Responsible Asia Forestry and Trade (RAFT) Program

Purpose: Information
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Context for RAFT’s work

- Illegal logging
- Forest conversions
- Variable legal logging practices
- Estimate: 13% natural production forests sustainably managed
- New laws to combat illegal logging & trade
- Demand for legality verification systems & capacity
- Demand for certification of forest management
Theory of Change: forest sector

Amplify the policy signals

Consumer Gov.  Wholesaler/Retailer  Consumer

Processor Gov.  Processor

Producer Gov.  Forest Manager

Community

Amplify the market signals

Build capacity to respond to policy & market signals

Share experiences & knowledge to facilitate scaling up

Theory of Change: beyond forest sector

FINANCIAL MECHANISMS (carbon, conventional)

REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS

LAND ALLOCATION PROCESSES
Core RAFT partners

Demonstration models, training & materials:
• chain of custody
• reduced impact logging

Additional assistance to industry & small holders:
• national timber legality verification systems
• FSC certification
Training & materials:
• Timber chain of custody & export/import legality requirements

Additional assistance to factories, industry associations & training institutions:
• market linkages
• Scaling up training opportunities

Technical support for development & implementation of:
• timber legality verification systems

Research & analysis:
• understand & document the current state of legality compliance
• pilot test compliance with legality verification systems
• disseminate compelling information about policies & practices that increase trade in legal products from responsible managed sources
Some RAFT Achievements (2006-2011)

• Nearly 1.3 million ha of tropical forest FSC certified, with another 2 million on the way

• Grew from 5 to 59 timber concessions working with RAFT

• 1000 wood manufacturers in 6 countries trained in new timber legality requirements in the US and EU
Some RAFT Achievements (2006-2011)

• Significant contributions to the national timber legality verification systems in Indonesia (SVLK) & China (CTLVS)

• Contributions to ASEAN-endorsed chain of custody (CoC) guidelines for legal and sustainable timber

• “Carbon Management Practices” that can reduce carbon emissions by 35% without decreasing in timber production
To increase the proportion of legally and sustainably produced wood within the APEC region:

1. The RAFT platform can be used to inform and support further actions of APEC economies

2. There are existing legality standards, implementation experience, and resources for capacity building

3. EGILAT could consider the following actions:
   - Help APEC economies to better understand the policy & market signals
   - Help APEC economies to better understand & enhance national timber legality regulations & the capacity to implement & enforce them
   - Assemble & analyse data to inform & monitor how APEC economies are adapting to the changing signals
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