



Forest governance:

Challenges and issues of conversion and tree plantations in permanent forest estates

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General policies and legislation frameworks

Policies that impact on conversion and tree plantations in PFEs

- Direct policies on the forest resource
 - Land use
 - Forest
 - Biodiversity
 - Indigenous Peoples

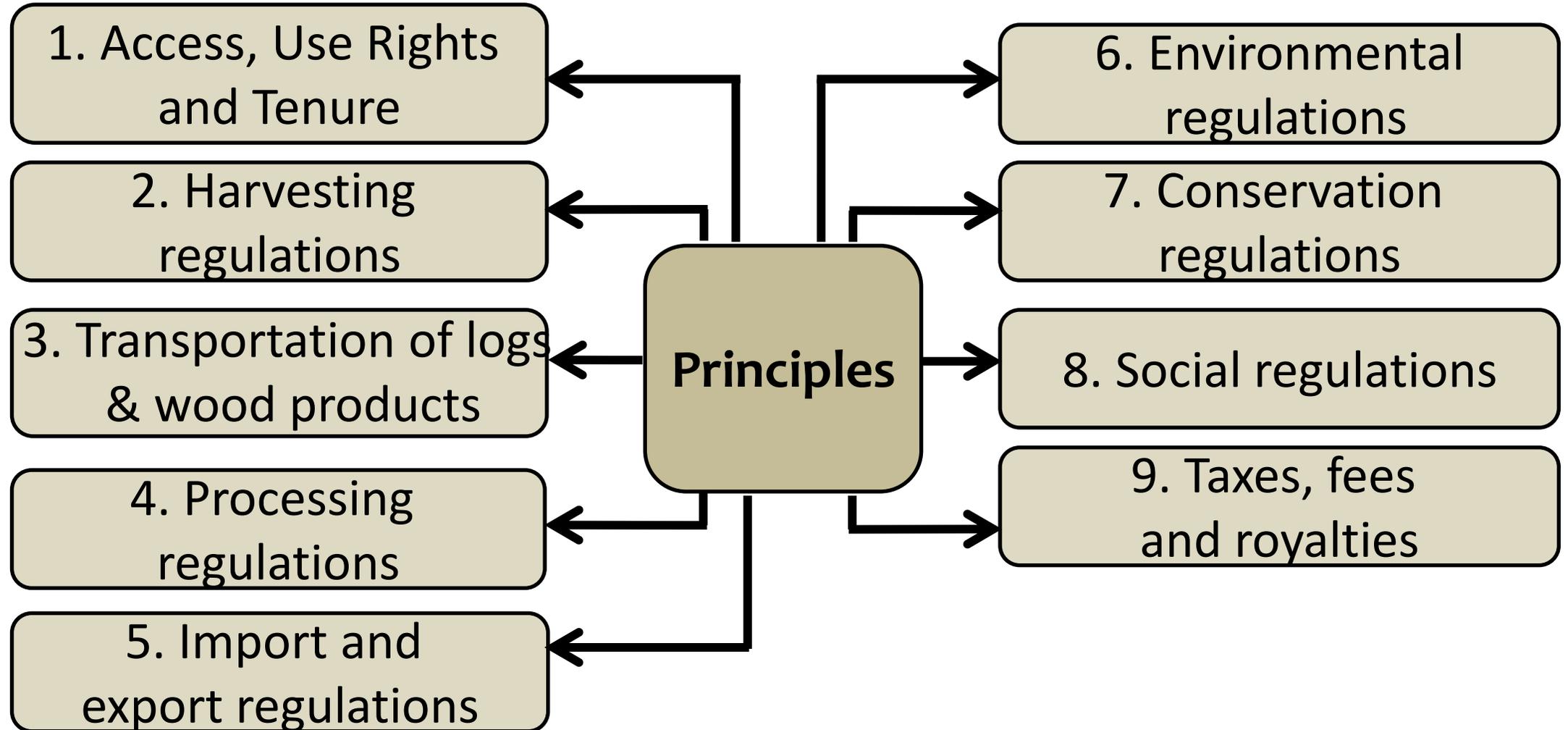
- Indirect policies
 - Intellectual property rights
 - Health
 - Industrialisation and manufacturing
 - Timber industry
 - Development
 - Trade and Commerce
 - Transportation
- International Conventions
 - UNDRIP (UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples)
 - CITES
 - CBD

Other policies

- ITTO Guidelines on SFM
- Forest Stewardship Council – “1994 Rule”
under revision to more flexible criteria that allows for the conversion of natural forests after Nov 1994, but with conditions attached. It will also affect on Policy for Association and Controlled Wood National Risk Assessment. Intact Forests Landscape protected under High Conservation Value (HCV) 2 category.
- Climate change - REDD

Legal frameworks to implement the policies

WWF-GFTN/TRAFFIC Framework - Principles



Recommendations

- Holistic and integrated policy development, especially for forest and timber industry policies
- Monitoring and evaluation of policy implementation and feedback loop to regular policy review
- Holistic and integrated legal frameworks for the forestry sector, taking into account the legal frameworks for other related sectors
- Grievances mechanisms to ensure negative impacts can be brought up and resolve in a transparent and equitable manner especially related to Indigenous Peoples and local communities

Thank you

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<http://gftn.panda.org/resources/tools/?202483/Framework-for-Assessing-Legality-of-Forestry-Operations-Timber-Processing-and-Trade>