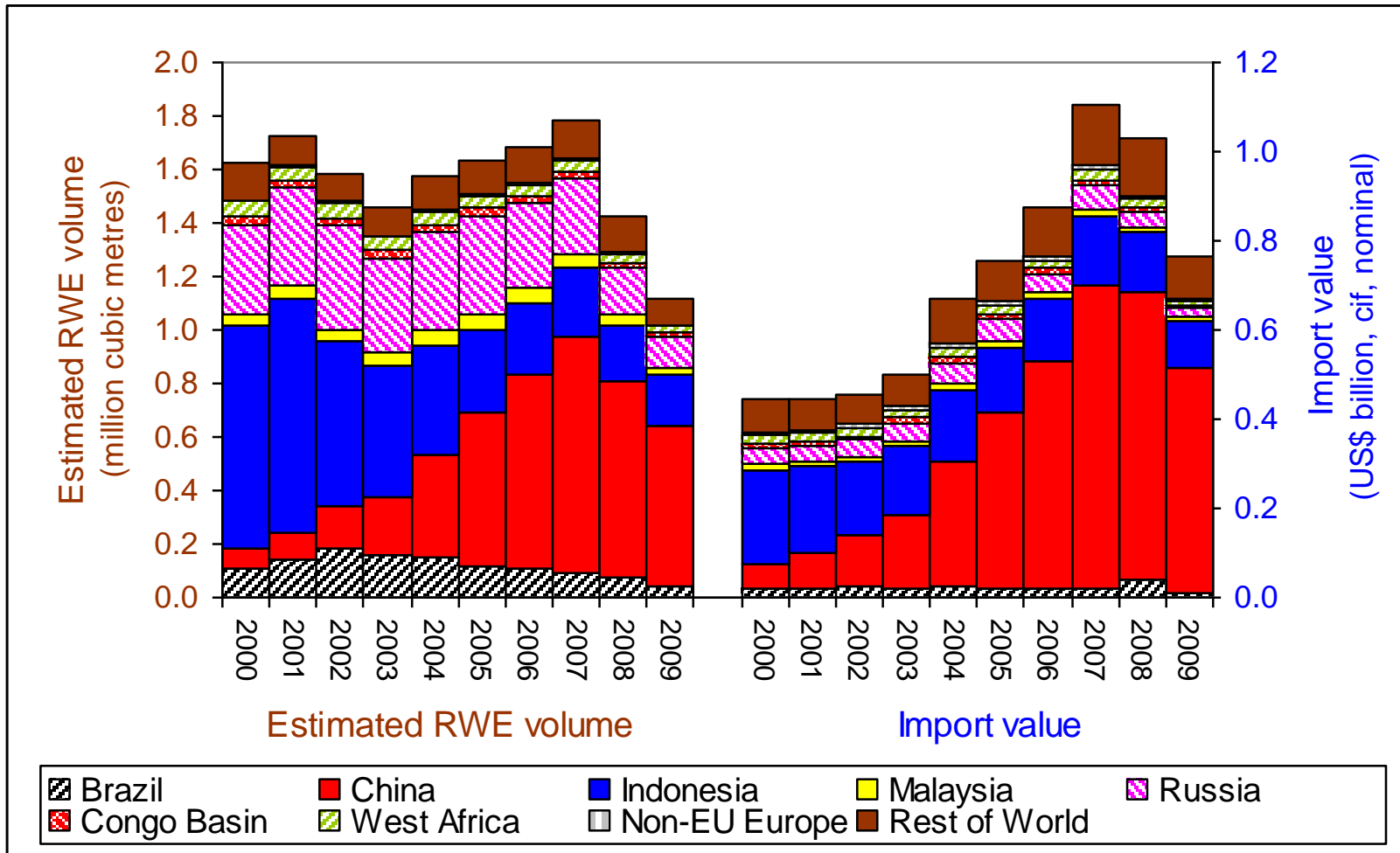


## Consumer markets are changing

- Confident in products they purchase
- Illegal; Damaging
- Legal; Good
- Timber and wood products
- Other “forest-risk” commodities
- Shared responsibility for illegal logging and trade
- Mutual action by all parties



# Where does the illegal timber in UK come from?



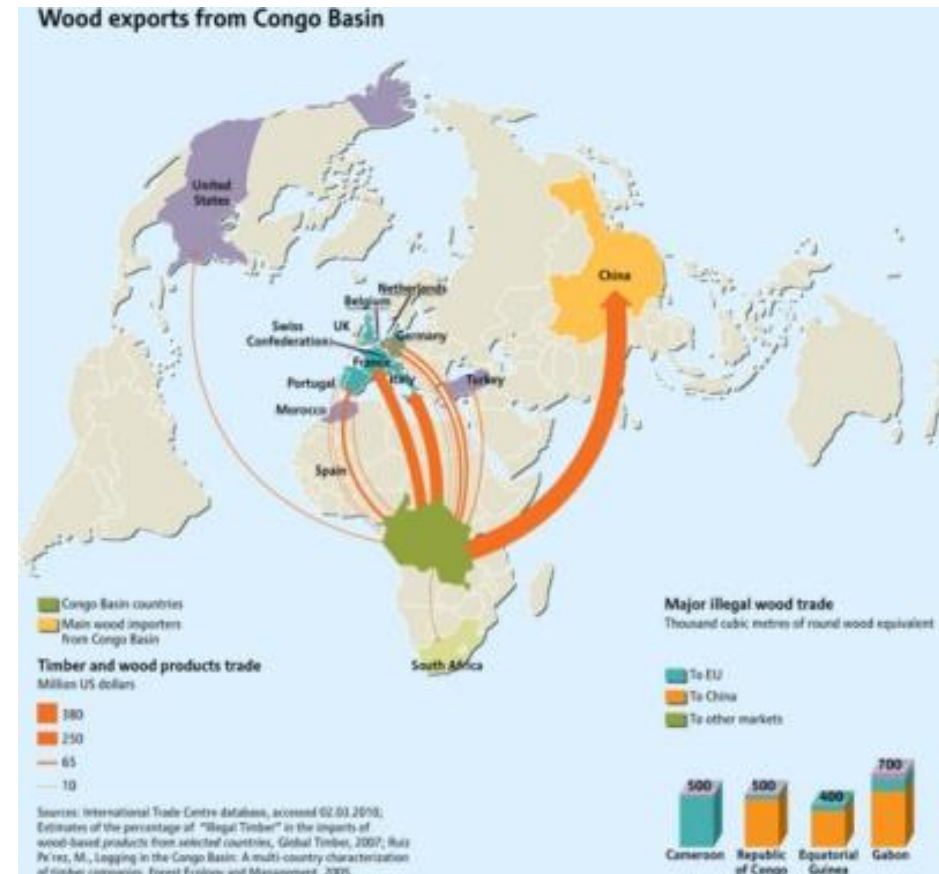


# FLEGT

FOREST LAW ENFORCEMENT  
GOVERNANCE AND TRADE

## Legally binding bilateral treaty to improve governance

- Applies EU wide (all 27 Member States) and partner country
- **Voluntary**, rooted in national sovereignty
- Clear legal framework
- System to verify legal compliance along supply chain
- Public disclosure of information
- Independent national audit
- Reforms give better market access
- Sale in EU of illegally logged timber & wood products a crime





# FLEGT VPA partner countries

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



Honduras



Guyana



Liberia



Ghana



Cameroon



Gabon



Congo



C.A.R.



DRC



Vietnam



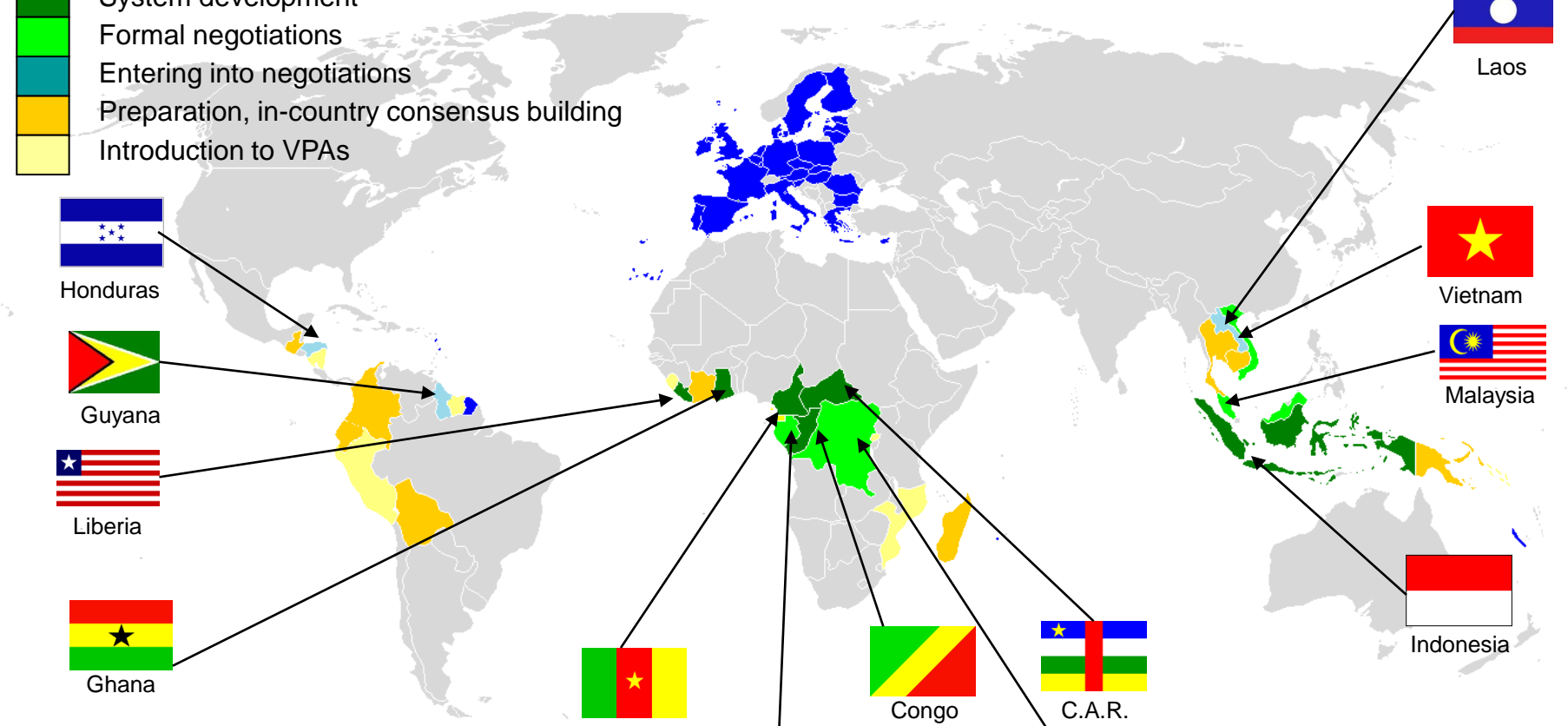
Malaysia



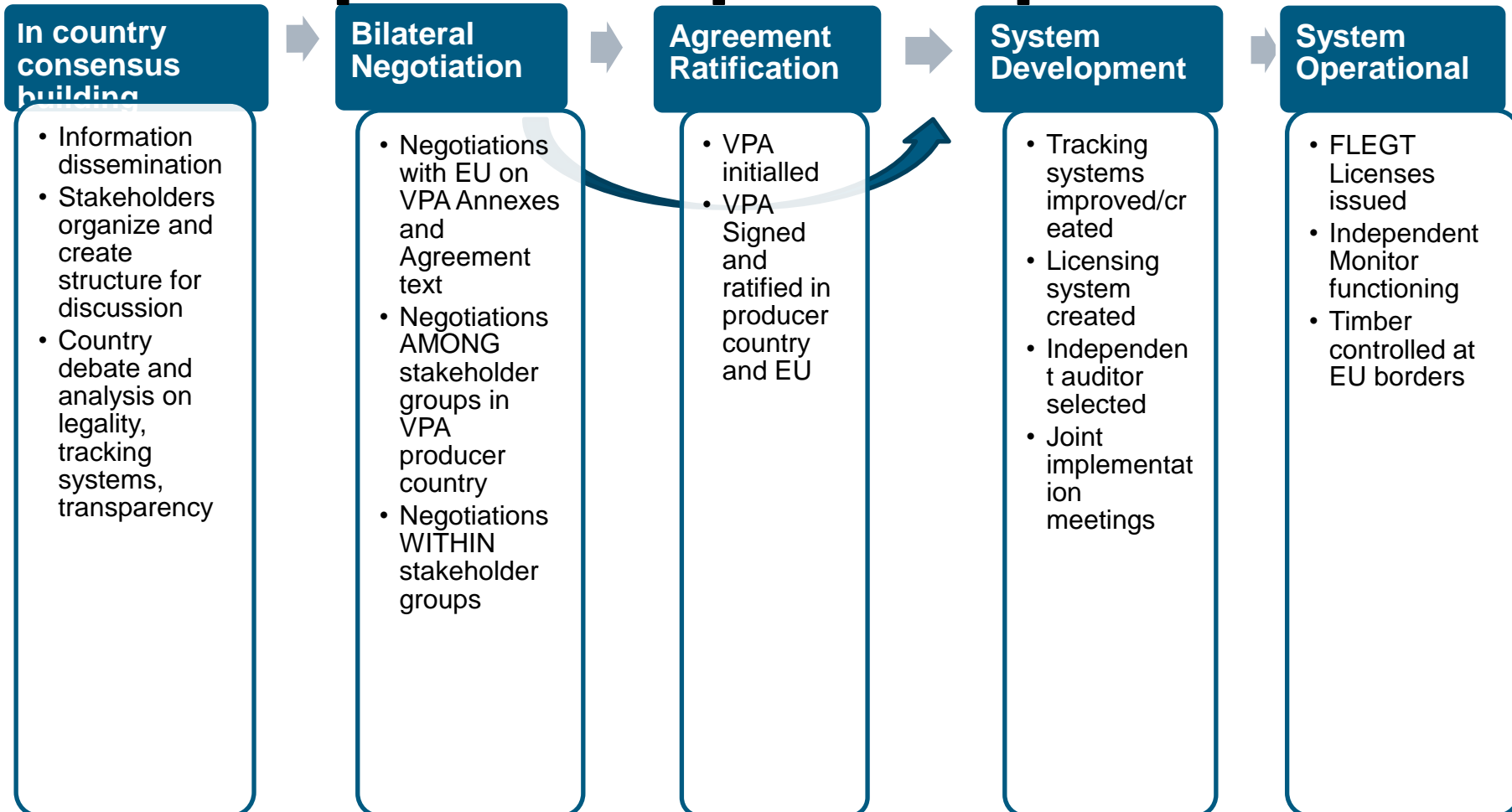
Indonesia



Laos



## Formal steps of FLEGT partnership





## Hidden forestry revealed



Characteristics, constraints and  
opportunities for small and medium  
forest enterprises in Ghana

Paul Osei-Tutu, Kwabena Nketiah, Boateng Kyereh,  
Mercy Owuau-Ansah, Joseph Faniyan



In country  
consensus  
building

Bilateral  
Negotiation

Agreement  
Ratification

System  
Development

System  
Operational

## Other opportunities

- Strengthen business, community & government organisations
- Strengthen stakeholder capability & representation
- Build evidence on legality and market

- Rethink ambiguous, incoherent, out-of-date laws & bodies
- Shed light on forest land allocation procedures
- Engage communities, private sector in review of legality & systems

- Improve revenue/tax regimes-collection, sharing, re-distribution
- Clarify policy goals & coherence within/ across sectors
- Disseminate information so laws, procedures & roles better understood
- Simplify procedures

- Make forest tenure & land allocation procedures clearer, including for communities
- Track poverty effects, benefit sharing

- Promote exchange & learning amongst FLEGT countries
- Promote business to business, community to community approaches
- Publish progress against action plan



## **FLEGT partnerships agreed**

### **Development and Challenges**



Ghana

20 Nov  
2009

#### **•Ghana**

4 JMRRM, last in March 2012; agreed Annual workplan  
Legality assurance system : End of the pilot phase. New  
contract for system roll out to be contracted soon  
Independent Monitor to be contracted shortly  
Working group to propose impact monitoring  
Annual report published



Cameroon

6 Sept  
2010

#### **•Cameroon :**

1st JIC in March 2012, detailed annual workplan agreed  
for 2012  
Chain of custody system problematic: mid term  
evaluation and testing on-going  
Procedures for legality verification under development  
Legality grids for new permit types under development

## FLEGT partnerships agreed (ratification in process)



Congo

17 May  
2010

- **Congo:** Waiting for ratification (Congo side). Legality verification procedures established, to be field tested. Communication plan prepared and website available. Tracking system under development. Legal framework being adapted. 1st JIC to be programmed.



C.A.R

November  
2011

- **CAR:** ratified by CAR, EP consent April 19, 1<sup>st</sup> preJIC Nov 2011, next June 2012, small FLEGT secretariat established in Forest Ministry to orchestrate implementation



Liberia

July  
2011

- **Liberia :** EP consent April 19, 1<sup>st</sup> pre-JIC March 2012, Aide Memoire & detailed Annual workplan agreed, LAS under development (verification protocols, interim stakeholder structures established, VPA Support Unit to be established later in 2012



Indonesia

Autumn  
2012 ?

- **Indonesia:** negotiations concluded; final “scrubbing” of legal text, formal signature and ratification process starting. Rolling out of SVLK auditing system underway







## Partnerships in negotiation



Vietnam



Opening  
29 November  
2010

### •Vietnam:

Technical session in Hanoi this week

Aim at concluding in 2013

Challenge to deal with a major processing hub where 80% imports come from 26 countries

Stakeholder process: need for capacity building to inform/raise awareness on stakeholders role in the process and ensure an effective participation and a timely input ion the negotiation process.



Malaysia



Opening  
January 2006

### •Malaysia:

Negotiations process resumed following internal discussions, proposed that Sarawak would not be included initially but would join later.

Some annexes still to be agreed on





## Partnerships in negotiation



Gabon



Opening  
24 September  
2010

### •Gabon:

Opening Sept. 2010. Negotiation in October 2011, next one in June 2012. Expected conclusion 1<sup>st</sup> half 2013

Legality definition validated and to be field tested

Elaboration of the legality assurance system ongoing

Delays in the process. Challenge of getting Min of Forestry and other Ministries being proactive



DRC



Opening  
24 October  
2010

### •DRC:

Opening Oct 2010. 1st negotiation session Feb 2011

Videoconferences in summer 2011 to start work on legality definition.

Process then was delayed due to pre and post-electoral events.

Waiting for political signal from DRC authorities to resume the process.

Ongoing civil society projects to inform and raise awareness about FLEGT. Development of a national control strategy.



## Partnerships starting



Honduras



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**•Honduras:**

Formal request to start negotiations. Existence of COCONFAOR (*Consejo consultivo nacional de foresteria*). Civil society capacity building needed. Strong community forestry. Strong development support programmes (EU, D).



Laos



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**•Laos:**

Formal request to start negotiations. Vietnam an important market. Ongoing mission of EC to discuss next steps.



Guyana



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**•Guyana:**

March 2012: formal request to start negotiations. Next steps to be determined with Guyana. 3 explanatory meetings in 2010 and in 2011. Stakeholder consultation process and in-country consensus building



## **In country consensus building**

### **Côte d'Ivoire:**

Series of in-country stakeholder meetings in 2011. National workshop planned. Strong interest.

### **Mekong region:**

Myanmar recent political developments, including lift of the sanctions, may open up to establishing a dialogue on forest governance (FLEGT & REDD+)

Thailand exploring options to respond to EUTR requirements and considering to start VPA negotiations

Cambodia associated to regional FLEGT information campaign organized and still ongoing in the whole region;



## **FLEGT introduction – information sharing**

### **Development and Challenges**

Growing demand for information on FLEGT VPA

Partly driven by the EU timber regulation, partly driven by stakeholders who see the process as a tool to address some specific challenges.

### **Central America:**

Growing interest for FLEGT (demand from CCAD)

### **South America:**

Growing interest for FLEGT.

### **Southern Africa:**

Growing interest for FLEGT from Uganda, Zambia, Madagascar and Mozambique

### **Russia, Chile, China, Brazil, Australia, New Zealand**

Already taking action

## Indicators of impact... 10 years forest governance efforts



### Illegal Logging and Related Trade

Indicators of the Global Response

Sam Lawson and Larry MacFaul

July 2010

- Avoided 350 million m<sup>3</sup> of timber illegally harvested
- 17 million hectares forest protected from degradation (deforestation)
- £6.5 billion tax revenue to cash-strapped exchequers
- Emissions reductions achieved at cost of below \$2-4 carbon tonne
- Emissions of 1.2 (14.6) billion MT CO<sub>2</sub>e avoided

## **Grasping the opportunity**

- Rethink regulations
- Clarity and coherence to allocation and distribution of resources
- Engage local stakeholders – communities and companies
- Improve transparency
- Update knowledge
- Improve access to markets (domestic and regional)
- Improve access to trade (international)
- Seek supportive measures to do this



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