

Highlights

- 4th Programme Steering Committee (15/11/23 in Brussels).
- Launch of facilitation in the Republic of Congo and Liberia.
- Finalisation of the definition of numerous activities with stakeholders, 7 of which were able to start in 2023.
- Continued support for the FLEGT process, in particular through 2 coordination missions to Honduras and the Republic of Congo.

Countries of intervention and priorities

LIBERIA

Projects completed/extended :

- Support for the Joint Implementation Committee has been extended until the end of 2023, and the renewal of this support over the next two years is currently being contracted;
- Initial support to Liberia Forest Media Watch (LFMW) for the "Forest Hour" programme as part of the support for independent observation ended in June. This support will be renewed over a two-year period.

FLEGT facilitation, supported by the NIRAS/ONFi consortium, has been launched and is now active in Liberia and 3 calls for tender have been issued:

- Feasibility study for the creation of a sustainable forest management entity;
- Independent forest monitoring;
- Independent audit of the VPA.

HONDURAS

The Programme supported the FLEGT technical secretariat (SETAVA) with a coordinator and an assistant in 2023 and will continue this support in 2024.

Completed projects :

- Adaptation of timber transport documents with QR Code carried out by ProSygma

The call for tenders to support independent observation has been launched, with activities scheduled to start in SI 2024.

2 activities are currently being defined: (1) the development of SALH and (2) support for SETAVA for 2024.

6 other projects have also been identified: (1) Institutional capacity building, (2) Development of the VPA impact monitoring framework, (3) 5-year strategy, (4) support for the private sector, (5) political economy analysis, and (6) improvement of best practice within craft cooperatives.

CONGO

Completed projects :

- Support for the development of the five-year FLEGT plan 2023-2027
- Support for the Technical Secretariat
- Evaluation of the LAS

Ongoing projects :

- Domestic market study
- FLEGT facilitation

At this stage, two additional activities are planned for 2024-2025, relating to institutional support for the VPA through support for the CLFT; the second relates to strengthening the participation of CSOs in Congolese forest governance (support for independent observation of non-mandated forests).

Countries of intervention and priorities

Guyana

4 projects have been completed:

- Evaluation and development of SVIL
- Evaluation of the FSO business model
- Assessment of the needs of the wood products value chain
- VPA impact assessment framework

The activities expected for 2024 are :

- FLEGT facilitation
- TLAS development
- Support for the technical secretariat and communication officer
- Support for the private sector

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

A project to strengthen the legal and institutional framework governing forest management in CAR to bring it into line with international standards for sustainable forest management was carried out in 2023.

CAMEROON/GHANA - VIETNAM

Cameroon : support for civil society, feasibility being assessed

Ghana : possibility of programme intervention under study

Vietnam : programme involvement not envisaged at this stage



Participation in the 18th CCM in Congo on 23 November 2023

Key figures of the Programme



- 18 projects in progress/completed
- 7 projects under definition
- 7 projects under contract
- 6 contracts signed



2 missions took place in 2023, one in Honduras and one in Congo.



- Funds committed : 1 319 000 €



In 2024, the Programme will provide FLEGT facilitation in Liberia and Congo (discussions are underway for Guyana).

Reminder of the functions and positions of the various actors

The EU FLEGT VPA programme is funded by the European Union and coordinated by AFD (Agence Française de Développement).

