

Annex

Work Plan for Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (FLEG) in ASEAN, 2016 - 2025

STRATEGIC THRUST 1: ENHANCING SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT				
Action Programme	Activities	Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	Expected Results	Responsible Parties
1.1 Strengthened Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (FLEG).	1.1.1 Finalise the Manual for Assessing Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (FLEG) Implementation in ASEAN Member States through pilot-testing.	The Manual for Assessing FLEG Implementation in ASEAN Member States approved by ASOF and endorsed by AMAF.	2016-2020	ASEAN Working Group on Forest Management (AWG-FM)
	1.1.2 Monitor, assess and report periodically the progress in implementing the Manual for Assessing FLEG Implementation in ASEAN Member States.	Biennial assessment report on the status of implementation of the Manual prepared and shared with the ASEAN Secretariat.	2016-2025	AWG-FM
	1.1.3 Prepare a handbook on good practices of FLEG for the ASEAN region.	A handbook on good practices of FLEG in ASEAN, based on experiences and lessons learned in implementing the Manual for Assessing FLEG Implementation in ASEAN Member States, and other FLEG related activities, including trade in forest products that are sourced legally and from sustainably managed forests prepared.	2021-2025	AWG-FM
	1.1.4 Review laws and enhance coherence by harmonising relevant laws and regulations at national level that support FLEG implementation.	Harmonised laws and regulations at national level that support FLEG implementation prepared.	2016-2020	AWG-FM
	1.1.5 Strengthen the implementation of forest law enforcement, governance, transparency and the rule of law.	A framework or mechanisms for strengthening enforcement of forest law and governance for ASEAN Member States developed.	2016-2020	AWG-FM
	1.1.6 Address the social cultural aspect of illegal logging and its associated trade, in particular poverty eradication and illicit practices, such as corruption and money laundering.	Documents on the social cultural aspect of illegal logging and its associated trade prepared and shared among ASEAN Member States.	2016-2020	ASEAN Working Group on Social Forestry (AWG-SF)

STRATEGIC THRUST 2: ENHANCING TRADE FACILITATION, ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND MARKET ACCESS				
Action Programme	Activities	Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	Expected Results	Responsible Parties
2.1 Facilitation of Legal and Sustainable Forest Products Trade.	2.1.1 Review and assess the implementation of forest certification using the ASEAN Guidelines on Phased-approach to Forest Certification.	Annual report on the implementation of forest certification using the ASEAN Guidelines on Phased-approach to Forest Certification in ASEAN Member States prepared.	2021-2025	ASEAN Working Group on Forest Products Development (AWG-FPD)
	2.1.2 Review and assess the implementation of chain-of-custody of timber and timber products by the wood-based industries using the ASEAN Guidelines for Chain-of-Custody of Legal Timber and Sustainable Timber.	Annual report on the implementation of chain-of-custody of timber and timber products by the wood-based industries using the ASEAN Guidelines for Chain-of-Custody of Legal Timber and Sustainable Timber in ASEAN Member States prepared.	2021-2025	AWG-FPD
	2.1.3 Incorporate forest sustainability criteria and indicators into the ASEAN Criteria and Indicators for Legality of Timber.	Forest sustainability criteria and indicators incorporated into the ASEAN Criteria and Indicators for Legality of Timber.	2016-2020	AWG-FPD, AWG-FM
	2.1.4 Encourage greater participation of the private sector in marketing forest products that are sourced legally and from sustainably managed forests.	Periodic trade statistics of trade in forest products that are sourced legally and from sustainably managed forests compiled and disseminated.	2016-2025	AWG-FPD, ASEAN Forest Products Industry Club (AFPIC), ASEAN Furniture Industries Council (AFIC)
	2.1.5 Facilitate the inclusion of legal timber trade in the development of National Single Windows (NSWs).	Regular meetings to promote the inclusion of legal timber trade in the development of NSWs conducted by ASEAN Member States. Number of AMS that have included legal timber trade in their NSW	2016-2020	AWG-FPD, Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation Working Group (CPTWG)
	2.1.6 Strengthen co-ordination of joint strategies in seeking better market access for ASEAN forest products that are sourced legally and from sustainably managed forests.	Regular meetings between ASEAN Member States and Chambers of Commerce, industry associations etc to seek better market access for ASEAN forest products that are sourced legally and from sustainably managed forests conducted.	2016-2025	AWG-FPD, AFPIC, AFIC

	2.1.7 Undertake joint approaches and actions to develop and promote markets for forest products that are sourced legally and from sustainably managed forests.	Regular meetings between ASEAN Member States and Chambers of Commerce, industry associations etc to develop and promote markets for forest products that are sourced legally and from sustainably managed forests conducted.	2016-2025	AWG-FPD, AFPIC, AFIC
	2.1.8 Promote dialogue with the private sector, especially the small- and medium-sized enterprises (SME) in increasing the trade of forest products that are sourced legally and from sustainably managed forests.	Regular meetings with private sector representatives to increase the trade of forest products that are sourced legally and from sustainably managed forests conducted.	2016-2025	AWG-FPD, AFPIC, AFIC
	2.1.9 Develop a regional framework for mutual recognition of legality, including guidelines to recognise system used by each ASEAN Member State.	A regional framework for mutual recognition of legality, including guidelines to recognise system used by each Member State in place, leading to an agreement on mutual recognition of legal timber.	2016-2025	AWG-FPD
	2.1.10 Strengthen efforts among ASEAN Member States to establish regional agreements on timber trade, including legal timber, and promote co-operation with ASEAN's external partners in the global timber trade.	Negotiations among ASEAN Member States to establish regional agreements on timber trade, including legal timber, and promote co-operation with external partners, facilitated by the ASEAN Secretariat conducted.	2016-2020	AWG-FPD, ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC)
	2.1.11 Develop a voluntary code of conduct to guide companies involved in the forestry sector to conduct their businesses lawfully and comply with all relevant legislation, and include it in their corporate social responsibility (CSR).	A voluntary code of conduct for forest companies to conduct their businesses lawfully and comply with all relevant legislation developed and incorporated in their CSR.	2016-2025	AWG-FPD, AFPIC, AFIC

STRATEGIC THRUST 3: STRENGTHENING ASEAN'S JOINT APPROACHES ON REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AFFECTING THE FORESTRY SECTOR

Action Programme	Activities	Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	Expected Results	Responsible Parties
3.1 Strengthened ASEAN Co-ordinated Actions on FLEG at Regional and International Fora.	3.1.1 Support and contribute to international and regional initiatives on FLEG to enhance trade in forest products that are sourced legally and from sustainably managed forests, such as the APEC Experts' Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade (EGILAT).	Mechanisms for regional co-operation on FLEG to contribute to international and regional initiatives to enhance trade in forest products that are sourced legally and from sustainably managed forests developed	2016-2025	ASOF, ASEC

	3.1.2 Encourage the international community, such as the European Union (EU), to participate and contribute to ASEAN's efforts in strengthening FLEG implementation in the region.	Regular meetings with the international community to contribute to ASEAN's efforts in strengthening FLEG implementation conducted, taking into account its role in trade facilitation of forest products that are sourced legally and from sustainably managed forests.	2016-2025	ASOF, ASEC
	3.1.3 Promote dialogue at the national and regional level on the synergies between FLEG activities, including forest certification, and 'Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation, Conservation of Forest Carbon Stocks, Sustainable Management of Forest, and Enhancement of Forest Carbon Stocks' (REDD+) initiatives.	Regular dialogues with relevant stakeholders on the synergies between FLEG activities and REDD+ initiatives conducted.	2016-2025	AWG-FM, ASEAN Regional Knowledge Network on Forests and Climate Change (ARKN-FCC)
3.2. Enhancement of ASEAN Joint Approaches in Addressing FLEG Issues.	3.2.1 Exchange information on issues affecting the interest of ASEAN Member States on FLEG implementation, including experiences and lessons learned, and challenges in addressing them.	Procedures to facilitate exchange of information on FLEG implementation, experiences and lessons learned, and challenges established.	2016-2025	AWG-FM
	3.2.2 Strengthen regional customs co-operation to combat the trade in illegal timber.	Regular meetings with the customs to combat the trade in illegal timber conducted.	2016-2025	ASEAN Director-General of Customs Meeting (Customs DG), ASOF
	3.2.3 Develop a framework for enforcement co-operation at the ASEAN level that deals with illicit trafficking of timber and to facilitate cross-border enforcement.	A framework for enforcement co-operation at the ASEAN level and rules and procedures to facilitate cross-border enforcement on illicit trafficking of timber established.	2016-2020	ASOF, Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC), ASEC
	3.2.4 Promote collaboration with relevant multilateral programmes such as UNODC, UNCAC and UNCTOC, and the EU-FLEGT VPA process to sharpen the impact of FLEG activities in the region.	List of collaborative programmes that strengthen FLEG activities in ASEAN.	2016-2025	ASOF, ASEC
	3.2.5 Adopt and articulate ASEAN common positions on timber legality and associated trade of timber and timber products at	Mechanisms for adopting and articulating ASEAN common positions at international and regional fora developed.	2016-2025	AWG-FPD, ASOF

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STRATEGIC THRUST 4: INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

Action Programme	Activities	Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	Expected Results	Responsible Parties
4.1. Promotion and Implementation of Training Programmes on FLEG.	4.1.1 Identify available training programmes in the region and develop mechanisms for sharing of such programmes.	List of available training programmes, including mechanisms for sharing them compiled.	2016-2025	AWG-FM, AWG-FPD
	4.1.2 Conduct needs assessment at the national level for FLEG implementation.	Needs assessment for implementing FLEG in ASEAN Member States at national level conducted and reported to ASOF.	2016-2020	AWG-FM, AWG-FPD
	4.1.3 Conduct training activities for customs, forestry, and other law enforcers on relevant forest laws and regulations, court proceedings and judicial processes, based on the results of 4.1.2.	List of conducted trainings in forest legislation, court proceedings and judicial processes for customs and other law enforcers, such as border guards, in ASEAN Member States compiled and disseminated.	2016-2025	AWG-FM, AWG-FPD
	4.1.4 Conduct capacity building activities (training, seminars and workshop) of key customs, trade and forest officials involved in issuing or handling timber export and import documentation, including illegal timber shipment detection.	Capacity building activities on timber trade administration conducted.	2016-2020	AWG-FPD
	4.1.5 Develop and implement specific support programme (training, seminars and workshops) to enable small- and medium-sized enterprises (SME) to trade in forest products that are sourced legally and from sustainably managed forests.	Support programme to enable small- and medium-sized enterprises (SME) to trade in forest products that are sourced legally and from sustainably managed forests developed and implemented.	2016-2025	AWG-FPD, AFPIC, AFIC
	4.1.6 Promote greater awareness and conduct training on forest governance for business actors, civil society organisations (CSO), and local community.	List of awareness and training programmes on forest governance for business actors, CSO, and local community in ASEAN Member States conducted.	2016-2025	AWG-FM, AWG-FPD

	4.1.7 Conduct workshops and seminars, including focused group discussions on topics affecting FLEG implementation and trade in forest products that are sourced legally and from sustainably managed forests.	List of conducted workshops, seminars and focused group discussions compiled and disseminated.	2016-2025	AWG-FM, AWG-FPD
4.2. Enhancement of Sharing Experiences and Lessons Learned on FLEG implementation.	4.2.1 Facilitate cross-learning among ASEAN Member States in enhancing FLEG implementation, combating illegal forestry activities and timber trade, including the EU-FLEGT VPA process.	Approaches used by ASEAN Member States in implementing FLEG, combating illegal forestry activities and timber trade, including the EU-FLEGT VPA process shared through the ASEAN Forest Clearing House Mechanism (CHM).	2016-2025	AEG-FM, AWG-FPD, ASEC
	4.2.2 Establish a regional clearing house mechanism to enable the sharing and exchange of information on legal and illegal activities in the forestry sector, including trade in forest products that are sourced legally and from sustainably managed forests in the region.	The capability of the ASEAN Forest Clearing House Mechanism (CHM) to share and exchange information on legal and illegal activities, including trade in forest products that are sourced legally and from sustainably managed forests among ASEAN Member States developed.	2016-2020	AEG-FM, AWG-FPD, ASEC
	4.2.3 Establish a national multi-sectoral committee involving relevant authorities, for example, customs, trade, forestry, and transnational crimes unit to oversee implementation of FLEG, and a network among them at the ASEAN level.	A national multi-sectoral committee and a regional network among national committees at the ASEAN level established.	2021-2025	ASEAN Member States, respective ASEAN bodies in collaboration with ASEC

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