



35th Monthly Report on Working Progress of TEFSO in March 2017

In March 2017, TEFSO has performed the following tasks:

1. Bimonthly E-Newsletter no.5 on January – February, 2017

TEFSO published Bi-Monthly E-newsletter No.5 on January - February 2017 to report the FLEGT VPA implementation in Thailand and circulate the interested news around the world. The E-newsletter is now available at <http://tefso.org/th/category/newsletter-th/>

2. The National FLEGT Committee meeting No.1/2017

On 20 March 2017, Thai-EU FLEGT Secretariat Office, under Permission Bureau, Royal Forest Department, held the first meeting of National FLEGT Committee at Ministry of Natural Resource and Environment. The objective of this meeting is to consider the issues that will be put in the FLEGT VPA Negotiation between Thailand and EU. Mr.Wijarn Simachaya, Permanent Secretary of Ministry, was the Chairman of this meeting. Moreover, Mr.Banjong Wongsrisoontorn, Director of TEFSO, explained negotiation structure, improving of related commands, cabinet resolution towards FLEGT VPA, and FLEGT VPA progress in Thailand. For the schedule of Thai-EU FLEGT VPA Negotiation, the meeting proposed to set the first negotiation on 27-30 June 2017. Then, TEFSO is going to coordinate with EU representative to ensure the actual schedule later.

3. The internal meeting with EFI consultants

On 22 March 2017, Mr.Banjong Wongsrisoontron Director of TEFSO and officers together with Mr.Alexander Hinrichs and Dr.Somrudee Nicro, EU FLEGT Facilities Consultant from EFI, discussed on TOR of LD field test Technical Assistance, and TLAS structure method.

In addition, the meeting also discussed on the agenda of the first TH-EU Negotiation meeting which will be arranged on 27-30 June 2017

4. PEFC CoC Training and Workshop

On 23-24 March 2017, TEFSO and RFD officers attended "PEFC CoC Training and Workshop" at the head office of the Rubber Authority of Thailand. Mr. Banjong Wongsrisoontorn, Director of TEFSO, received accolade to be the lecturer, to present FLEGT implementation in Thailand as well.