

CIFOR PRO-FORMAL project

- Chainsaw milling and domestic timber sector
- Same research mentioned in Box 3 of Guidance report
- Central Africa: focus on *quantitative research* (small-scale chainsaw production larger than industrial production)
- Ecuador:
 - quantitative data collection
 - but also strong focus on *qualitative research*

Focus qualitative research : *resilience of informal timber markets*

- Why Ecuador?
 - Efforts to promote *formalisation* (simplify standards and administrative procedures)
 - Various efforts to improve *control*
- ... **informal timber markets easily adapt and sometimes even prosper**
 - Now *REDD payments* (Socio Bosque programme)... implications for small-scale chainsaw milling

Research questions/hypothesis

- Local *political economy* behind informal timber markets
- *Governance structure of commodity chains* that supply these markets

Added value of the Framework for A&M Forest Governance

- Help find *identifiable elements* (“*subcomponents*”) of local political economy and commodity chain governance...
- ... and *indicators* for their analysis and measurement

Global Witness in Honduras

- REDD+ process: currently working on its Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP)
- Possibly about to start VPA FLEGT negotiations

Focus of Global Witness

- How to ensure that a broad spectrum of civil society (NGOs, grassroots environmental movements and indigenous/community organisations) can:
 - Provide information on forest governance
 - Act as peer reviewer of information provided by the government, private sector and others

Honduras political crisis

- Important consequences:
 - It is dangerous to expose information of governance issues (deforestation, illegal logging)
 - ... more than a dozen journalists and local environmentalists killed in last two years
 - Perception that it does not change things

Added value of the Guidance for the Provision of Information

- Devise procedures and mechanisms to ensure that civil society provision of information on forest governance issues is ...
- ... less dangerous (e.g. international network to disseminate information)
- ... and more effective in promoting change