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in International Market through Enhancing
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Project Topics

The project is based on the topics of Forestry and Illegal Logging & Green Economy.

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Co-Sponsoring Economies

It is proposed by China and co-sponsored by Chile, Malaysia, New Zealand, Peru, and Viet Nam.

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Total Budget

The total budget is 132,000 US dollars including APEC Support Fund 120,000 US dollars and self-funding 12,000 US dollars.

Project Objective

The objective of the project is to **deepen the understanding** among member economies, with special attention on developing economies, about **the concept of sustainable forest management** with special focus on production forests, by jointly reviewing techniques and best practices in this regard while **strengthening regional technical coordination** to promote the legal and sustainable timber distribution in the Asia-Pacific region.

Focusing on production-stage governance is designed to enable and accelerate EGILAT's work through two mutually reinforcing approaches:

- 1) source governance is easier to implement and control for each economy, and it's more conducive to learning and sharing best practices. In practice, internal resources can be mobilized according to each economy's conditions and actual circumstances to ensure timber legality at the source.*
- 2) Effective source governance fundamentally guarantees the legality of timber supply, thereby promoting the flow of legal timber into supply chains and markets. It will become a strong driver for building legal supply chains and facilitating legal timber trade.*

The project implementation will further advance the following objectives:

- *Promote trade and investment, and foster strong, balanced, secure, sustainable, and inclusive growth under the Putrajaya Vision 2040.*
- *Support implementation of key frameworks including Multiyear Strategic Plan (2023-2027), Aotearoa Plan of Action, Serena Roadmap, Bangkok Goals on Bio-Circular-Green Economy (2022 Bangkok Goal).*
- *Address priorities specified in the 2022 Bangkok Goals regarding (c) Promoting environmental conservation, sustainable use and management of natural resources, as well as halting and reversing biodiversity loss by: (iii) Strengthening efforts to combat illegal logging and associated trade, stop the degradation of forest ecosystems, and promote trade and consumption in sustainably managed and legally harvested forest products.*

Capacity Enhancement Activities

Pre-survey

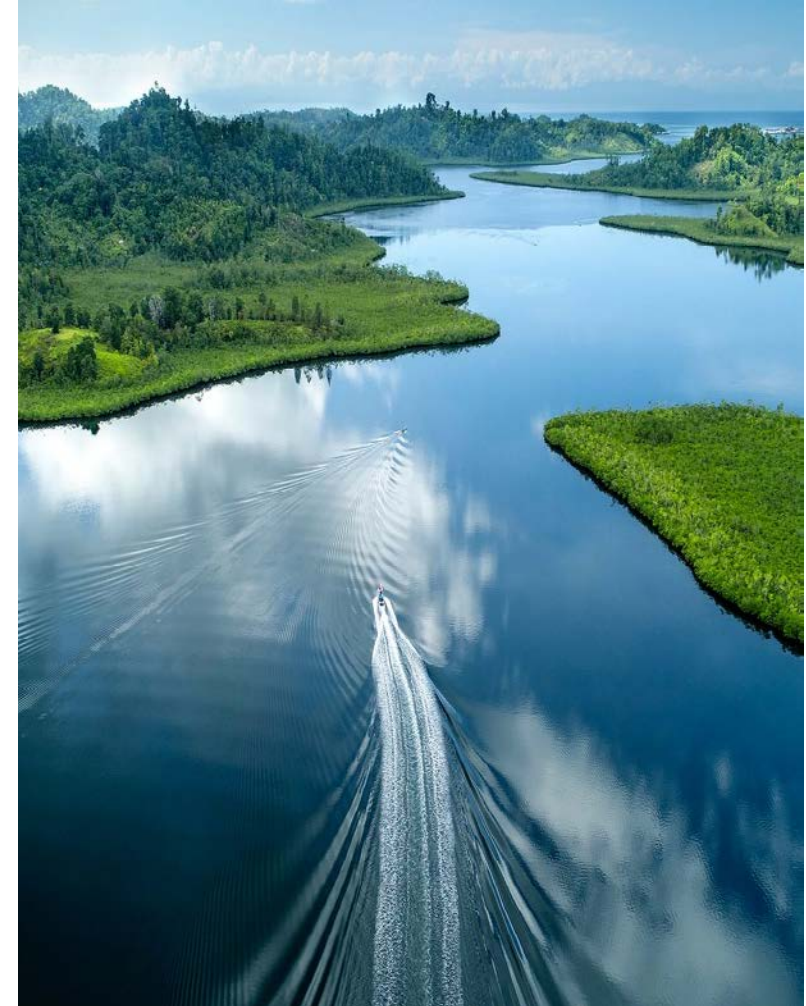
Conduct a pre-survey to identify existing techniques and best practices for sustainable forest management among member economies.

Capacity Building Workshop

Organize a workshop to facilitate stakeholder discussions, build shared understanding on the concept of sustainable forest management and how it will contribute to legal timber supply, and supporting the entrance of legal and sustainable timber and wood products into global market with special focus on upstream economies.

Project Report

Prepare two reports including a pre-survey report and a project summary report. We will share the reports with all the member economies.



Target Beneficiaries

Key Stakeholders

Participants will include key stakeholders from the forest products industry, including government authorities, forest management units, forest-dependent communities, forestry associations, etc. Each economy will identify and nominate its own stakeholders.

Benefit all Member Economies

This project will benefit all member economies especially by strengthening their capacities to nurture, manage, and utilize forests sustainably focusing on, e.g, seedling raising, afforestation, forest management plans, wood processing among other aspects.



Progress Indicators

Indicators to measure progress towards the project outcomes will include survey completion rates and stakeholder participation in the designed workshop.

External Collaboration

All information and case studies will be shared with external entities, which may include FAO, ITTO, WRI, APFNet, Forest Trends, and/or other institutions, the private sector and industry associations.



Regional Collaboration

In the short term, the project will enhance members' understanding on SFM, foster technical best practices, promote the production of legally sourced timber, combat illegal logging and related trade at its source, and facilitate the legal timber distribution.

Long-term Benefits

In the long term, the project will contribute to environmental sustainability, enhances well-being of forest-dependent communities, and increase government revenues.



Thanks!

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