

SVLK FOR THE ERADICATION OF ILLEGAL LOGGING AND INDONESIAN FOREST GOVERNANCE REFORM

Forest Legality and Sustainability Assurance System (*Sistem Verifikasi Legalitas dan Kelestarian, SVLK*) is designed to address forest governance issues in Indonesia through a multistakeholder-designed legal timber trade mechanism.

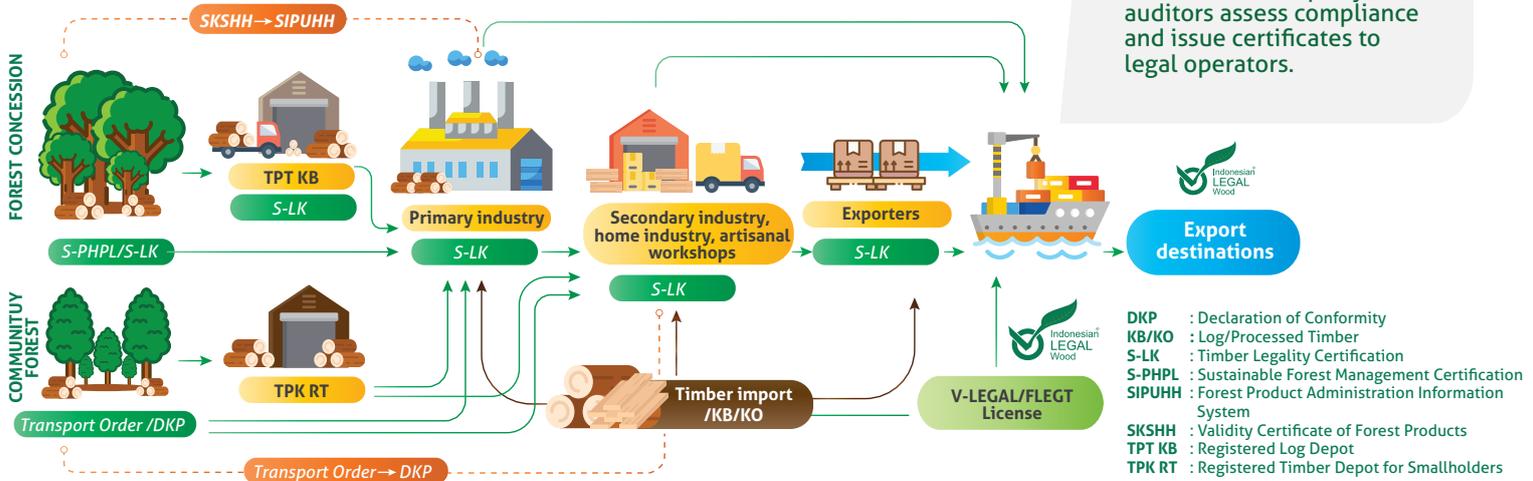


How SVLK has developed

Since 2001, representatives from civil society, government, and private industry have engaged in multi-party consultations to develop SVLK. A number of revisions to the law have been enacted since SVLK was launched in 2009 in response to feedback from stakeholders

SVLK's Chain of Custody

SVLK ensures that all timber products along the supply chain are managed in compliance with the applicable laws and regulations, known as Chain of Custody.



Independent Forest Monitoring improve SVLK's credibility



SVLK stipulates a role for independent forest observers - civil society organisations and local community groups - to detect irregularities by operators and flag these to government enforcement teams. These observers also provide essential input for the continued development of SVLK, helping to promote accountable forest governance practices.

Indonesia's largest network of monitors, Jaringan Pemantau Independen Kehutanan (JPIK) comprises over 80 organisations and 400 individual members. Effective independent monitoring improves outcomes across numerous aspects of forest management, from more inclusive distribution of benefits, to better enforcement of regulations, and increased public awareness.²

1. Seneca Creek Associates and Wood Resources International. 2004. 'Illegal' Logging and Global Wood Markets: The Competitive Impacts on the U.S. Wood Product Industry, Poolsville, MD, American Forest and Paper Association. http://www.unce.lsu.edu/responsible_trade/documents/2003-2006/rt03_037.pdf
 2. <http://www.vpaunpacked.org/en/vpa-monitoring>

Multi-party collaboration increases transparency and accountability, with awareness and strengthens law enforcement



Stronger legal framework for Indonesia's timber sector



Stronger punishments and increased enforcement since the system was first developed in 2009.



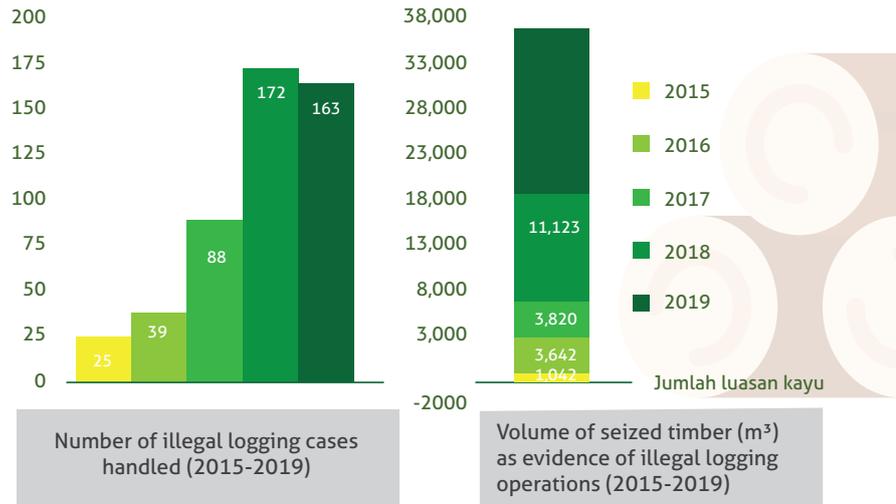
Closer public-civil society partnership through independent forestry observer network

Soft approach in eradicating the illegal logging is through SVLK itself by increasing the awareness of SVLK, and assisting SVLK for the industry.

From January 2015 to April 2020, MOEF investigated 526 cases of illegal logging and trading and seized 37,619m³ of timber. 408 of these cases have been prosecuted. ⁴

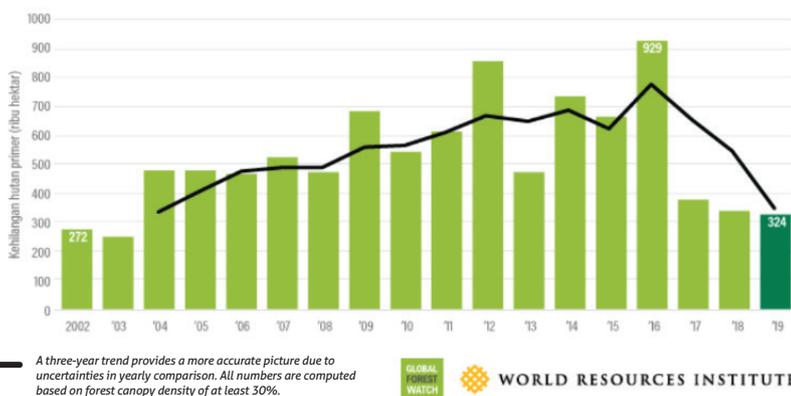


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SVLK reduces illegal deforestation and improves sustainable forest management

Rate of primary forest loss in Indonesia, 2002-2019



A World Resources Institute (WRI) study also cited stronger law enforcement as one of Indonesia's key policies behind the decline in primary forest loss in the past three years. Indonesia has also reached its lowest rate of deforestation in primary forests since the beginning of the century.

A study conducted in East Kalimantan and Central Kalimantan regions from 2015-2017 showed that the Sustainable Forest Management Standard (PHPL), a requirement under SVLK, contributed to reduced deforestation in both regions. PHPL-certified forest areas experienced a deforestation rate of 3.10% compared to 10.92% in forests without PHPL certification.

Contribution to curbing deforestation

A study conducted by JPIK in East Kalimantan and Central Kalimantan regions for 2015-2017 period shows that the Sustainable Forest Management standard (PHPL) in natural forests, one of the requirements to obtain SVLK, has contributed favorably to curbing deforestation in both regions. Forest areas that are PHPL-certified has a deforestation rate of 3.10% compared to 10.92% in non-PHPL forests.⁵

4. Law enforcement performance data 2015-2020, Directorate General of Law Enforcement, Ministry of Environment and Forestry
5. JPIK 2019. PHPL: Dari Legalitas Menuju Keberlanjutan [PHPL: From Legality to Sustainability].

