

Benefits for traders and suppliers alike

- Financial support from the EC (72% of costs are met from the grant)
- Expert support by the Tropical Forest Trust
- A voice in the development and implementation of the EU's new FLEGT timber trade agreements with producer countries
- Stronger business relationships between buyers and suppliers
- Productivity efficiencies through better supply chain management
- Better risk management on behalf of investors, directors and customers
- A competitive advantage in an increasingly sensitive market
- Compliance with markets such as government contracts
- Enhanced reputation as part of responsible business policies

How to get involved

TTAP is open to members of timber trade federation partners. Members interested in taking part in TTAP and benefiting from TFT's expertise and EU's financial support can apply through their trade federation.

Other EU or producer country companies should approach TTAP to investigate how to get involved. To find out more, please visit the TTAP website:

www.timbertradeactionplan.info

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The context

In many tropical countries, illegal logging threatens the integrity of forest ecosystems and undermines the positive role commercial forestry can play in maintaining forests. Unregulated exploitation has led to the degradation of forest resources, and in many cases this limits their potential to supply timber in the long term. Such exploitation is often due to weak governance and law enforcement in the producer countries, which makes it difficult for consumer markets to buy legally produced timber. Despite these challenges there is still much the private sector can do.

The EU timber industry's response

The Timber Trade Action Plan (TTAP) is a 7 year project that began in March 2005 and is co-funded by the European Commission, the participating timber trade federations and their members.¹ It was developed by the European timber trade federations (TTFs) to assist their suppliers to deliver verified legal timber to the EU. TTAP is managed by the Tropical Forest Trust (TFT) who provide technical expertise to timber suppliers in Africa, Asia, China and South America to help them supply verified legal timber to the importer.

What TTAP does

TTAP's main task is to help tropical suppliers demonstrate that their timber is legal. As a key project in the EU's Illegal Logging Action Plan (FLEGT)², TTAP also aims to:

- Help develop European trade federations' purchasing policies to ensure consistency with government buyers and FLEGT requirements.
- Provide guidance to buyers on how to meet EU requirements on legality and chain of custody, and how to minimize the risk of illegal wood entering a supply chain.

However, the core objective of TTAP remains to ensure the legal verification of at least 70 supply chains in the following ten producer countries:

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| ■ Brazil | ■ Gabon |
| ■ Bolivia | ■ Guyana |
| ■ Cameroon | ■ Indonesia |
| ■ China | ■ Malaysia |
| ■ Congo Brazzaville | ■ Suriname |

² The Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) Action Plan is a program of the European Union. Its aim is to develop bilateral or regional FLEGT partnership agreements with producer countries to positively influence their forest governance and law enforcement and ensure the legality of timber imports into the European Union.

How TTAP works

- 1 Timber trade federations and their members identify specific supply chains in these ten producer countries.
- 2 Local TTAP teams then contact the timber suppliers, forests or factories, and assess their ability to become legally verified by identifying missing elements (gaps) and developing an action plan to overcome the gaps.
- 3 TTAP teams then help companies implement a chain of custody system (CoC) throughout their supply chain and, by establishing a strong supportive relationship, assist on a day to day basis to become legally verified by independent auditors.

Extensive legality coaching, strengthened supply chains and tough CoC systems that meet best practice requirements ensure that timber and wood products supplied through TTAP to the EU market meet the standards of third party auditors. This will give participating companies a competitive advantage in an increasingly sensitive market in anticipation of EC legislation and public procurement policies.

¹ TTAP is financed through two projects: TTAP 1 (March 2005 to February 2010) and TTAP 2 (January 2007 to December 2011). Each has a budget of 4.5 million Euro.