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Information is often scarce

Access to information on natural resources is often incomplete, inaccessible

When Information does exist it is often of little use to decision makers unless it is in a form that facilitates incorporating into the decision-making process.

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What is Transparency ?

Transparency is a **process** that leads to the **systematic** availability and access of information and ultimately, good policy depends on high-quality information and informed public participation

This includes:

- create high quality data
- clear structured disclosure policies
- disclosure mechanism (paper, maps, CDs, Website).

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Benefits from Transparency

The forest sector can benefit from transparency to create

- improved investment climate
- mitigate investment risk
- an increased amount of information and understanding
- increasing accountability.
- Improve coordination
- Improve planning
- REDD scheme under UNFCCC needs trust

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Asian Initiatives

Asia and Pacific Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (FLEG). adopted Transparency as one of their 3 focus points in 2006

Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) adopted transparency in

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ASEAN Statement FLEG

WE, the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF), gathered here in Bangkok, Thailand on 1 November 2007 for the 29th AMAF Meeting;

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ASEAN Statement FLEG

HAVE AGREED, as follows:

- (2) To enhance collaborative activities and programmes such as regional customs and trade cooperation, forestry sector transparency, joint approaches in timber certification, country diagnostics and experience sharing;
- (3) To build upon the East-Asia Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (EA-FLEG)...
- (4) To task the ASOF to prepare and implement a work plan to achieve the above-stated measures...

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Transparency Timber Administration

Ratio

FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FRAMEWORK FOR DOCUMENTING LEGAL WOOD SUPPLY CHAINS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA & PACIFIC

- Indonesia
- Vietnam
- Lao PDR

ITP

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New website to describe transparency

- Indonesia
- Vietnam
- Lao PDR

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Understanding timber administration

Website with 3 timber administration systems

- Draft on Web
- Discuss with countries
- Analysis of the systems
- Add flows m3 and funds



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L'Initiative de la Transparence Forestière (FTI)

Objectif global: improve governance and access to credible information via a single interactive website/database on commercial forestry

Donateur: DFID – UK

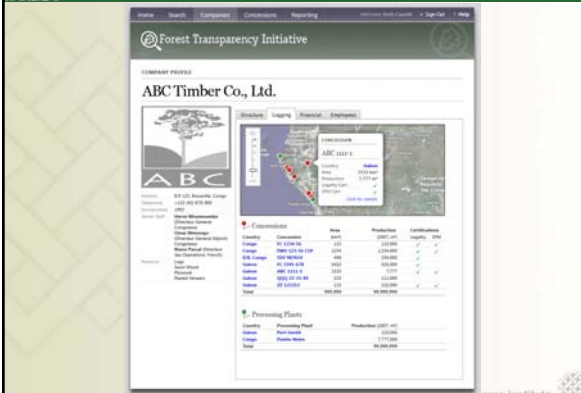
Durée du projet: 30 months ; du April 2008 – October 2010

Montant: \$987,000 sur les 30 months


Région: Five Forest Rich regions in Central-Africa in pilot phase

Partenaires: COMIFAC, EITI, OFAC, FORAF, Ministères des Forêts, secteur privé du bois, ONG

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**FOREST TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE
IN THE MINISTRY OF FORESTRY
REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA**

Anwar Purwoto
Forest Research & Development Agency

Transparency in Indonesia

- 1998: Reform era
- 2000s : A group of NGOs submitted a draft of transparency Act
- May 15, 2006: Discussion on draft of transparency Act was started at Parliament level
- April 3, 2008: Agreed by Parliament House: Act concerning Freedom of Public Information

Objectives of transparency in forest sector

- Develop transparency as a corporate value in MoF;
- Establish accountability;
- Provide up-to-date & accurate information to the public;
- Develop guidelines on the implementation of transparency;
- Allow stakeholders to participate in the decision making processes (through National Forestry Council, FOMAS, etc.)

Transparency in MoF

- Stated in Forestry Act No. 41/1999
- **Commitment** of the Minister of Forestry
- Setting-up a Task Force to work on transparency issues within MoF
- Supported by multi-stakeholders (FOMAS)
- Draft of guidelines have been developed

MoF Commitment to Transparency

MINISTER OF FORESTRY
REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

Minister of Forestry Statement
Regarding Transparent Forest Implementation

1. In accordance with the political commitment of the Republic of Indonesia, pursuant to create good governance, and the implementation of the 8th Declaration on Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (PUEG), and, in view of our efforts to accelerate Sustainable Forest Management, I the Minister of Forestry of the Republic of Indonesia, will carry out a sincere commitment to develop transparency in the forest sector.

I declare that:

1. Forest implementation will be carried out in a sustainable and beneficial and democratic fashion, which promotes justice and togetherness, openness and integration, to maximize community welfare which is fair and sustainable.
2. Every aspect of forest implementation will be disclosed in order to achieve the above-mentioned forest implementation, and this will involve all responsible parties.

Jakarta, February 27, 2009
Minister of Forestry
H.M.S. KABAN

DIALOG NASIONAL
TRANSPARANSI BIDANG KEHUTANAN
Ballroom Hotel Le Meridien, Jakarta - 27 Februari 2009

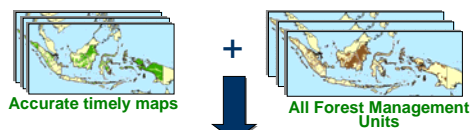
Transparency issues in MoF

- Type of information which should be or not should be disclosed;
- Consultation processes to identify public necessity;
- Readiness of MoF to prepare the needed information;
- Mechanism to access & getting information;
- Sharing data/information protocol (among stakeholders)

Issues.....(continue)

- Cost of disclosure;
- Complaint & appeal mechanism;
- Handling of refusal to supply information;

Creating and making available relevant, reliable, accurate and up-to-date forest sector information to decision makers and making key information publicly accessible.

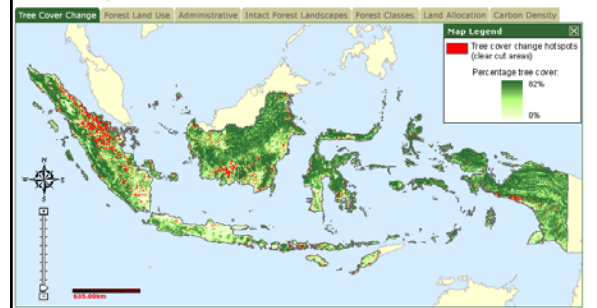


Decision support
Transparency
Accountability
Governance
Law enforcement

Forest Data Atlas

Interactive Atlas of Indonesia's Forests

Tree cover change: Cumulative forest loss from 2000 to 2005



Interactive Atlas of Indonesia's Forests

Administrative boundaries and major cities



Interactive Atlas of Indonesia's Forests

Indonesia's forests and Intact Forest Landscapes



- Currently draft on http://atlas.globalforestwatch.org/indonesia_v2/
- Will be on: www.Dephut.go.id



Remark

- Indonesia currently has made significant steps forwards on transparency
- Indonesia continues to work towards greater transparency
- Set up network: share knowledge, information and lesson learned

