



The Ninth Monthly Report on Working Progress of TEFSO
As of October 2020

In October 2020, TEFSO has facilitated activities, particularly meetings to support the Thai-EU FLEGT VPA. Details are as follow;

Date	Activities
27 October 2020	The Tenth Ad-hoc Working Group Meeting Read more

These activities have produced the following outcomes which will move forward the Thai-FLEGT VPA;

Issues	Progresses/Outcomes
Progress on the supply chain control of reclaimed timber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Reclaimed Timber Association, leader of the Reclaimed Timber sub-working group, conducts field surveys in the northern, southern, central, north-eastern, eastern, and western regions of Thailand to collect the existing reclaimed timber supply chain control models. - The project will produce a supply chain control of reclaimed timber and a capacity building plan for the reclaimed timber association by the end of the project in September 2020. - The project is funded by FAO-EU FLEGT Programme.
Strengthening capacities of small-scale timber operators (SSTO) to further enhance learning and policy advocacy for improving supply chain control (SCC) and TLAS development in promoting fair access to forest resources in public land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RECOFT, leader of the Supply Chain Control on Public Land sub-working group, presented a project framework which aims to push for the policy development for legality control of timber on government authorized public land and build smallholders capacity to operate their businesses legally. - The project is funded by the FAO-EU FLEGT Programme.

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<p>Technological Solutions for Harmonizing Existing Systems to Enhance Traceability of Timber in Thailand</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asian Institute of Technology presented the project, which will strengthen RFD Single Window capacity to ensure timber traceability. - The project is funded by FAO-EU FLEGT Programme.
<p>Sustainable Forest Trade in the Lower Mekong Region Programme - FAO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FAO representative presented the program funded by the government of Norway to develop legal and sustainable forestry and agricultural practices in Thailand, Myanmar, Lao, Cambodia, and Vietnam. The program is interested in working in synergy with the FAO-EU FLEGT Programme and supporting the Ad-hoc Working Group to build the public and private sector's capacity and develop tools and systems to ensure timber legality.
<p>Guideline on supply chain control of timber on private land and guideline on self-declaration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The ad-hoc working group approved the draft guideline on supply chain control of timber on private land to be informally sent to the EU for comments. - The ad-hoc working group concluded that self-declaration guidelines would provide two methods: one for timber sold by weight and the second for timber sold by block. - The ad-hoc working group will continue discussing a regulation on timber processing as it is still not coherent.