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Work Plan

International Consultant # 3: Legality

Promoting Quality Timber Production in Smallholders and Community-based Teak and Other Valuable Species Plantations in the Tropics (PP-A/54-331A)

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Working summary

Timber legality, Supply chain, and Responsible trade,
 Community and smallholder forestry

- Research on timber import regulations and due diligence: Japan, Vietnam, the EU, and the UK
- Research on forestry policy supply chain and timber legality
 - Asia and Pacific: Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Vietnam
 - Africa: Mozambique
 - North and South America: Canada, Brazil, Ecuador, and Peru
- Methodology development for Community forestry monitoring and carbon accounting in Asia-Pacific



Objective of the work

Promote timber legal compliance in smallholder/community plantations, aligning with national and local laws governing forest plantations, management, timber harvesting, and legality



Specific functions and responsibility

- **Review and evaluate the measures undertaken to promote legal timber production and trade of smallholder** teak and other species plantation resources in Asia Pacific and W. Africa.
- **Assess the legal framework, measures and identifying the global challenges** in the marketability and trade of legally harvested timber products from smallholder and community plantations and suggest solutions.
- Compile all results and findings, incl. **recommendations for follow-up actions**, in a technical project report in the English language to be submitted to the Regional Project Manager.
- Carry out all activities need **in close cooperation with scientists in India, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Indonesia and Togo.**
- Assist in other activities assigned by the Regional Project Manager



Deliverables

- **Two policy briefs** (challenges and opportunities to promote smallholder plantations in legal supply chains; policy recommendations for promoting legal and sustainable supply chains of smallholder teak and other valuable species plantations), articles for the ITTO-BMEL Teak Newsletter and ITTO TFU
- **A technical report on legality** in the tropics in particular the six participating countries
- Presentation materials in the Regional Workshops (Java in Indonesia) and inputs to the outcome of these regional events
- Presentational materials in the PSC and PTC meetings and other designated meetings
- Final report summarizing all activities, findings, and recommendations.



Research and work plan

1 August 2024 to 31 October 2026



Engagement with national coordinators and experts in each participating country for data collection

In 2024, I will develop a policy assessment framework to study 6 countries. There is a small budget for commissioning data collection in each country in 2025 (USD 1000-2000). I will ask for support from the national coordinators to identify consultants and collect data.

What are key attributes of the extent and effectiveness of each measure promoting smallholder and community plantations in the legal supply chain, and how can these be grouped into criteria for the policy assessment framework? Ideas:

- Policy objectives and institutionalization of smallholder and community plantations in policy, legislation and planning
- Level of empowerment of local stakeholders for plantation
- Accountability and verification of the legality of timber from smallholder and community plantations

