Governance for REDD+

A perspective from legal enforcement

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Deforestation drivers in Colombia



Agriculture frontier expansion

Colonization and displacement





Mining

Fires





Infrastructure

Illegal crops



Illegal and overlogging



Property rights

Current situation:

- Collective titles for IP and afrocolombians
- Individual titles
- Specific arrangements on public lands (protected areas, forest estate, others)
- Legal framework is clear regarding rights

But:

- Lack of regulation
- Internal conflict, weak presence of authorities, displacement and internal refugees
- Drug economy

Driver: illegal logging, overlogging

- Auto-consumption (firewood) and "non-controlled" markets
- 42% of timber used is illegal
- Involves the supply chain (e.g. 71-80% of illegality in transport)
- Causes:
 - Weak operative and institutional capacity
 - Low local community involvement in control

Solution:

- Promotion of legality (voluntary pact)
- Built governmental capacities: control and sanction along the supply chain
- Recognize the forest value chain

Thank you!

