Eliminating “Illegal” Logging:
A Collaborative Approach

Building Partnerships to Reduce Forest Conflict in Asia
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AF&PA Position Statement on “Illegal” Logging

- Adopted by AF&PA Board January 2002
- Obey domestic and sovereign laws
- End illegal logging in protected areas
- Support government monitoring and assessment
- SFM Certification can help but is not the solution
AF&PA & CI Perspectives on Illegal Logging

- Large-scale commercial illegal logging is a criminal problem.
- Trade measures are indirect and easily circumscribed.
- Need systematic enforcement strengthening...
- ...and site specific emergency actions.
- Protected areas are a priority because:
  - Greater damage.
  - Greater opportunity for short-term action.
- Prioritize where to work globally.
  - Because of volume, because of damage.
Joint Recommendations to PIAIL

- CI and AF&PA, WCS and Wild Aid sent joint recommendations.

- The PIAIL reflected this input: “…the initiative will emphasize identifying and reducing threats to protected forest areas and other high value conservation forest from illegal logging…”
Umbrella for parallel projects aiming to combat illegal logging on the ground in producer countries.

Projects - with additional partners - include:

- Satellite monitoring of protected areas.
- Strengthening enforcement.
- Building political support for better governance.
- Activities to reduce local demand for illegal logging.
Illegal Logging Key Points

- Stopping illegal logging can only be done by strengthening enforcement in problematic producer countries.
- Systematic enforcements strengthening is a long-term process; need to prioritize carefully and act to stop worst cases of illegal logging.
- Corporate support in producer and consumer countries is key.
- Successes are needed to build momentum.
Goal: Reduce the Cost Spread

- Legitimate Material
- Illegal Material + RISK

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Goal: Not Widen the Cost Spread

Legitimate Material

Illegal Material + RISK

Cost