

International Engagement on Forest Governance – Perspectives from the U.S. Department of Justice

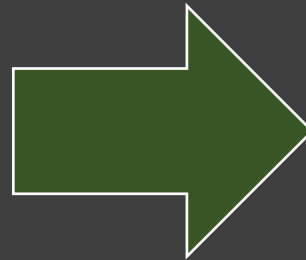
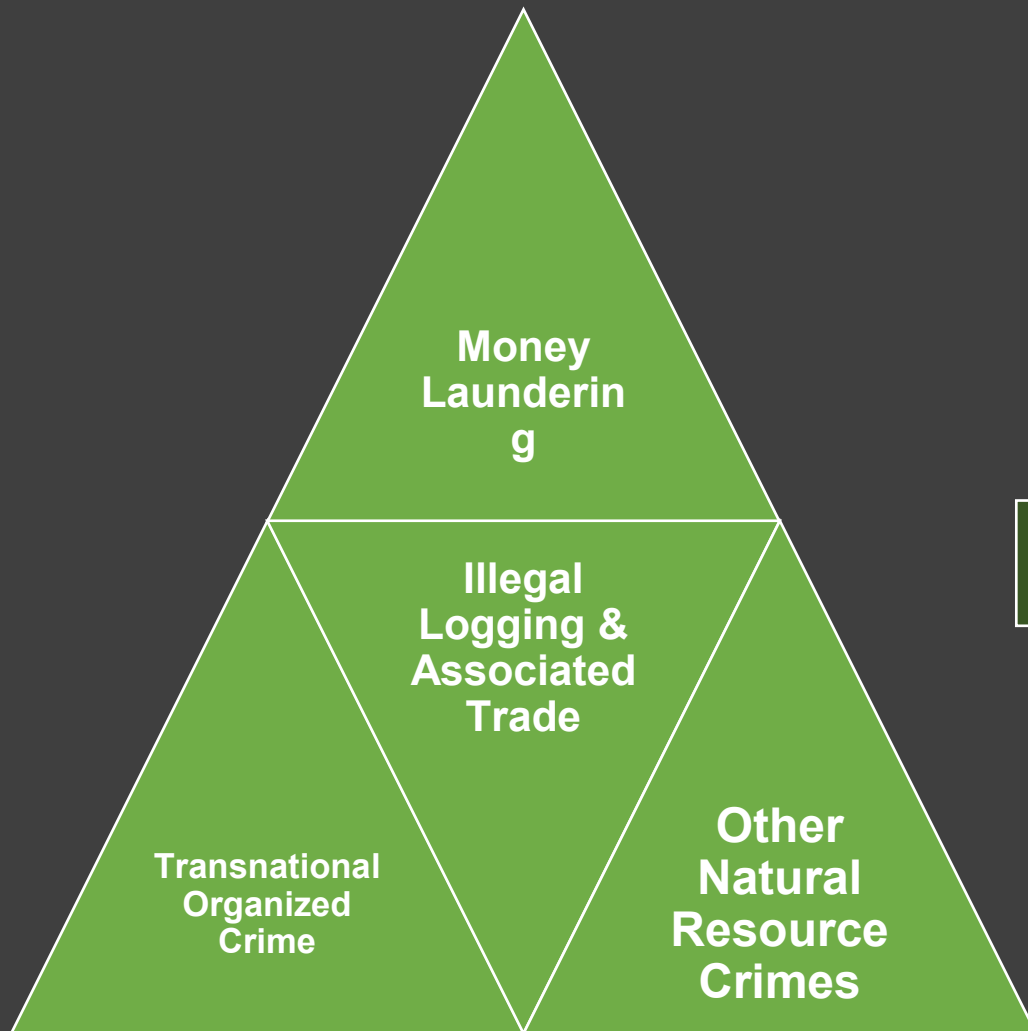
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Revised Global Understanding...



Holistic Approach to Combat Illegal Logging



Implementation of 2008 Lacey Act Amendments

Capacity Building & Outreach

Trade Agreements

Enforcement

Lacey Act of 1900, 16 U.S.C. §§ 3371-3378

- Oldest wildlife protection law
- Amended in 2008
- Two Types of Violations
 - Trafficking
 - False Labeling/Records
- Annual appropriations to implement the 2008 Amendments
 - Capacity Building



Congressman John F. Lacey, U.S. Library of Congress

U.S. Policy Developments

- Executive Order 14008 – Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad
- U.S. Plan to Conserve Global Forests: Critical Carbon Sinks
- Executive Order 14060 – Establishing the U.S. Council on Transnational Organized Crime
- Executive Order 14072 – Strengthening the Nation's Forests, Communities, and Local Economies

Trade & Other Bilateral Collaborations

➤ U.S.-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement

➤ U.S. & Vietnam Section 301 Timber Trade Investigation Agreement

➤ Article 16 – Technical Assistance

➤ U.S. & Peru

➤ *U.S.A. v. Global Plywood and Lumber Trading LLC*

➤ U.S. & Brazil

➤ Enforcement & Illegal Deforestation Bilateral Working Group

Benefits for the Environment in the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement

Strongest, Most Enforceable Environmental Obligations of Any Trade Agreement:

The Environment chapter of the USMCA brings all environmental provisions into the core of the agreement and makes them enforceable. The USMCA includes commitments to implement key multilateral environmental agreements to which the United States is a party, such as the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora and the Montreal Protocol on Ozone Depleting Substances. The USMCA also addresses key environmental challenges such as illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing and harmful fisheries subsidies. USMCA commits the United States, Canada and Mexico to take actions to combat and cooperate to prevent trafficking in timber and fish and other wildlife. For the first time in a U.S. trade agreement, the USMCA also addresses other pressing environmental issues such as air quality and marine litter.

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Thursday, July 7, 2022

U.S., Vietnam hold first Timber Working Group meeting

April 20, 2022 at 6:28 PM

The U.S. and Vietnam on Wednesday held the first meeting of a Timber Working Group set up to handle an ag out of supply chains. In a statement, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative noted that the October 2021 investigation under Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974. The Timber Working Group "was established to facili

US Company Pleads Guilty to Importing Illegal Timber from Peru

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Brazil and the United States announce working group to combat illegal deforestation

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Africa

➤ ENRD and U.S. Forest Service have joint programming in:

- Cameroon
- Gabon
- KAZA Region
- Mozambique
- Namibia



The Americas

- **Amazonia**
 - Illegal logging focused
 - Expanded to include wildlife trafficking and mining
- **Guatemala & Honduras**
 - Deforestation driven by agricultural commodities
 - Crimes Associated with Fishing
 - Illegal Logging
 - Illegal Mining
 - Wildlife Trafficking
- **Mexico**
 - Pollution and Natural Resources Laws
 - Civil and Criminal Enforcement
 - Virtual DOJ Attaché



Asia

- Coordinating programming with the Regional Wildlife Trafficking Resident Legal Advisor – Embassy Vientiane
- Indonesia
- Vietnam
- Plans to expand to:
 - India
 - Papua New Guinea
 - Philippines



Thank you!

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