



Independent Market Monitoring of FLEGT-Licensed Timber

ITTO Seeks two FLEGT/IMM Correspondents in Vietnam and Congo Republic

The International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) has signed a contract with the European Union to implement the project “Independent timber market monitoring (IMM): analysis of the reception of FLEGT (Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade) licensed timber on the EU market as framed by VPAs (Voluntary Partnership Agreements)” under the framework of ITTO’s recurring Biennial Work Program activity “Promote trade in tropical timber and tropical timber products from sustainably managed and legally harvested sources”.

As a part of the IMM implementation process, ITTO is now seeking IMM Correspondents in Vietnam and Congo Republic to commence work at the earliest possible date.

The Correspondents shall prepare National Market Scoping Studies for Vietnam/Congo Republic. The Studies will review and expand on the data already compiled in the national Annexes to the IMM Baseline Report and the IMM Data Dashboard (both available on www.flegtimm.eu) and provide the foundation for long-term monitoring for the respective countries. The Correspondents will also provide market feedback and liaise with FLEGT authorities and other stakeholders.

The National Scoping Studies in both countries will identify:

- VPA implementation developments likely to impact on trade;
- trends in area of commercial forest land and timber production by forest type and tenure;
- the proportion of forest area and harvest covered by various forms of legality verification and certification;
- production of wood products, by type;
- domestic wood consumption trends;
- trends in timber imports;
- timber exports by product type and destination;
- industry structure and composition;
- structure of wood distribution and trading;
- level, direction and type of recent investment in the forest sector (as far as possible).

The Correspondents shall also:

- liaise with government agencies and the EU FLEGT Facility to facilitate early and regular access to trade data and information on developments in the VPA implementation process;
- assist the Lead Consultant in preparing the IMM Annual Report;
- assist with development and translation of other technical surveys and reports if/as required;
- provide updates on interesting developments in the VPA implementation process or Vietnam’s/Congo’s timber product markets for the IMM website;
- assist with provision of market-related data in response to requests from other agencies.

The Correspondents will be contracted as independent consultants on a part-time basis (40-50 days/year) for an initial one-year period. Subject to satisfactory performance, Correspondents may be reappointed for a period of one year in subsequent years during the period of IMM implementation.

Please send your application detailing your technical, language and other relevant qualifications to IMM Lead Consultant, Sarah Storck; sarah@flegtimm.eu; +49 721 1839456. Ms Storck will also be happy to offer further information.

IMM Correspondents in Vietnam and Congo