

Comment Sheet

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Outline of the Organization

Brief history, Center of Forestry Development Coordinator for Sumatera Region was established to coordinate forestry development in Sumatera Region involving many Directorate General within Ministry of Forestry as well as Povincial and Distric Government.

Member ship, Mnistry of Forestry is a member of among other FAO, ITTO

Objectives, The objective of the Center is to synergy available resources for optimum support to forestry developement is Sumatera Region.

Main Activities: (1) To Coordinate forestry planning for Sumatera region; (2) Supervise implementation of Management Unit in Sumatera Region; (3) Fasilitate conflict resolution.

Basic Policies of the organization on illegal logging issues and its activities

As Forest resources are the most prominant asset for sustainable development, sustainable forest resources is the most important. One of the major threat to Indonesia's forest is illegal logging and its associated trade. Therefore, combating illegal logging and its associated trade has become strategic policies since early 2000. In combating illegal logging, Indonesia have taken two approaches. The first approach is by law enforcement and the second is by soft approach, developing Indonesia Timber Legality Assurance System (Indo-TLAS) or Sistem Verifikasi Legalitas Kayu (SVLK). SVLK is complement to law enforcement, because the law enfrocement alone can not solve illegal logging problem.

Topics1 General Evaluation of Japan's Action for illegal logging issue

As Indonesia highly committed to combat illegal logging and its associated trade, any effort addressing illegal logging, including Japanese effort as one of Indonesian timber and timber products major consumer, will increase the effectiveness of the effort. It is the right time for importing countries, including Japan, to demonstrate its commitment in combating illegal logging and its associated trade, not limited to domestic but also global scale. Goho-wood, could be linked to SVLK to accommodate demand on imported timber/timber product of Japanese market.

Topics2 Possibility of Activities of Industry Associations for illegal logging issue in the context of Goho-wood

Industry is part of value chain of timber products. Therefore participation of industry association in addressing illegal logging is very important. Possible activities for industry associations related to combating illegal logging in the context of GoHo-Wood, is to establish close communication and cooperation to support promoting legal timber in the market.