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Agenda Item: V.B

Strengthening Practices for Traceability and Sustainable Management in Natural Forests

Purpose: Information Submitted by: Peru



28th Experts Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade Meeting Incheon, Korea 28–30 July 2025



CN: Strengthening Practices for Traceability and Sustainable Management in Natural Forests

- APEC Expert Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade (EGILAT)
- Perú



Project Objective:

• To contribute to the sustainability of legal forest trade in APEC economies by strengthening MSMEs' capacities to implement traceable, low-impact natural forest harvesting operations, optimize residue utilization, and promote best practices that support climate change mitigation and economic development.

Issues:

- Weak planning and lack of sustainability in forest exploitation.
- Limited access of forestry MSMEs to traceability systems.
- More than 40% of harvested wood becomes waste (FAO).
- More than 30% of the timber trade is illegal (INTERPOL).
- Opportunities existing in APEC to be replicated in emerging economies.

Project Details:

Project Topic	Forestry and Illegal Logging, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Green Economy
Organization	Technological Institute of Production of Peru (ITP)
Budget	\$ 110,000.00
Start Date	05-03-2026 (Expected)
APEC Forum	Experts Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade-
Co-Sponsoring	Australia, Canada, China and Chile

Proposal

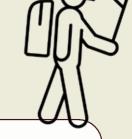


- Identification of critical points for traceability and sustainability in waste utilization
- Consultation with EGILAT member economies and APEC economies

Diagnosis

Model Guide

- Compilation of successful experiences in APEC economies.
- Development of replicable procedures in MSMEs, economies, organizations, and public institutions with regulatory analysis.
- Validation and publication on regional platforms.



- Presentation by EGILAT representatives
- Participation of emerging economies
- Development of pilot traceability and sustainability practices
- Inclusion of practices in operational instruments

International conference



- Socialization for APEC economies linked to the forestry sector, MSMEs, institutions that grant rights, and authorities
- Monitoring sessions in coordination bodies
- Evaluation and updating on regional platforms



Expected Results

Diagnosis of forest harvesting operations in MSMEs



Improving traceability systems in the forest product supply chain to become part of the legal and sustainable trade value chain

Model guide for promoting legal and sustainable forest trade in APEC economies



Sharing replicable experiences from other economies and promoting cooperation for the implementation of technological solutions for traceability and sustainable use with waste management.

International conference on traceability practices and sustainable management in natural forests



Increased compliance with the regulatory framework by public actors and MSMEs in each of the APEC economies involved, contributing to the fight against illegal logging.

