



International Symposium to Combat Illegal Logging and Associated Trade

# Current Status and Practices in Japan to Combat Illegal Logging

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# Legality/Sustainability Verified Wood



## “Goho(=legal)-wood”

- In 2006, the Government of Japan included “Goho-wood” in the environmentally friendly goods list which are subject to “Green Purchasing Law”.
- Forestry Agency also established the “Guideline for Verification on Legality and Sustainability of Wood and Wood Products” in 2006.
- The Guideline specifies 3 types of verification.

# Outline of Law on Promoting Green Purchasing

## Law Concerning the Promotion of Procurement of Eco-friendly Goods and Services by the State and Other Entities (Law on Promoting Green Purchasing)

### Promoting procurement by the state

#### Basic Policy (Cabinet Decision)

- Key principles to be followed in developing a green procurement policy



#### Diet, Ministries, etc.

- Developing and publishing a procurement policy
- Promoting procurement based on procurement policy
- Publishing the result, report to the Environment Minister.

Environment Minister requests other Ministers to take more positive actions

### Local Governments

#### (Non-compulsory, but efforts required)

- Developing a procurement policy
- Promoting procurement based on procurement policy

### Private Sector, Consumers

#### (Non-compulsory, but efforts required)

- Selecting eco-friendly goods as much as possible

### Provision of information

Manufacturers, etc: Provide appropriate environmental information

Eco-labeling bodies, etc: Promote eco-labeling programs

Government: Consolidate and analyze the above information

○ In 2006, Legality Verified Wood and Wood Products (Paper, stationary, bed-frame, office furniture, public work materials) were listed on Eco-Friendly Goods list.

○ In 2015, Plywood form was added to the list on Eco-Friendly Goods list.

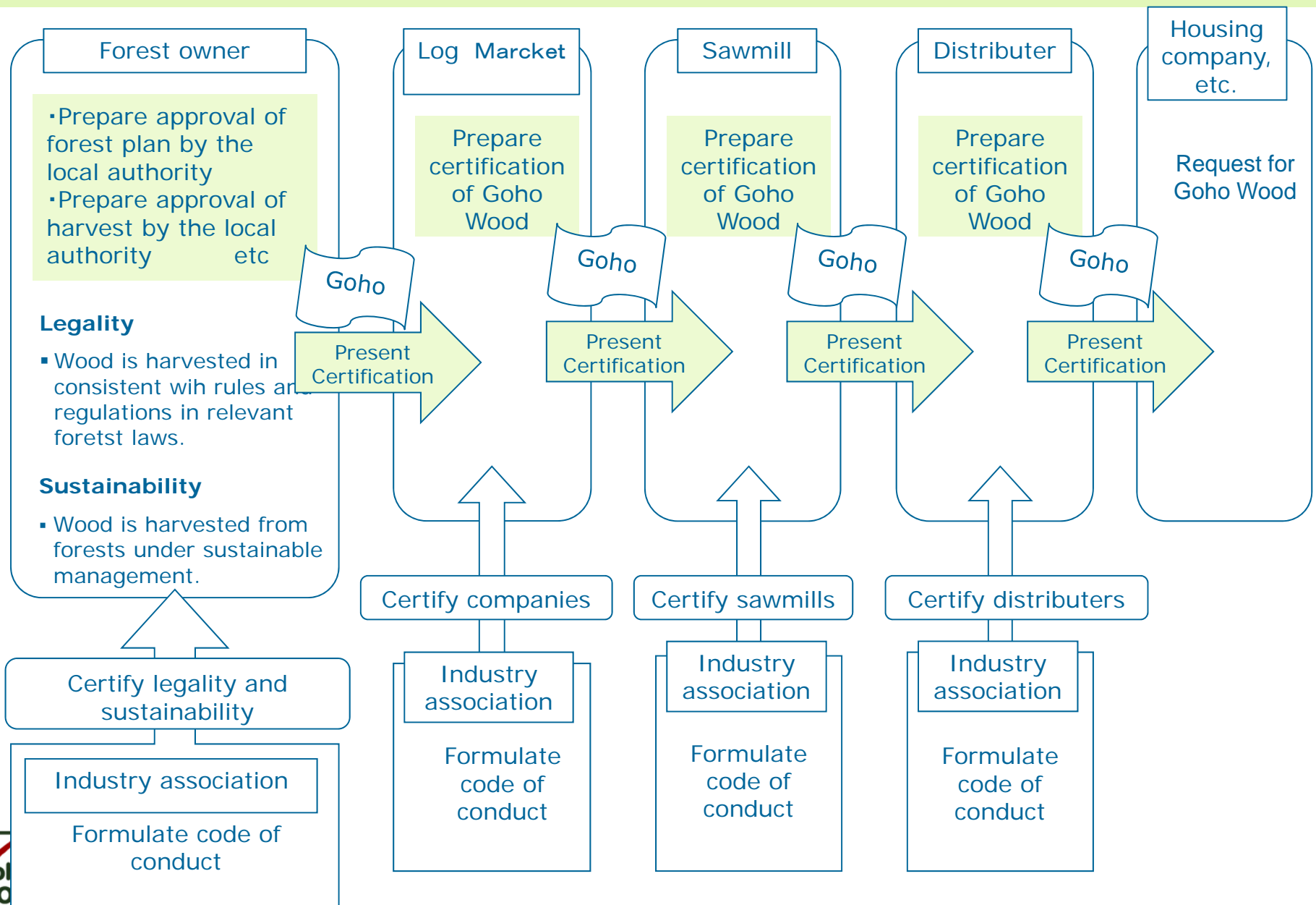
## Guideline for Verification on Legality and Sustainability of Wood and Wood Products

- The Guideline indicates some points to which the supplier of wood and wood products should pay proper attention when they verify legality and sustainability of their supply.
- It consists of summary and four sections,
  1. Definitions of terms such as legality, Sustainability, CoC (Chain of Custody) Certification System
  2. Three Methods of Verification
  3. Preservation of Verification
  4. Assessment and Review

## 3 types of verification for private sector

1. Utilizing SFM Certification and CoC
2. Verification conforming to Associations' Code of Conducts
3. Verification by Individual Companies' Own Systems

## 2. Verification conforming to Associations' Code of Conducts



# Sample of a Verification Certificate

平成19年3月14日  
14 March, 2007

木材・木製品の合法性証明書  
Certificate of Legality on Lumber/Wood Products

[Redacted] 様

Certified Company, Number 認定番号 : 静岡県木連 [Redacted]  
 Company Address 事業者の所在地 : [Redacted]  
 Company Name 事業者の名称 : [Redacted]  
 Name of the President 代表者の氏名 : [Redacted]

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1. 樹種 : 榿 Tree Species: *Hinoki Cedar*  
 2. 品目 : 丸太 Product Name : Logs  
 3. 数量 : 0.544 m<sup>3</sup> Quantity : 0.544m<sup>3</sup>

以上



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### 3. Verification by Individual Companies' Own Systems

Companies dealing with the supply chain from harvest to the final market, and not adopting type 1 and 2 verification, can verify legality and sustainability by its own verification system.

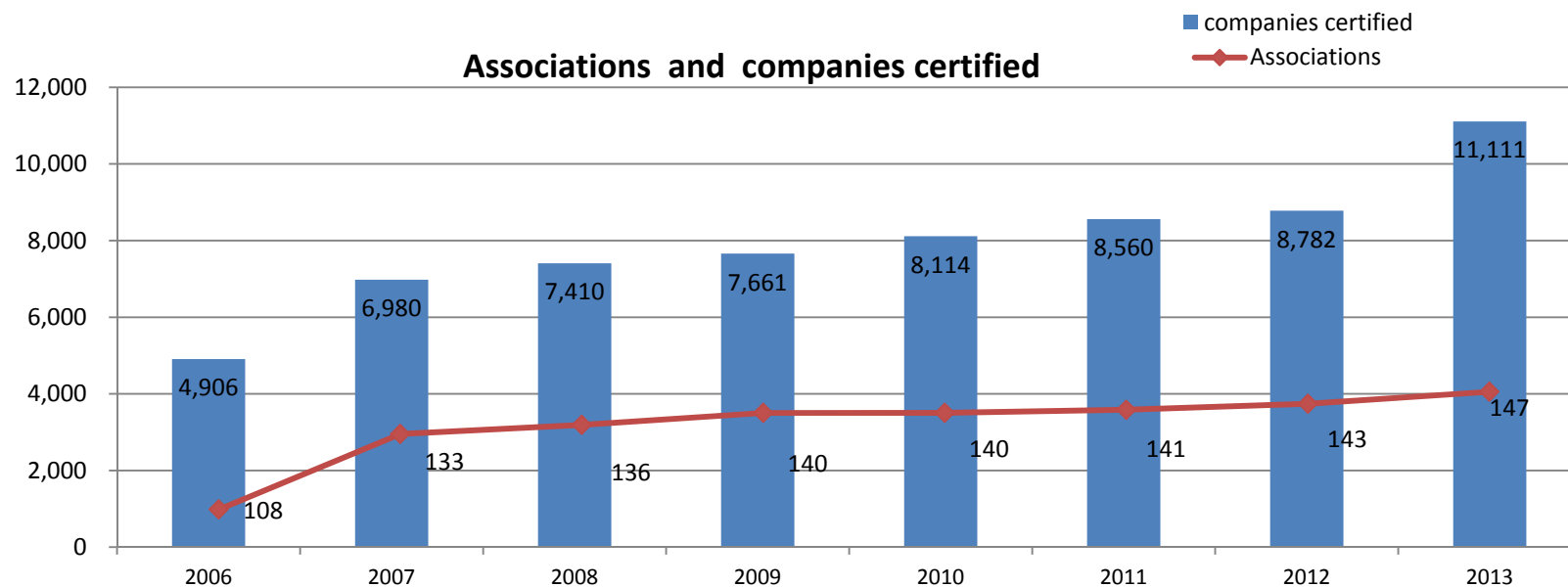
Reliability of verification must be equivalent to type 1 and 2 verification.

- 17 Paper-manufacturing companies (Dec. 2014)



# Progress of Japanese suppliers' actions

Relevant association certifies companies in accordance with its code of conduct



## ➤ Supply of Goho-wood (2013)

Domestic Log : 8,232,000 m<sup>3</sup>

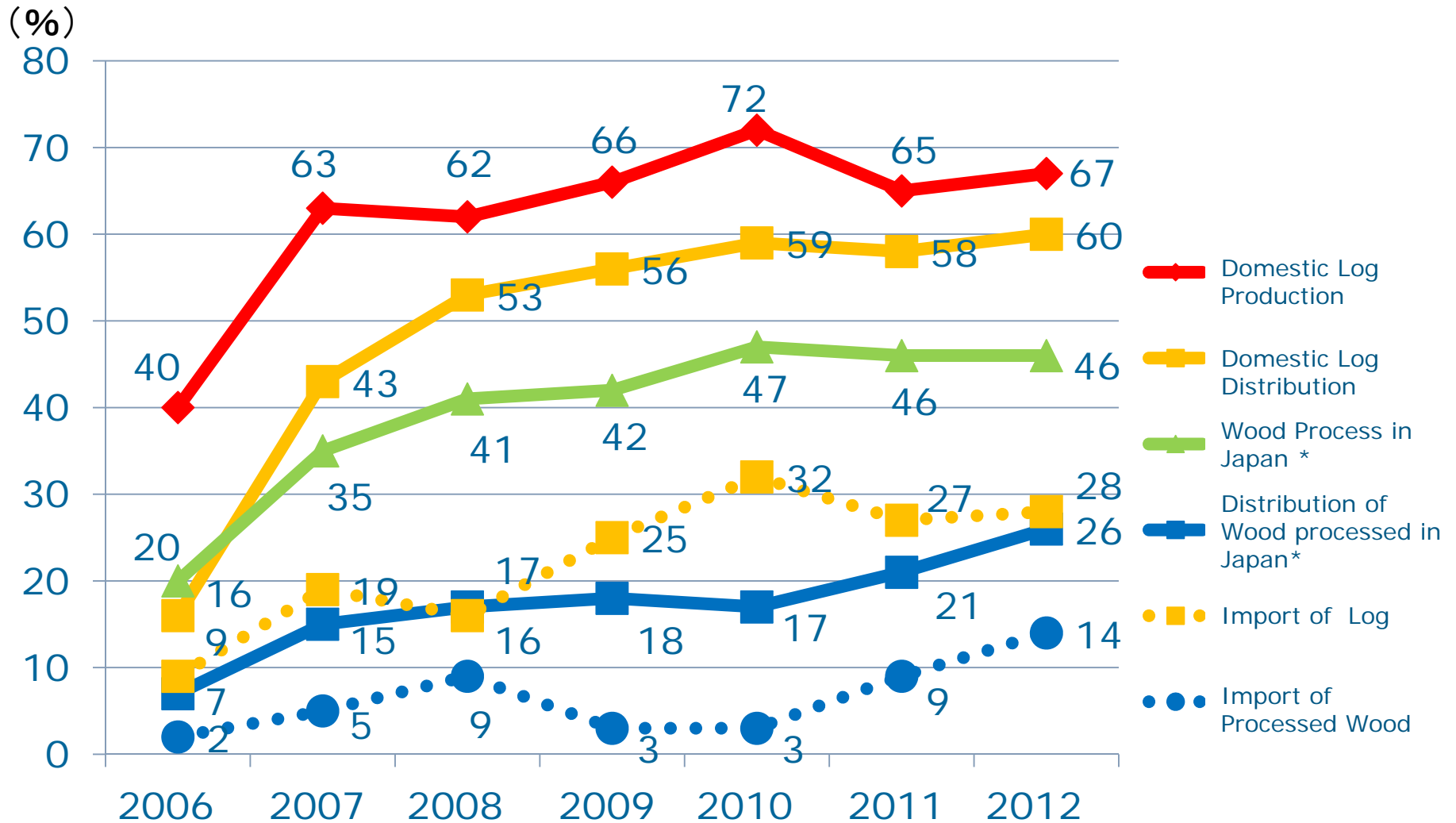
Processed Wood : 13,124,000 m<sup>3</sup>

Imported Log: 1,028,000 m<sup>3</sup>



\* Based on questionnaire to association-certified companies

# Increase the share of "Gocho-wood"



Source: Data examined by Japan Federation of Wood-Industry Associations

\*: Processed Wood made from imported log are included.

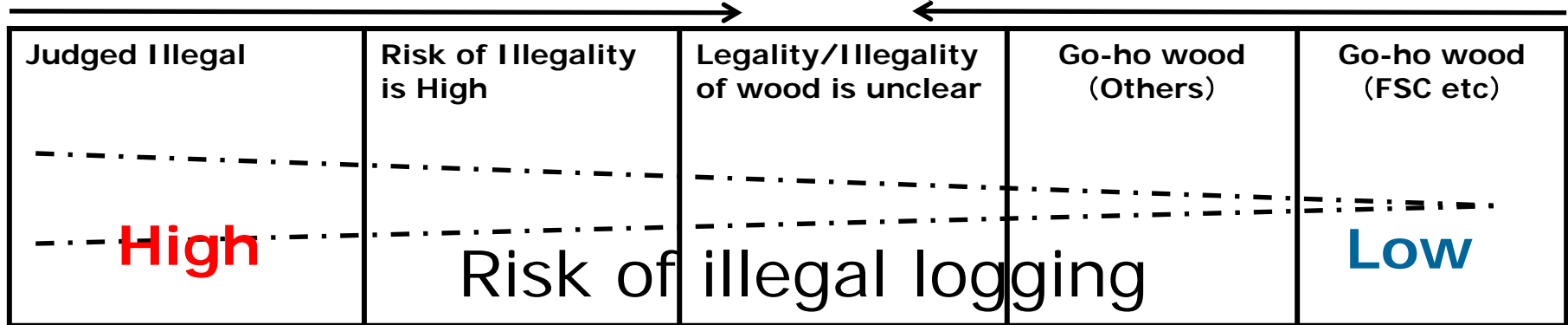
# Approaches to remove illegal logging/to supply of Go-ho wood

<US, EU, Australia>

Promoting removal of illegal woods  
(measure: Due diligence (Negative approach))

<Japan>

Promoting supply of legal woods  
(measure: Goho-Wood (Positive approach))



- In US, EU, Australia and Japan, Forest law enforcement is appropriate and the risk of illegal logging is low.
- In US, EU and Australia, self-sufficient rate for wood is almost 100% (enormously high), and restrictions to imported wood does not have strong impact to domestic wood industry and market. (Negative approach is effective)
- In Japan, self-sufficient rate for wood is almost 30%, and restrictions to imported wood has strong impact to domestic wood industry and market. (Positive approach is effective)

	EU (28 countries)	US	Australia	Japan
Sufficient rate	101%	99%	114%	29%

(Source: FAOSTAT, Wood Demand and Supply Report of Japan 2013)



Note: Sufficient rate in US, EU and Australia are calculated as follows;  
domestic production / (domestic production + import - export) for round wood, sawn timber, plywood, and wood chips (volume base)

## Strengthening to Combat Illegal Logging and Associated Trade

**We would like to clarify the stage of illegal logging as follows;**

Stage	Contents	Action of Producing Country (Risk of illegal logging)
0	Forest law enforcement and private sectors' compliance are appropriate.	Not Specific (Low)
1	Local broadcast / NGO research report / Institution's survey reveal the occasion of illegal logging/ forgery of certificate by company A in country X.	Official Action not yet (Not Low)
2	The employee of company A is arrested.	Official Action launched (High)
3	Company A is judged guilty of illegal logging.	Official Action matured (Judged Illegal)

- We should distinguish stage 3 (“Illegal” logging determined ) from stage 0 – 2 (“Risk of illegal” logging revealed ) in order to communicate appropriately.
- To prevent illegal logging , taking actions at early stage in producing country is crucial. However, in many cases, it is not so easy due to corruption, bribe, etc.
- Producing countries should give information as much as possible to consuming countries in early stage (1 or 2) to contribute to tackle the issue of illegal logging and associated trade.
- Consuming countries should implement effective methods according to each stage considering the harmonization of international trade policy, environmental policy and domestic industrial policy.
- Both “Positive” and “Negative” approach could work effectively and consideration of each merit/demerit is quite important.

違法伐採対策は「みんな」が取り組まないと  
解決が難しい問題です

**To combat illegal logging,  
all stakeholders' participation  
is essential.**

みなさんのご協力をよろしくお願ひします  
**Let's tackle this issue together.**

ご静聴ありがとうございました  
**Thank you !**