

Highlights

- Field mission to Guyana by EticWood in March.
- The next JIC will be held in Liberia in June.
- Strengthening of programme governance with the recruitment of a project manager dedicated to the programme at AFD and the arrival of a new technical coordinator at EticWood from the second quarter of 2024.

Countries of intervention and priorities

Congo :

The provision of support to the Technical Secretariat has been completed (September 2022-December 2023), as has the development of the five-year plan (October 2022-December 2023) and the evaluation of private certification (July 2023-January 2024).

The domestic market study and FLEGT facilitation are currently being implemented by the service providers.

Recruitment for support to independent observation is underway and the ToRs for support to the Forest Legality and Traceability Unit (CLFT) and the Multi-stakeholder Working Group (GTMA) are being finalised.

LIBERIA :

FLEGT facilitation is underway, as is the extension of JIC support until the end of 2025.

Calls for tender published and/or under recruitment:

- Independent audit of TLAS
- Extension of support to Liberia Forest Media Watch
- Support for JIC
- Support for independent monitoring (relaunched)

GUYANA :

The project to develop the wood traceability system and the support for the Technical Secretariat and the Communications Department are due to start next quarter.

A field mission by EticWood in March helped to clarify the expectations of the various stakeholders. The next potential priority identified concerns support for monitoring the impact of the VPA.

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HONDURAS :

The first support programme for the Technical Secretariat (SETAVA) ended in December 2023. The recruitment process for an extension of this support is underway and should begin in the second quarter.

The contract with the service provider to carry out independent forest monitoring will be signed shortly. Activities will then get underway rapidly.

The terms of reference for the development of TLAS are also being finalised.

Potential future priorities include :

- Drawing up the Joint Implementation Framework (JIF) for the period 2024–2028
- Supporting indigenous communities in implementing national procedures for Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC)
- Support for access to international markets and legal assistance for market access.

Focus on... Guyana



Aerial views of the Guyana forest

Field mission to Guyana in March by technical operator EticWood.



In mid-March, EticWood took part in a meeting in Georgetown involving the Guyana Forestry Commission, the Ministry of Natural Resources, the FAO, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GmbH), the Commonwealth Foreign and Development Office, Expertise France, the European Forest Institute, the International Institute of Cosmetology, Aesthetics and Dentistry (IICAD) and WWF–Guianas.

The main objective of the meeting was to analyse Guyana's achievements in preserving its forests and to discuss how the international community can best continue to support local communities and other forest users. The meeting was a success thanks to the effective collaboration of all participants.