

PLAN OF ACTION (POA) FOR ASEAN COOPERATION IN FOREST PRODUCTS DEVELOPMENT

(2016-2020)

SECTOR: FORESTRY
SUB-SECTOR: -
RESPONSIBLE WORKING GROUP: ASEAN Working Group on Forest Products Development (AWG-FPD)

STRATEGIC THRUST 1: ENHANCING SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT					
Action Programme	Activities	Sub Activities	Responsible ASOF Subsidiary Bodies/Lead Country	Timeline	Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
1.6. Mobilisation of Finance and other Resources for Enhancing Sustainable Forest Management and Development of Forest-based Products.	1.6.1 Mobilise significantly measurable increased in investments at all levels to finance sustainable forest management.		ASOF, AWG-FM	2016-2025	Strategic measures to mobilise additional investment to finance sustainable forest management developed and implemented.
	1.6.2 Encourage incentives that stimulate investments in sustainable forest management and the development of forest-based products.		AWG-FM, ASEAN Working Group on Forest Products Development (AWG-FPD)	2016-2020	List of incentives that stimulate investments in sustainable forest management and the development of forest-based products in AMS compiled.

STRATEGIC THRUST 2: ENHANCING TRADE FACILITATION, ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND MARKET ACCESS					
Action Programme	Activities	Sub Activities	Responsible ASOF Subsidiary Bodies/Lead Country	Timeline	Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
2.1. Facilitation of Forest Products Trade.	2.1.1 Review and assess the implementation of forest certification using the ASEAN Guidelines on Phased-approach to Forest Certification.		AWG-FPD	2016-2025	Annual report on the implementation of forest certification using the ASEAN Guidelines on Phased-approach to Forest Certification in AMS prepared.
	2.1.2 Review and assess the implementation of chain-of-custody of timber and timber products by the wood-based industries using the-ASEAN Guidelines for Chain-of-Custody of Legal Timber and Sustainable Timber.		AWG-FPD	2016-2025	Annual report on the implementation of chain-of-custody of timber and timber products by the wood-based industries using the ASEAN Guidelines for Chain-of-Custody of Legal Timber and Sustainable Timber in AMS prepared.
	2.1.3 Incorporate forest sustainability criteria and indicators into the ASEAN Criteria and Indicators for Legality of Timber.		AWG-FPD	2016-2020	Forest sustainability criteria and indicators incorporated into the ASEAN Criteria and Indicators for Legality of Timber.

	2.1.4 Harmonise periodically standards of ASEAN forest products and specifications to facilitate trade.		AWG-FPD	2016-2025	Periodic reviews of progress on harmonisation of standards of forest products and specifications to facilitate trade conducted.
	2.1.5 Harmonise quarantine and inspection procedure and sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures for forest products, in accordance with internationally-accepted standards and guidelines.		AWG-FPD	2016-2025	Periodic reviews of progress on harmonisation of quarantine and inspection procedure and SPS measures for forest products conducted.
	2.1.6 Encourage greater participation of the private sector in the development of the forest-based industries through capital investment, technology transfer, and access to market opportunities.		AWG-FPD	2016-2025	Strategic measures to encourage private sector representatives to further develop the forest-based industries implemented and reported.
	2.1.7 Facilitate the inclusion of legal timber trade in the development of National Single Windows (NSWs).		AWG-FPD	2016-2020	Action taken to promote the inclusion of legal timber trade in the development of NSWs by AMS implemented and reported.
	2.1.8 Identify and eliminate non-tariff measures (NTMs) that have no economic or scientific rationale and reinforce efforts to improve trade in timber products.		AWG-FPD	2016-2025	List of NTMS that have no economic or scientific rationale and prioritised in order of importance compiled and endorsed by AMS.

	2.1.9 Increase competitiveness of non-wood forest products in the international market.		AWG-FPD, AWG-SF	2016-2025	Information on properties and uses of specific non-wood forest products widely disseminated.
	2.1.10 Promote dialogue with the private sector in improving the quality and efficiency of the timber industry and in processing of other forest products.		AWG-FPD	2016-2025	Strategic measures to promote dialogue with private sector representatives to improve quality and efficiency of the timber industry and in processing of other forest products developed and implemented. .
	2.1.11 Encourage the sharing of information on the requirements on trade in forest products among AMS.		AWG-FPD	2016-2025	Mechanisms for sharing information on the requirements on trade in forest products among AMS developed and implemented.
	2.1.12 Strengthen efforts among AMS to establish regional agreements to enhance intra-ASEAN timber trade, including the requirement for legal timber, and promote co-operation with ASEAN's external partners in the global timber trade.		AWG-FPD	2016-2025	Regional agreements to enhance intra-ASEAN timber trade, including legal timber, in place, and promote co-operation with external partners.
	2.1.13 Develop a voluntary code of conduct and compliance system for companies involved in the forestry sector to conduct their businesses lawfully and		AWG-FPD	2016-2025	A voluntary code of conduct and compliance system for forest companies to conduct their businesses lawfully and comply with all relevant legislation

	comply with all relevant legislation, and include it in their corporate social responsibility (CSR).				developed and incorporated in their CSR.
2.2. Enhancement of Co-operation in Forest Products Development.	2.2.1 Facilitate further improvement of timber and timber products processing technologies that enhance the efficiency in the use of raw materials and energy.		AWG-FPD	2016-2025	Mechanisms to facilitate the improvement of timber processing technologies that enhance the use of raw materials and energy developed.
	2.2.2. Facilitate diversification and intensification of downstream processing of more value-added timber and timber products.		AWG-FPD	2016-2025	Mechanisms to facilitate the diversification and intensification of downstream processing of more value-added products developed.
	2.2.3 Improve policy, legal and institutional frameworks to attract increased investments in value addition to the forest-based industries.		AWG-FPD	2016-2025	Periodic reviews of progress in the increase of investments in value addition to the forest-based industries conducted.
	2.2.4 Promote the domestication and mass production of medicinal, herbal and aromatic plants, and support the establishment of such industries.		AWG-FPD	2016-2025	Strategic measures to promote the domestication and mass production of medicinal, herbal and aromatic plants with private sector representatives developed and implemented.
	2.2.5 Involve the private sector in identifying priority products and to focus scarce scientific and		AWG-FPD	2016-2025	Plans to enhance private sector involvement in identifying priority products and to focus scarce

	technical resources on high pay-off products.				scientific and technical resources on high pay-off products developed and implemented.
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STRATEGIC THRUST 4: INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT					
Action Programme	Activities	Sub Activities	Responsible ASOF Subsidiary Bodies/Lead Country	Timeline	Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
4.1. Promotion and Implementation of Training Programmes in Forestry.	<p>4.1.1 Identify existing training facilities and available training programmes in the region and develop mechanisms for sharing of such training facilities and programmes.</p> <p>4.1.2 Identify the future training needs and program in anticipating the future development.</p>		AWG-FM, AWG-FPD, AWG-SF, AWG-CITES and WE	2016-2025	<p>List of existing training facilities and available training programmes, including mechanisms for sharing them, compiled.</p> <p>List of future training needs and program.</p>
4.2. Enhancement of Sharing Experiences and Lessons Learned.	4.2.1 Facilitate cross-learning among AMS in enhancing sustainable forest management practices, combating illegal forestry activities and timber trade, including the EU-FLEGT		AWG-FM, AWG-FPD, AWG-SF	2016-2025	Practices of sustainable forest management, including combating illegal forestry activities and timber trade, and in improving the range and quality of wood products shared through the website

	VPA process; and in improving the range and quality of wood products.				developed by AMS.
	4.2.2 Conduct workshops, seminars, and webinars, including focused group discussions, on topics affecting the sustainability of the forest resources and the forest-based industries in the region.		AWG-FM, AWG-FPD, AWG-SF, AWG-CITES and WE	2016-2025	List of conducted workshops, seminars, webinars and focused group discussions compiled and disseminated.
4.3. Strengthened Research and Development (R&D).	4.3.1 Enhance R&D co-operation and technology transfer among forestry research institutions in the region.		AWG-FM, AWG-FPD, AWG-SF	2016-2025	Annual reviews of R&D partnerships in the region conducted and to increase R&D resources significantly.
	4.3.2 Strengthen the networking of forestry research institutions within and with those outside the region.		AWG-FM, AWG-FPD, AWG-SF	2016-2025	Mechanisms for networking of forestry research institutions within and with those outside the region developed.
	4.3.3 Formulate and implement arrangements for exchange of experts and scientists, and research materials and information in compliance with national legislation.		AWG-FM, AWG-FPD, AWG-SF	2016-2020	Rules and procedures for facilitating exchange of experts and scientists, and research materials and information by AMS established in compliance with national legislation.

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