

## Highlights

- Field mission to Vietnam to finalise the country sheet, meet with partners and identify priority actions.
- Participation in the 5th ICD in Vietnam (17/06/22), the 15th CCM in Congo (7-8/06/22) and the Donor Coordination Meeting in Guyana (online).
- Presentation of the Programme at the Carrefour International du Bois in Nantes (2/06/22)

## Countries of intervention and priorities

### Guyana

4 priorities have been identified:

- Design, implementation and roll-out of the TLAS timber tracking system
- Assessment of the current business model of FSOs operating on concessions, and of Amerindian communities
- Assessment of capacity building, quality improvement and value addition of forest products
- Assessment of the impact of VPA implementation on the livelihoods of concession holders

### Liberia

The 4 priorities identified are currently being validated by the stakeholders:

- Independent audit of the VPA
- Support to the Forest Media Observatory for the broadcast of the Forest Hour on radio.
- Support to CCM and related meetings
- Design study for the creation of a "Centralized Forest Management Agency".

### Vietnam

2 priorities identified:

- Support to the development of the Enterprise Classification Information System (ECIS)
- Support to the development of an "online FLEGT licensing software integrated with the Vietnamese national single window for the Vietnamese FLEGT VPA".
- The programme framework document is being prepared for prior submission to the relevant Vietnamese authorities.

### Honduras

2 priorities identified for support to the FLEGT technical secretariat:

- Recruitment of a coordinator
- Recruitment of an assistant

### Ghana

Ongoing dialogue process to identify priorities following the first FLEGT licences.

### Cameroon

Ongoing dialogue process to identify priorities.

### Congo

2 priorities have been identified and their NAO is being obtained:

- Support to the FLEGT technical secretariat
- Elaboration of the five-year FLEGT plan 2023-2027

2 new identified priorities are under consideration by different stakeholders:

- Specific Independent Technical Assessment of the Procedures Manual for the approval of private certification schemes under the LAS
- Domestic market study

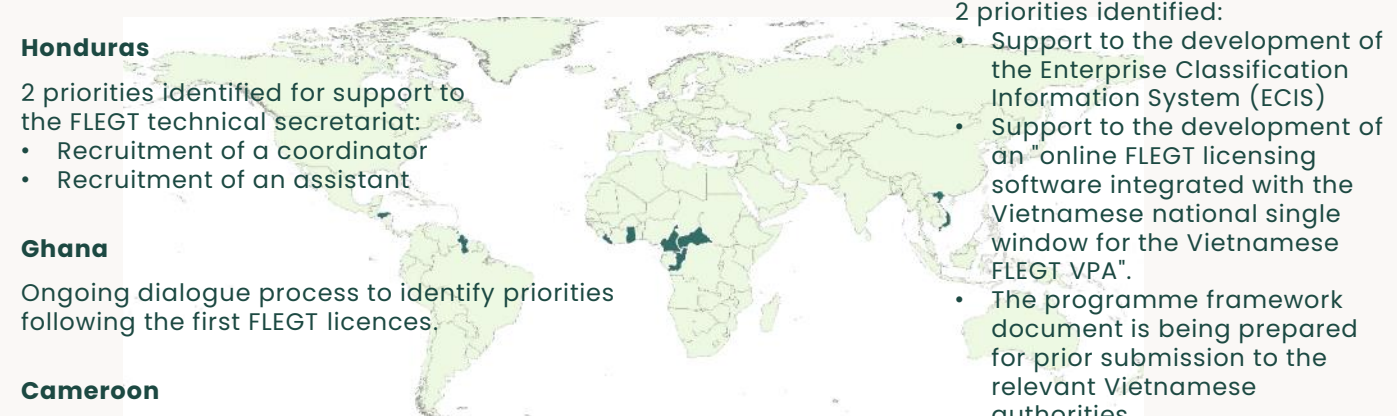
### CAR

4 priorities identified. For one, the NFA is being obtained:

- Study of the gaps in the regulatory framework; structuring of the administrations in the framework of the FLEGT VPA process.

The other 3 priorities are under discussion with stakeholders:

- Capacity building of the IO Support to the controls carried out by the FLEGT unit and creation of a unit taking over the responsibilities of the AGDRF
- Support for the resumption of the activities of the Permanent Technical Secretariat





Presentation of the EU FLEGT VPA Programme at the Carrefour International de Bois in Nantes

Wood awaiting export to Liberia

15th CCM meeting in Congo

## Key figures of the Programme



5 years (2021-2025), 8 countries  
21 M€



20 projects pre-identified in 5 countries  
(16 component 1, 4 component 2)



- Component 1: N/A
- Component 2: N/A



4 projects validated by all stakeholders (3 component 1 and 1 component 2), of which 3 with No Objection in progress

## Focus on... the Republic of the Congo

- The 15th session of the CCM took place in Brazzaville from 7 to 8 June 2022 under the co-chairmanship of Ms Rosalie MATONDO, Minister of Forest Economy and Mr Giacomo DURAZZO, Ambassador, Head of the European Union Delegation in Congo. For the first time, the Minister Delegate to the Minister of Finance, Budget and Portfolio, Mr Ludovic NGATSE, participated in the meeting.
- Mrs. Rosalie MATONDO expressed her confidence that Congo will take up the challenge of the final deployment and effective operationalisation of the modules of the Computerised Legality Verification System (SIVL) in the very short term, the purpose of which is to issue certificates of legality and FLEGT licences.
- Mr Giacomo DURAZZO explained that the main challenge remains the full deployment of the SIVL, a fundamental tool to ensure the expected transparency in the sector and to contribute to a better forest governance.
- Information on the evolution of the FLEGT VPA in the Republic of Congo is available at: <https://apvflegtcongo.com/>

## Useful communications

- CIFOR has published a global synthesis of the results of the impact of the FLEGT-VPA in seven countries. The publication is available: <https://vpa-library.cifor.org/publication/les-impacts-de-lapv-flegt-synthse-des-resultats-dans-sept-pays>
- FERN has published the article « Ghana's VPA progress holds vital lessons for EU deforestation regulation » available at: <https://www.fern.org/fr/publications-insight/ghanas-vpa-progress-holds-vital-lessons-for-eu-deforestation-regulation-2526/>
- The Programme will be presented at the CBFP (Libreville, July 2022).