FLEGT and other mechanisms to promote wood trade legality and avoided deforestation

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Where is FLEGT coming from?

(Forest Law Enforcement, Governance, and Trade)

Facing Reality

How to halt the import of illegal timber in the EU
A pragmatic (public policy) response

Bilateral Trade Agreement with producer country X: timber exported with licence

No bilateral Trade Agreement with producer country Y: timber exported without licence
How it works

VOLUNTARY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT
between the European Union and the Republic of Cameroon on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber and derived products to the European Union (FLEGT)

of 20 October 2010
laying down the obligations of operators who place timber and timber products on the market
FLEGT-VPA and “engaged” countries
Tropical wood product imports by global region 2004 to 2018

Source: ITTO IMM analysis of COMEXT, BTS Ltd and GTA data
Natural Rubber Output and Consumption of Major Countries, 2013

Unit: 1,000 ton

Source: Global and China Natural Rubber Industry Report, 2013-2016 by ResearchInChina

Note: U.S. and European natural rubber output data are predicted.
Is it working (downstream)?

EU imports from Indonesia (2004-2019, FLEGT Licence since 2016)

Source: IMM @ https://stats.flegtimm.eu/
Is it working (upstream)?

Source: Cerutti et al. 2020
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Would the FLEGT model work for rubber?
THANK YOU!