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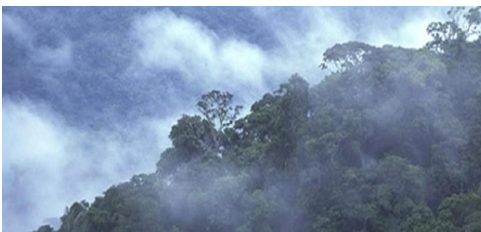


PNG Forest Authority

Project Outline

Papua New Guinea is committed to SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT. Over the years, a sound framework of forest policies, laws and regulations has been put in place. In spite of this, weak forest law enforcement is currently undermining the PNG Forest Authority's efforts at achieving sustainable forest management on the ground. This situation is also affecting PNG's ability to satisfy the requirements of some of its key timber markets.

The International Tropical Timber Organisation is now helping the PNG Forest Authority to ENHANCE FOREST LAW ENFORCEMENT in PNG. This two-year pilot project will:

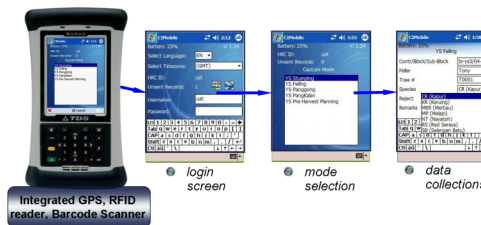


- Develop a pilot timber tracking system for testing at two timber concessions in PNG;
- Develop a FLEGT based legality standard and industry code-of-conduct for PNG;
- Develop a forestry monitoring module for local stakeholders.

The project can also help lay the foundations for future SFM initiatives, such as national inventory, carbon sequestration monitoring, certification & EU-FLEGT Voluntary Partnership Agreements.

Timber Tracking

The Project will help the PNG Forest Authority develop an appropriate TIMBER PRODUCT TRACKING SYSTEM for PNG. The system will verify the chain-of-custody of timber products from round log to timber-yard (domestic) or ship (export) and manage information across different environments. This work will involve:



- Setting precise technical specifications for the timber tracking system;
- Installing CI World hardware and software at PNG Forest Authority headquarters in Port Moresby;
- Installing project database at Helveta headquarters in UK;
- Configuring the timber tracking system to technical specifications;
- System testing and training at PNG Forest Authority headquarters.
- System testing and training at the two pilot concessions.

Timber Legality

The Project will help the PNG Forest Authority develop an acceptable TIMBER LEGALITY STANDARD for Papua New Guinea based upon FLEGT guidelines and principles, together with an INDUSTRY CODE-OF-CONDUCT. This work will involve:

- Face-to-face meetings, supplemented by phone/fax/email consultations;
- Online work-space collaboration, supplemented by email/courier/fax communication;
- National workshop at PNG Forest Authority headquarters in Port Moresby;



Stakeholder Monitoring

The Project will help the PNG Forest Authority develop a TRAINING MODULE that will enhance the willingness and capacity of key stakeholders to detect illegal practices within the forestry sector, as well as assist in the successful prosecution and conviction of offenders. This work will be undertaken alongside the timber legality consultations..