



Workshop: Overview of Vietnam's timber supply and demand: Actual status and trends

Location: Army Hotel, 33C Pham Ngu Lao Str., Hanoi, Vietnam

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Organizers: Forest Trends, VIFORES, HAWA, FPA Binh Dinh

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Context

Vietnam's wood products are diverse and are currently sold in over 120 countries. The country's wood processing industry is one of the most dynamic sectors, annually growing at about 15% per year. In 2013, the sector derived US\$5.6 billion as export revenue, nearly 20% higher than that of 2012. Currently, export revenue from timber and wood products is one of the five largest revenue earners of the country.

Vietnam's international integration into global markets has opened up opportunities for Vietnam's commodity products including those from wood processing industry. Currently Vietnam is negotiating with the European Union (EU) on Voluntary Partnership Agreements (VPA), under the EU-initiated framework Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT). FLEGT VPA potentially provides Vietnam with larger market access to the European markets, which in turn trigger impetus for industry. Vietnam is also participating in the REDD+ Initiative (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation), with the goal of sustainable forest governance, through the mobilization of financial resources from developed countries and international carbon markets for the country's forest protection and development.

Success of government policies, programs, and trade agreements related to forest protection and development of Vietnam depends heavily on the reliability figures of Vietnam's timber sector, including supply, demand, and market consumption. In other words, data reliability of the sector is extremely important, serving as the basis for the design and implementation of efficient mechanisms, policies, and activities aiming for sustainable development of the forestry sector in general and the timber industry in particular.

Forest Trends has collaborated with Vietnam Timber and Forest Products Association (VIFORES), Handicraft and Wood Industry Association of Ho Chi Minh City (HAWA), and Forest Products Association of Binh Dinh Province (FPA Binh Dinh) to undertake four studies on (i) production, import, domestic consumption and export of timber and timber products in Vietnam; (ii) Vietnam's import and export of timber and timber products in the first half of 2014; (iii) legal status of Vietnam's conversion timber from natural forests; and (iv) the legality of rubber wood. The Workshop "Overview of Vietnam's timber supply and demand: Actual status and trend" is organized by Forest Trends in collaboration with the



three Associations to feature the main findings of those studies, and discuss those with key stakeholders from government, international organisations, and development practitioners.

Objectives

- To share information about and discuss production, import, domestic consumption and export of timber and timber products in Vietnam
- To present information and discuss Vietnam's import and export of timber and timber products in the first half of 2014
- To discuss some key aspects of Vietnam's conversion timber from natural forests
- To discuss some key aspects of Vietnam's rubber wood

Agenda

Time	Detail
8:00-8:15	Participant registration
8:15-8:20	Opening session: Introduce the objective of workshop <i>Vietnam Timber and Forest Product Association (VIFORES)</i>
8:20-8:40	Overview of Vietnam's timber supply and demand <i>To Xuan Phuc, Forest Trends</i>
8:40-8:50	Some key aspects on Vietnam's supply source of conversion timber from natural forests <i>Nguyen Vinh Quang, Forest Trends</i>
8:50-9:20	Discussion <i>Commentators: VNFOREST, VIFORES, VIFA</i>
9:20-9:50	Q&A All participants
9:50-10:10	Coffee break
10:10-10:30	Import and export of Vietnam's timber and timber products in the first six months of 2014 <i>Tran Le Huy, Forest Products Association of Binh Dinh (FPA Binh Dinh)</i>
10:30-10:40	Some key aspects of Vietnam's supply source of rubber wood <i>Dang Viet Quang, Forest Trends</i>
10:40-11:30	Discussion <i>Commentators: VNFOREST, Import-Export Dept. of Ministry of Industry and Commerce, HAWA</i>
11:30-12:00	Q&A All participants
12:00-12:30	Concluding remarks and closing VIFORES, HAWA, FPA Binh Dinh, Forest Trends
12:30	Lunch



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