

“Sustainable Forest Trade in the Lower Mekong Region (SFT LMR)”

Overview

The Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) is a key service provider for the UN-REDD Initiative “Sustainable Forest Trade in the Lower Mekong Region (LMR)”. The aim is to promote trade and sustainable forest management (SFM) through improved governance in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. The initiative is funded by the Government of Norway and is implemented by FAO and UNEP. Key outcomes include the development of forest certification schemes and related quality infrastructure mechanisms. PEFC will build on the framework of its For-Trade initiative that is aimed at sustainable forestry and trade for development in ASEAN.

Brief Summary

PEFC LoA: US\$486,500/one year
LoA signed 26th January 2021

Partners:

Accreditation Bodies (ABs): ABs in project countries and other key accreditation structures including Singapore Accreditation Council, JAS-ANZ and the International Accreditation Forum.

National Governing Bodies (NGB): Country forest and chain of custody (CoC) NGBs in Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. Interim NGBs in Cambodia and Laos.

Certification Bodies (CB): International and national CB for independent assessment against Forest management and Chain of Custody standards.

Government: Forest Departments and other relevant ministries and authorities at national and local levels.

Non-Government-Organisations (NGO): The Centre for People and Forests (RECOFT), Forest and Fauna International, local and international NGOs.

Intergovernmental Organizations: Includes UN Agencies, the EU, ASEAN Senior Officials in Forestry, and ASEAN Consultative Committee on Standards and Quality.

Private and Public Companies: Wood products supply chains, from harvesting to sellers

Outputs

Building on PEFC's For-Trade initiative, PEFC will deliver against 3 project outputs:

1. Intra-regional cooperation deepened, to promote Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) in LMR;
2. National accreditation and certification standards strengthened and quality infrastructure established;
3. National capacities built - forest governance, SFM, CoC, and trade.

Activities and Deliverables

With our partners PEFC will conduct a range of activities such as national and regional workshops, consultations, baseline and needs assessments, and a range of capacity development initiatives.

Deliverables include:

- Recommendations on strengthening quality infrastructure;
- Research results and action plans;
- Trainings on applying accreditation and certification tools and guidance documents;
- Finalised forest certification and CoC system documentation;

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