



Update on FLEGT Action Plan and VPAs

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Presentation structure

1) EU FLEGT Action Plan

2) Update on VPAs

3) IMM Objectives

EU FLEGT Action Plan

The Action Plan sets out measures to:

- Prevent the import of illegal timber into the EU*
- Improve the supply of legal timber*
- Increase demand for timber from responsibly managed forests*

EU FLEGT Action Plan

Seven broad areas:

- 1) Supporting timber-producing countries, including promoting fair solutions to the illegal logging problem*
- 2) Promoting trade in legal timber, including developing and implementing VPAs between the EU and timber-producing countries*
- 3) Promoting public procurement policies*

EU FLEGT Action Plan

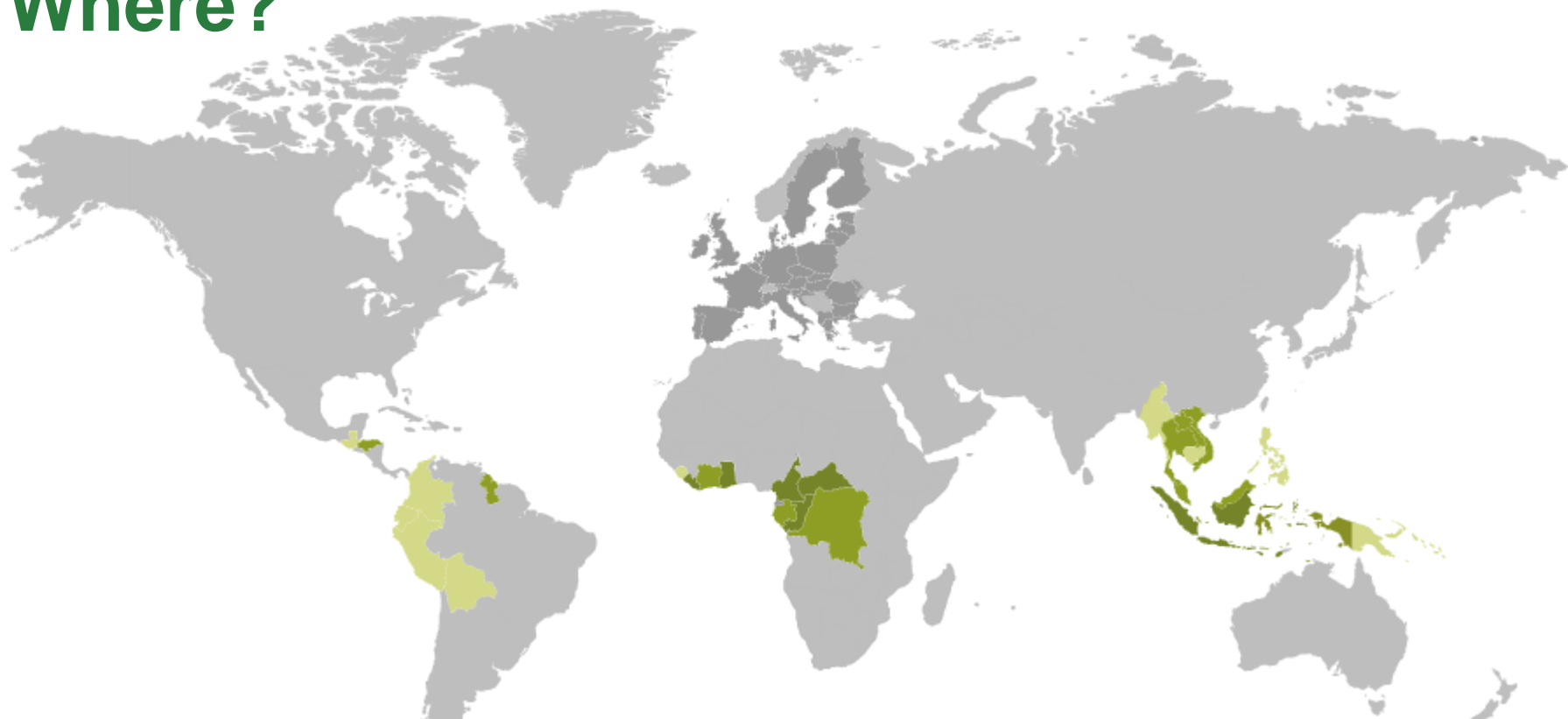
Seven broad areas:

- 4) *Supporting private sector initiatives*
- 5) *Safeguarding financing and investment*
- 6) *Using existing or new legislation to support the Action Plan, including the EU Timber Regulation*
- 7) *Addressing the problem of conflict timber*

FLEGT

FOREST LAW ENFORCEMENT
GOVERNANCE AND TRADE

Where?



- **Implementing:** Cameroon, Central African Republic, Ghana, Indonesia, Liberia, Republic of the Congo
- **Negotiating:** Côte d'Ivoire, DR Congo, Gabon, Guyana, Honduras, Laos, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam
- **Preparing to negotiate:** Cambodia, Myanmar/Burma
- **Informing:** Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Peru, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Sierra Leone



IMM Objectives

Generate information that demonstrates changes in trade of legally verified timber and timber products in the EU market

Improve knowledge and understanding of the impacts of VPAs on timber prices, trade and market trends globally

Ensure VPA countries & EU provide reliable stats and info on FLEGT timber trade and acceptance in their reporting

IMM Objectives

Inform decisions by VPA Joint Implementation Committees (JICs) by providing timely & accurate info on market impact

Contribute to monitoring the impacts of the FLEGT Action Plan and to inform its implementation

Develop a long-term strategy for sustaining the IMM in consultation with the EU and VPA partner countries



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Thank you!