



**GENERAL DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY**  
**Forest Protection Department**

**Presentation on international  
cooperative agreements on  
control of illegal trafficking,  
transportation of timber and  
other forest products**

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# OVERVIEW

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During the past years, Vietnam has been carrying out multiple measures in on management and protection of forest and forest products. Especially with a view to stop and control the illegal trafficking and transportation of timber and other forest products. In details:

- ❖ Build legal policies;
- ❖ Improve the capacity of the law enforcement officers
- ❖ Enforce the law on forestry;
- ❖ Promote international cooperation;
- ❖ Raise the awareness of the public;
- ❖ Apply scientific technology advancement...



# LEGAL POLICIES

- ✓ Close the forests in response to climate change; Raise the leadership of the Party to the management, protection and development of forests (Decree No.13-CT/TW of the Secretariat);
- ✓ Decree No. 71/NQ-CP Action Plan of the Government;
- ✓ Ministries, industries and localities to issue documents to instruct and lead the implementation.
- ✓ Hereby engaging the participation of the leaders of the Party and authorities of various levels to the management and protection of forests; at the same time creating dramatic change in the awareness and responsibility of the officials, Party members, businesses, resident communities, families and all the people in the management and protection of forests;



# LEGAL POLICIES



Especially, on 15/11/2017, the Law on Forestry has been ratified by the National Assembly with the expansion of scope from management, protection, development and using forests to processing and trading of forest products. Currently, the legal documents to instruct the implementation of the Law on Forestry have been being built and completed (including 4 Decrees and 7 Circulars), which are expected to be in force in early 2019.



# IMPROVING CAPACITY

- ✓ To organize the training course about the regulations on controlling the trafficking of timber and other forest products to officials of Forest Protection, Border Control, Customs, Public Security, Market Surveillance.
- ✓ Promote inter-agency collaboration by signing the Regulations of coordination with the Command of Border Defense Force and the General Department of Customs.







# ENFORCEMENT WORK

The management and protection of forests in Vietnam continues with positive results:

The breaching of law on protection and development of forests has been reduced dramatically in comparison with the previous period.

Many hot spots, gathering places, rings of forest destruction, illegal trading of forest products have been detected, erased and stopped timely.



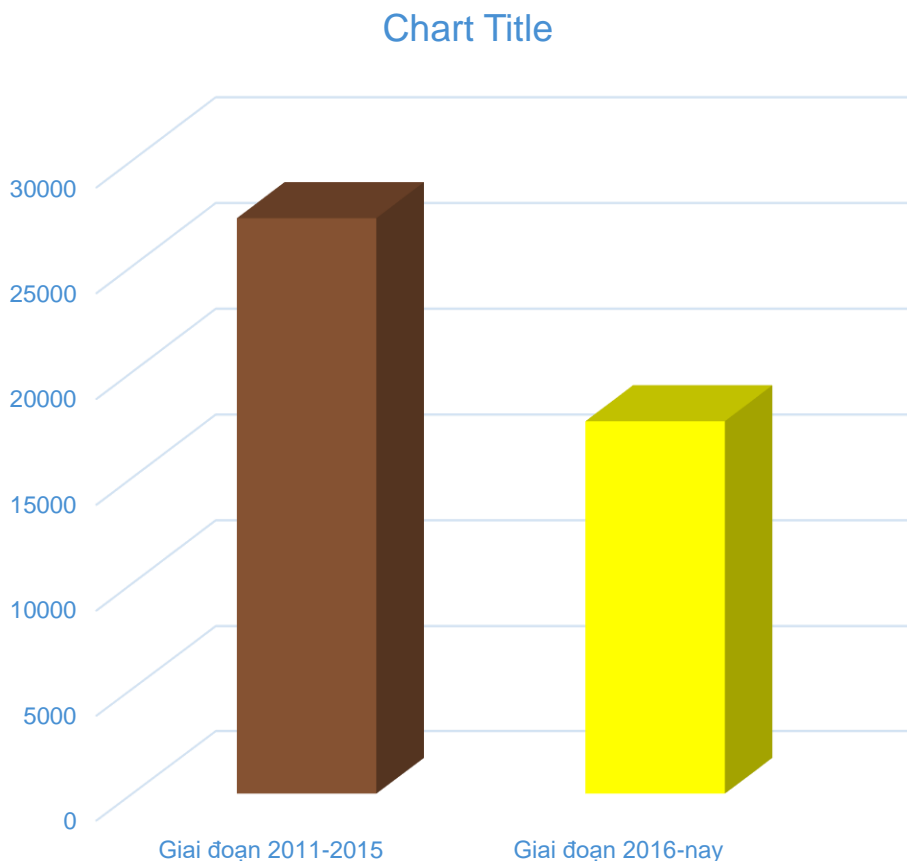


# ENFORCEMENT WORK

## NOTABLE RESULTS:

Number of cases of breaching law on Forest Protection and Development:

- ✓ 2011-2015: 136.325 cases, averagely 27.265 cases per year;
- ✓ 2016-2018: 52.995 cases, averagely 17.665 cases per year;
- ✓ Down averagely 9.600 cases/year in comparison with the period 2011-2015, equivalently 35%.





# AWARENESS RAISING



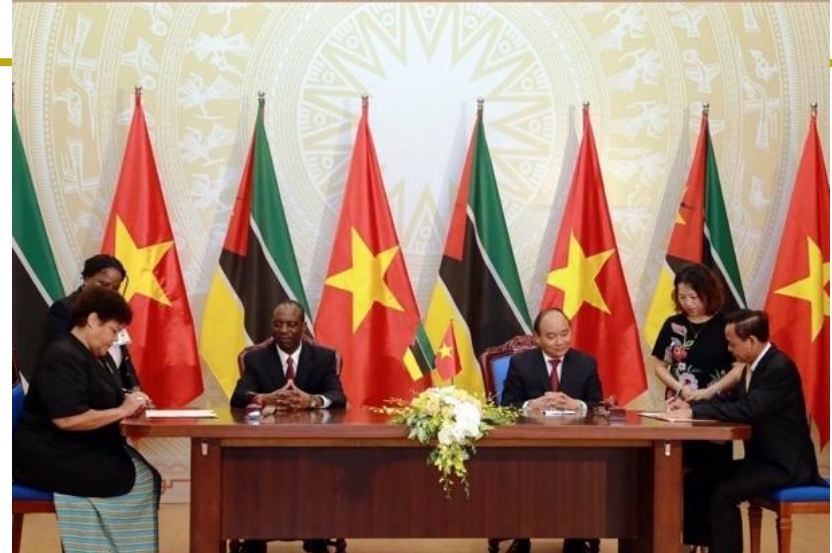
- Build the village regulations on forest protection in villages and towns.
- Improve the engagement of the Forest Protection Force with the localities.
- Always mainstream the forest protection education talks.





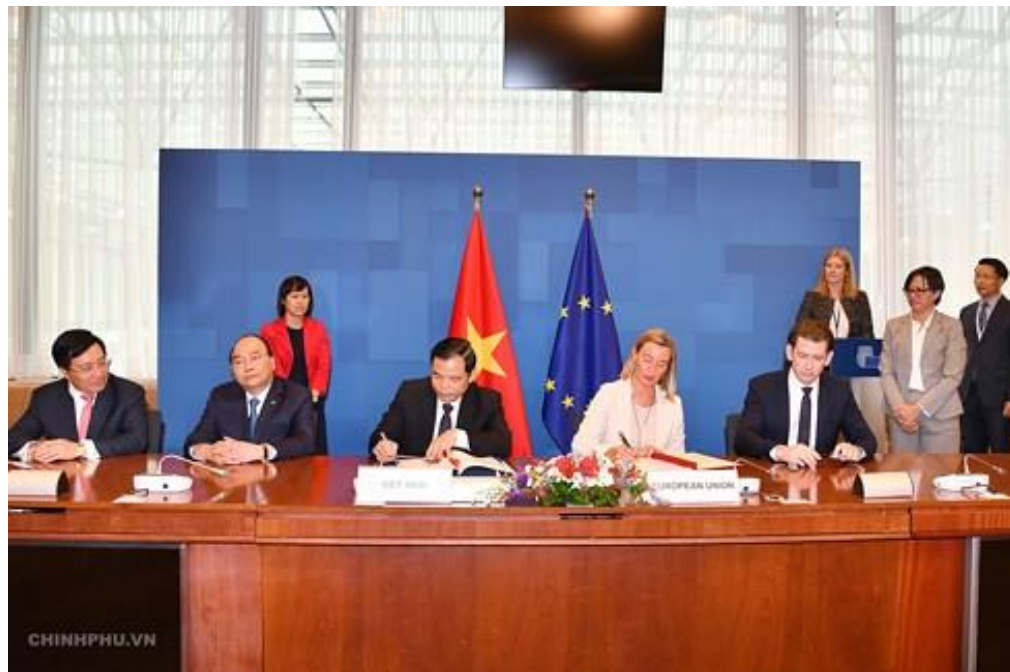
# INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- Participate and be a active member of CITES;
- Sign the MOU with other countries and international organizations such as: China, Laos, Cambodia, Indonesia; Korea; Training centre of community Forestry for Pacific Asia region; EU...





# INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION



Especially on 19/10/2018 in Belgium, Vietnam and EU officially signed the Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA) on Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT).

**In the future, Vietnam will continue expand international cooperation with countries and organizations in the world.**



# INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

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## ❖ COOPERATION WITH CHINA

On 17/9/2010, in Hanoi, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Vietnam and the National Bureau of Forestry of China signed the MOU on cooperation on forestry.



# INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

## COOPERATIVE CONTENTS WITH CHINA

- Exchange experience in forest development policies;
- Actively resolve the main issues in forestry of great concern such as: forest logging, climate change, forest fire control, pest control, endangered species, enforcement of forest law;
- Carry out the cooperation and technology exchange in high-quality breeds for the commercial purpose;
- Lead the education propaganda in raising awareness of the community in environment protection and law abiding;
- Other fields of mutual interests.





# INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

## ❖ COOPERATION WITH LAOS

On 10/10/2017, in Vientiane, Department of Forest Protection under the General Department of Forestry, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Department of Forestry Inspection of Laos signed the MOU on cooperation in forest protection, forest law enforcement, inspection and deterring the illegal trafficking and transportation of timber and other forest products.



# INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

## COOPERATIVE CONTENTS WITH LAOS

- Exchange information, knowledge, experience and increase inspection, control and stop the illegal poaching, trafficking and transportation of timber, forest products, wildlife species in the border areas between the two countries.
- Exchange information about new regulations, policies in management, protection of forests, trafficking timber and wildlife.
- Promote cooperation about fighting and preventing forest fires in the border areas between the two countries.
- Coordinate to adapt with the changes of international market in timber and wooden products.



# INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

## COOPERATIVE CONTENTS WITH LAOS

- Promote bilateral cooperation in enforcing the commitment, convention regionally and internationally, in which both countries are participants.
- Surveil and expedite the trade of forest products.
- Cooperation in the educational propaganda, raising public awareness about protection of forest resources, preservation of biodiversity, prevention and suppression of forest fires, combating the illegal logging, trading, transporting timber, forest products and wildlife species.
- Cooperation in other forest activities of mutual interests.



# INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

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## ❖ COOPERATION WITH CAMBODIA

On 27/6/2012, in Hanoi, the General Department of Forestry, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Vietnam and the General Department of Forestry under the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery of the Kingdom of Cambodia signed the MOU about cooperation in forestry.





# INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

## COOPERATIVE CONTENTS WITH CAMBODIA

- Exchange information, knowledge and experience in planning and implementing the strategy on forestry, the programs, the macro operations, especially investigating, making statistics, inventory of forests, wildlife, trading timber and wildlife, the enforcement of forestry law and forest governance of each country.
- Promote cooperation in the prevention of forest fires, controlling the transportation and trade of timber and wildlife, management and protection of forests, preservation of biodiversity along the borders between the two countries.
- Coordinate activities to adapt with the changes of the international market of timber and wooden products.



# INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

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## COOPERATIVE CONTENTS WITH CAMBODIA

- Promote bilateral cooperation in implementing the commitments, conventions regionally and internationally in which both sides are participants.
- Surveil and expedite the trade of forest products.
- Cooperation in educational propaganda, raising public awareness in the protection of forest resources and forest planting.
- Cooperation in other forestry activities of mutual interests.



# INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

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## ❖ COOPERATION WITH COMMUNITY TRAINING CENTRE OF FORESTRY FOR PACIFIC – ASIA.

On 11/01/2012, in Hanoi, the General Department of Forestry, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Vietnam and the Community Training Centre of Forestry for Pacific – Asia signed the MOU on cooperation on activities to improve the community life in locality and sustainable management of natural resources in Vietnam.



# INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

## ❖ SIGNING WITH EU

On 19/10/2018, in Belgium, Vietnam and EU officially signed the VPA/FLEGT.







# INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

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## ❖ SIGNING WITH EU

This trade agreement have the legally binding effects in order to improve the governance of forests and expedite the trade of legal timber and wooden products from Vietnam to EU market.

The VPA/FLEGT will help Vietnam to expand export market, improve the mechanism of forest management, resolve the illegal logging and trading of timber.



# INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

## ❖ SIGNING WITH EU

In which, Vietnam commit to build and operate the Vietnam Timber Legality Assurance System (VNTLAS) in accordance with the characteristics of the supply chain of Vietnam and regulations of EU to determine and trace back the timber origin in the whole supply chain to have legal basis for Vietnamese authorities to issue FLEGT licenses for the shipment of timber and forest products of Vietnam to export to EU.



# INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

## ❖ SIGNING WITH EU

Also by this way, the trade of timber and wooden products legally and sustainably in accordance with the objectives of development and efforts of Vietnam to protect forests and minimize the climate change effects. Not only assure that timber and wooden products of Vietnam to export to EU have legal origins but also illegally logged timber are not allowed to enter Vietnamese market.



# INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

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Moreover, during the past time, Vietnam usually hosts the annual conferences with bordering countries in order to exchange information, share information about management and protection of forests and management of forest products; monitor the illegal trafficking and transportation of timber and forest products.

Several provinces in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia having shared land borders also have cooperative agreements in forestry and monitoring the illegal trafficking and transportation of timber and forest products.



**Thank You!**



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