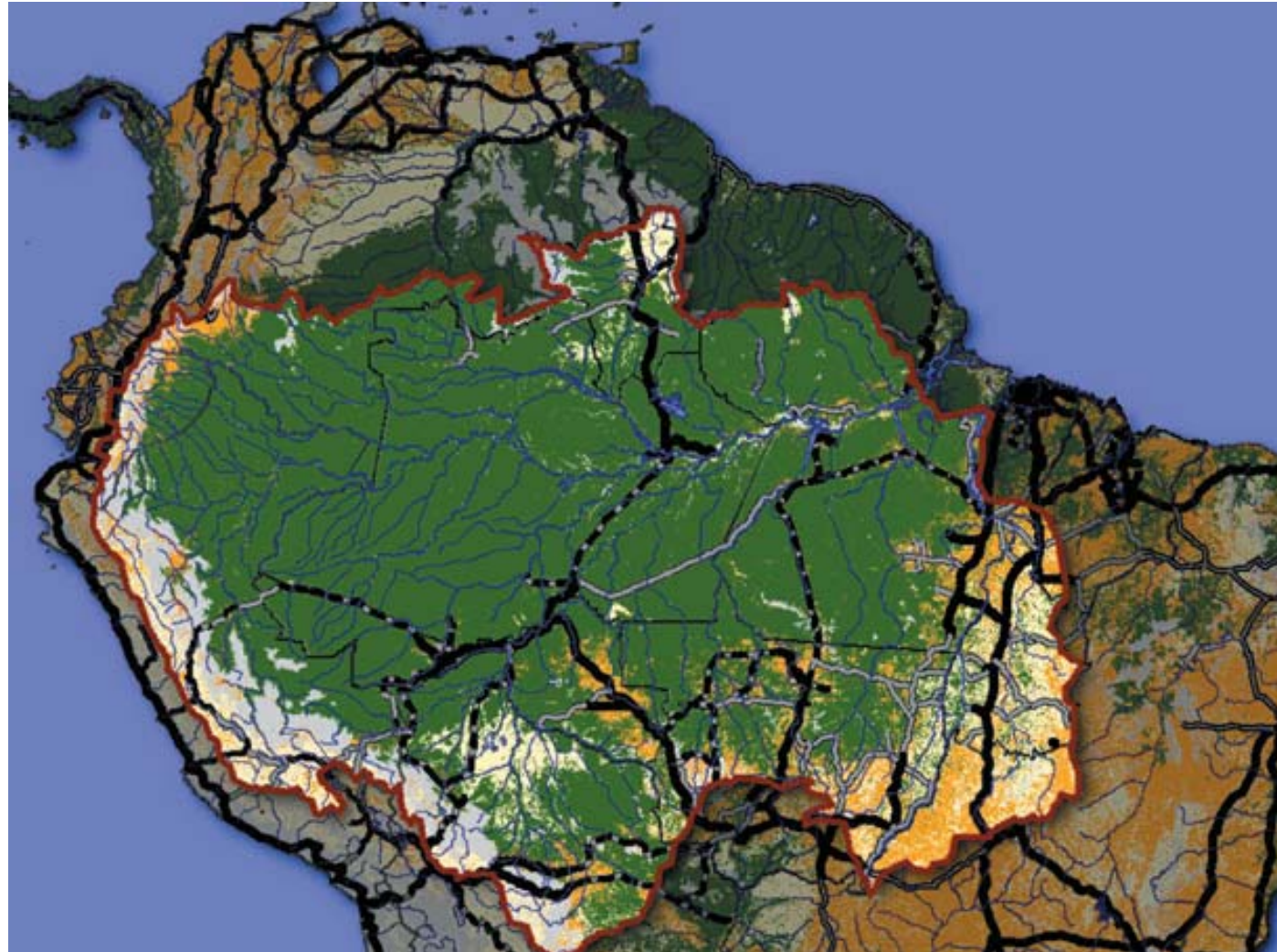




Legality of Traded Timber: The Development Challenges Processes in the Amazon

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Development challenge
Deforestation > 2,7 mio ha / year



Deforestation in the Amazon Basin 1980 - 2005

Country	Accumulated Deforested Area (km ²)				Annual Deforestation (km ² /year)		
	1980-1989	1990-1999	2000-2005	% of the total cleared in 2000-2005	1980-1989	1990-1999	2000-2005
Bolivia ^[1]	15.500	24.700	45.735 ^[2]	5.3%	1.386 ²	1.506 ²	2.247 ²
Brasil ^[3]	377.500	551.782	682.124	79.5%	19.410	16.503	22.513
Colombia ^[4]	19.973	27.942	29.302 ⁵	3.4%.	n.d.	664	942
Ecuador ^[5]	n.d.	3.784	8.540	1.0%	212 ⁵	378	388 ⁴
Guyana ⁵	n.d.	n.d.	7.390	0.9%	n.d.	n.d.	210 ⁵
Perú ⁵	56.424	64.252	69.713	8.2%	2.611	783	123 ⁵
Surinam ⁵	n.d.	n.d.	2.086	0.2%	n.d.	n.d.	242 ⁵
Venezuela ⁵	n.d.	7.158	12.776	1.5%	n.d.	716	553 ⁵
Total	451.924	666.076	857.666	100%	23.619	20.550	27.218

^[1] Steininger et al. (2001).

^[2] Killen et al. (2007)

^[3] Prodes (www.obt.inpe.br/prodes/ 2007)

^[4] Sinchi (2007)

^[5] Simamazonia (<http://www.csr.ufmg.br/simamazonia>) (Soares et al. 2006).



FLEG-T in the Amazon?

- **F**orest **L**aw **E**nforcement
 - Development policies of other sectors (agriculture, energy, infrastructure, others), legal frameworks
 - Land tenure rights
- **G**overnance
 - Land tenure, Indigenous peoples rights, decentralization, participation, transparency
- Trade?



ACTO: Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization Ministerial Declaration

- **Declaration of Manaus – 2004:**
“reiterate the firm purpose of combating the illegal harvesting and trade of timber, and of promoting, through active cooperation, the valuation and sustainable use of the Amazon natural resources.” (22)

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Amazon Cooperation
Treaty Organization
PS - Permanent Secretariat

Organización del Tratado
de Cooperación Amazónica
SP - Secretaría Permanente

De Organisatie van de Overeenkomst
voor Amazonische Samenwerking
SP - Permanent Secretariaat



Guararema, Brazil 2004

Meeting gave birth to the ALFA
(“*FLEA*”) Initiative

- Multisectoral participation from 8 member countries
- Identification of main issues to improve *FLEG* in the Amazon related to policies, institutions, legal framework, technologies and participation of civil society



Guararema: ALFA issues

Policies: Relevance of NFP´s to achieve political will, coherence and transectorial approaches towards *FLEG* in the Amazon

Legal framework: aplicability and ownership through participation of stakeholders

Institutions: independence, cross checks and balances, ressources and capacities

Participation and social control: access to information, open fora for dialogue



ALFA Project: Objectives

Support ACTO member states to improve *FLEG* in the Amazon:

- Country studies to identify the main obstacles each country faces to improve its *FLEG*; efforts done and success achieved
- Regional systematization on *FLEG* in the Amazon
- Support a regional ALFA agenda: share lessons learnt / cooperate to overcome obstacles / develop common positions



Country studies:

Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana*, Peru*
Studies nearly finished

Bolivia*, Brasil, Surinam*, Venezuela
ToR negotiated and agreed

Ownership: process and participation are
fundamental for success

* Country assessments WB 2006



Next steps

- Identify specific indicators for better FLEG in the Amazon Basin in the aspects of policies, legal framework, institutions, technologies and participation
- Common base of information
- Describe the direction of change
- Basis for regional cooperation