

Joint Implementation Framework (JIF) monitoring plan

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Strategic tasks, outputs, and activities	Indicative timeline (year/quarter)																												Main responsible actors	Funding source (program)	Comments	Status				
	2019				2020				2021				2022				2023				2024				2025								2026			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4					1	2	3	4
1	Strategic task 1: VPA ratification process																																			
1.1	VPA package completed and signed																															Completed				
1.1.1	Legal scrubbing of VPA document package																												EU & GY			Completed				
1.1.2	Translation into EU languages																												EU			Completed				
1.1.3	Commission proposing decision to Council																												EU			Completed				
1.1.4	Presentation of VPA to Council																												EU			Completed				
1.1.5	Council adopting decision to sign Agreement.																												EU			Completed				
1.1.6	Prep for VPA signing (logistics, briefing, comms)																												EU & GY			Completed				
1.1.7	Signing of VPA by parties																												EU & GY			Completed				
1.2	EU ratification process completed																																			
1.2.1	Submission of the Agreement by the EC to EP																												EU			Completed				
1.2.2	Discussion in EU Parliament																												EU			Completed				
1.2.3	Approval of Agreement by EU Council																												EU			Completed				
1.2.4	EU Parliament providing consent for ratification																												EU			Completed				
1.2.5	EU notifying Guyana that procedures completed																												EU			Completed				
1.3	Guyana ratification process completed																																			
1.3.1	Submission by Min of Nat Res to GY parliament																												GY			Completed				
1.3.2	Discussion in Guyana Parliament																												GY			Completed				
1.3.3	Approval of Agreement for ratification by GoG																												GY			Completed				
1.3.4	GY notifying EU of their ratification of the VPA																												GY			Completed				
1.4	VPA ratified and published																																			

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1.4.1	Formal ratification and publication of the VPA	EU & GY			Completed
2	Strategic task 2: VPA management, coordination and monitoring mechanisms in place				
2.1	Pre-JMRC established, supported and functional				
2.1.1	Establishing of pre-JMRC by Guyana and EU	EU & GY	EU (ALA)/GY		Completed
2.1.2	Updating JIF through a multi-stakeholder process and agreeing by Pre-JMRC	Pre-JMRC			Completed
2.2	National Implementation Working Group (NIWG) established and functional				
2.2.1	Establishing NIWG	GoG			Completed
2.2.2	Adopting ToR of the NIWG	NIWG			Completed
2.2.3	Adopting Rules of procedure of NIWG	NIWG			Completed
2.2.4	Holding regular meetings and publishing public versions of meeting minutes	NIWG/ FLEGT Secretariat			Ongoing
2.2.5	Identification of capacity strengthening needs NIWG	NIWG			Completed
2.2.6	Strengthening the capacity of the NIWG per 2.2.5	NIWG	EU (AFD)	+/- 30k (TBC)	Not started
2.3	JMRC established, supported and functional				
2.3.1	Establishing JMRC	EUD & GoG	EU (ALA)/GY		Completed
2.3.2	Holding JMRC meetings and activities	JMRC	EU/GY		Ongoing
2.3.3	Establishing reporting system and publishing of information by JMRC agreed by parties	JMRC			Ongoing
2.3.4	Negotiating and adopting JMRC Rules of Procedure and Rules of Arbitration	JMRC			Ongoing
2.4	Government Coordination Body (GCB) established and functional				
2.4.1	Establishing and strengthening GCB	GCB			Completed
2.4.2	Agreeing on ToR GCB	GCB			Ongoing
2.4.3	Ministry of Finance is member of the GCB	GCB			Not started
2.4.4	Signing of MoUs between GFC and GTLAS Agencies	GCB			Not started

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	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036				
3.3.1	Development of manual of procedures for FMD, FRMD, and FD (GFC)																	GFC/FLEGT Secretariat	UK (EFITAP)		Ongoing
3.3.2	Endorsement of 3.3.1 by GFC																	GFC	GY		Not started
3.3.3	Implementation of 3.3.1																	GFC	EU (AFD, AD 2023), GY		Not started
3.3.4	Development of GTLAS manual of procedures (other GTLAS agencies)																	GTLAS Agencies	UK (EFITAP)		Ongoing
3.3.5	Endorsement of 3.3.4 by GTLAS agencies																	GTLAS agencies	GY		Not started
3.3.6	Assessing needs of GTLAS agencies to implement procedures																	GTLAS agencies	EU (AFD)		Not started
3.3.7	GTLAS agencies have the necessary resources to implement the procedures																	GTLAS agencies	EU (AFD, AD2023), GY		Not started
3.3.8	GTLAS agencies implement 3.3.4																	GTLAS agencies	Captured in 3.3.7		Not started
3.3.9	Designing and developing procedures and protocols for exchange of information between Management Information System Unit (MISU) and GTLAS agencies																	GCB	GY		Not started
3.3.10	Harmonizing GLSC and GFC Forest and Land Information, mapping and verification system for management of land leases and forest concessions																	GLSC/GFC	EU (AFD)	Captured in 3.2.3	Ongoing
3.3.11	Needs assessment of MISU																	GFC	EU (AFD)	Captured in 3.2.3	Not started
3.3.12	Strengthening and operationalizing MISU in GFC/FD																	GFC/FD	EU (AFD, AD2023)	Based on 3.3.11	Not started
3.4	Review and update the non-compliance procedures and penalties for breaching requirements of institutions responsible for GTLAS verification																				
3.4.1	Assessing procedures and recommendations for improvement pertaining to non-compliance																	GFC/FD	EU (AFD)	Captured in 3.2.3	Not started
3.4.2	Updating procedures and regulations on sanctions in case of non-compliance by the FSO																	GFC/FD	EU (AFD)	Captured in 3.2.3	Not started
3.4.3	Integration of a non-compliance component in the Central Information Database (CID)																	GFC/FD	EU (AFD)	Captured in 3.2.3	Not started

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3.5	The Internal Audit Unit (IAU) enhanced and functional																											
3.5.1	Expanding roles and responsibilities of the IAU to include auditing of GTLAS elements																								GFC	GFC		Not started
3.5.2	Needs assessment of IAU																								GFC	EU (AFD)	Captured in 3.2.3	Not started
3.5.3	Enhancing and operationalizing IAU																								GFC	EU (AFD, AD2023)	Captured in 3.2.3	Not started
3.6	Expanded and upgraded WTS and legality application																											
3.6.1	Procuring and deploying of hardware																								GFC	UK (EFITAP)		Completed
3.6.2	Needs assessment of additional hardware																								GFC	EU (AFD)	Captured in 3.2.3	Not started
3.6.3	Procurement and deployment of additional hardware (if need be, see 3.7.2)																								GFC	EU (AFD, AD2023)	Captured in 3.2.3	Not started
3.6.4	Developing legality application																								GFC	UK (EFITAP)		Ongoing
3.6.5	Deploying legality application																								GFC	EU (AFD, AD2023)	Captured in 3.2.3	Not started
3.6.6	Designing and developing digital WTS (including Central Information Database, CID)																								GFC	EU (AFD, AD2023)	Captured in 3.2.3	Not started
3.6.7	Deploying digital WTS																								GFC	EU (AFD, AD2023)	Captured in 3.2.3	Not started
3.6.8	Improving Information and Communication Technologies systems for data capture (incl mobile apps)																								GFC	EU (AFD, AD2023)	Captured in 3.2.3	Not started
3.6.9	Upgrade the WTS to allow for the online submission and consultation of supply chain-related information by FSOs																								GFC	UK (EFITAP), EU (AFD, AD2023)	Captured in 3.2.3, pilot under EFITAP	Ongoing
3.6.10	Assessment of the need for digitizing and mapping of Amerindian villages, Mining concessions, and agricultural leases																								GL&SC	EU (AFD)	Captured in 3.2.3	Not started
3.6.11	Digitization and mapping of Amerindian Villages, Mining concessions, agricultural leases and GPS coordinates of roads																								GL&SC	EU (AFD)	Captured in 3.2.3	Not started
3.7	The Timber Legality Trade Unit (TLTU) established and functional																											
3.7.1	Establishing TLTU by administrative decision																								GFC	GY		Not started

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		2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034									
3.7.2	Needs assessment of the TLTU																	GFC	EU (AD2023)		Not started	
3.7.3	Operationalize the TLTU																		GFC	EU (AD2023), GY		Not started
4	Strategic task 4: Capacities of stakeholders developed to implement the VPA																					
4.1	GTLAS agencies, FSOs, Indigenous groups and other relevant stakeholders have the required capacity for implementing FLEGT VPA																					
4.1.1	Conducting capacity and information needs assessments for the different stakeholder groups																		GFC	GY/UK (EFITAP)		Completed
4.1.2	Updating the needs assessment																		GFC	EU (TCF)	Procuring	Ongoing
4.1.3	Strengthening capacity of the GFC to verify compliance of FSOs with VPA requirements																		GFC	EU (TCF)	Procuring	Ongoing
4.1.4	Provide training for government agencies to verify and for FSOs to implement Health & Safety (H&S) requirements of the VPA in the field																		GFC	EU (TCF)	Procuring	Ongoing
4.1.5	Strengthening capacity of FSOs to comply with VPA requirements																		GFC	EU (TCF)	Procuring	Ongoing
4.1.6	Delivering additional capacity development programs for GTLAS Agencies																		GFC	EU (AFD)	Captured in 3.2.3	Not started
4.1.7	Strengthening Information, training and coaching programs for private sector																		GFC	EU (AFD)	Captured in 3.2.3	Not started
4.1.8	Undertake additional training for Amerindian communities, SMEs, CFAs and SLAs on compliance with GTLAS requirements																		GFC/ FTCI	EU (AFD)	Captured in 3.2.3	Not started
4.1.9	Enhance capacity of Training institutions to support capacity building programmes for the VPA																		GFC/FTCI	UK (EFITAP), EU (AFD)	Captured in 3.2.3	Ongoing
5	Strategic task 5: Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanisms for VPA implementation in place																					
5.1	A system for planning and monitoring the implementation of the VPA established																					
5.1.1	JMRC adopts the JIF																		JMRC			Completed
5.1.2	JMRC adopts regular updates of the JIF																		JMRC			Ongoing
5.1.3	JMRC adopts the workplan																		JMRC			Completed
5.1.4	JMRC adopts regular updates of the workplan																		JMRC			Ongoing
5.2	A system for monitoring and evaluating the impacts of the VPA implementation is established																					

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5.2.1	Impact monitoring framework for the VPA developed																														FLEGT Secr	EU (AFD)		Ongoing
5.2.2	Establish baseline for monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the VPA																														FLEGT Secr	EU (AFD)		Not started
5.2.3	Periodic monitoring of the impact areas of the VPA as agreed																														FLEGT Secr	EU (AFD/AD 2023)/GY		Not started
5.3	Independent Audit mechanism established																																	
5.3.1	Procure, select and contract Independent Auditor																														JMRC	EU (AFD)	Depending on progress implementation	Not started
5.3.2	Approve Inception Report by Independent Auditor																														JMRC	EU (AFD)		Not started
5.3.3	Approve and publish Independent Audit methodology																														JMRC	EU (AFD)		Not started
5.3.4	Make audit report available																														JMRC			Not started
5.4	Complaints mechanism developed and operational																																	
5.4.1	Design complaints mechanism																														FLEGT Secretariat		Funding needs TBD	Ongoing
5.4.2	Present complains mechanism design to stakeholders for comments and input																														FLEGT Secretariat		Funding needs TBD	Not started
5.4.3	Approve and operationalize complaints mechanism																														JMRC/GoG			Not started
5.5	Joint independent technical evaluation of GTLAS concluded																																	
5.5.1	Drafting and agreeing on the ToR for the independent technical evaluation																														JMRC	EU (AD2023)	Depending on progress implementation	Not started
5.5.2	Select consultant and approval of work plan for joint evaluation by JMRC																														JMRC	EU (AD2023)		Not started
5.5.3	Conducting joint evaluation of GTLAS																														JMRC	EU (AD2023)		Not started
5.5.4	Implementing corrective actions required by the joint evaluation, if any																														GY			Not started

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5.6	Public access to information on the FLEGT licensing scheme in place				
5.6.1	Review of current situation of public disclosure of information arrangements	GFC	UK (EFITAP)		Completed
5.6.2	Prepare action plan for implementation of Annex IX	GFC	UK (EFITAP)		Completed
5.6.3	Making information published by JMRC publicly accessible	JMRC			Ongoing
5.6.4	Information published by Guyana is publicly accessible	GoG			Ongoing
5.6.5	Information published by the EU is publicly accessible	EU			Ongoing
5.7	VPA impact study on the livelihoods of stakeholders linked to the forest sector, and possible mitigation measures conducted				
5.7.1	Define ToR and contract consultants for the study to explore expected livelihood impact of the VPA, and possible mitigation measures	GFC	EU (AFD, TCF)		Completed
5.7.2	Conduct social impact study and create baseline of livelihood assets, and access and control over these by relevant (vulnerable) stakeholders	GFC	EU (AFD, TCF)	Captured in 5.7.1 (IMF)	Ongoing
5.7.3	Define and adopt social safeguards for vulnerable groups during the VPA implementation	GFC		IMF	Ongoing
5.7.4	Integrate baseline and adopted mitigation/safeguard indicators in the VPA PM&E system (see output 5.1)	GFC		IMF	Not started
5.7.5	Monitor the impact of the VPA on livelihoods and implementation of mitigation measures	JMRC	EU (AFD, TCF)/ GY	IMF	Not started
6	Strategic task 6: Stakeholder engagement, coordination and outreach mechanisms in place				
6.1	Stakeholder engagement, coordination and outreach mechanisms established and supported				
6.1.1	Develop/update and operationalize VPA engagement and communications strategy targeting the different stakeholder groups	NIWG/ FLEGT Secretariat	UK (EFITAP)		Completed
6.1.2	Monitor effectiveness of the engagement and communications strategy	FLEGT Secretariat	EU (AFD)	Include in 2.5.2	Not started

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6.1.3	Design and conduct outreach and awareness programmes (on GTLAS, independent auditor, complaints mechanisms, H and S, etc.) targeting local authorities, local & indigenous communities, CSOs and private sector																										FLEGT Secretariat	UK (EFITAP), EU (AFD, AD2023)	Include in 2.5.2	Ongoing	
6.1.4	Improving FLEGT readiness of Community Forestry Organizations through increased awareness of related regulation																											GFC/FLEGT Secretariat	EU (FAO, AFD)	Include in 2.5.2	Ongoing
6.1.5	Promoting sustainable forestry in Indigenous Peoples' communities through capacity building																											NTC	EU (FP)		Not started
6.1.6	Publish and disseminate information briefs on VPA GTLAS Implementation																											FLEGT Secretariat	UK (EFITAP)/EU (AFD)	Include in 2.5.2	Ongoing
6.1.7	Develop and sustain information exchange platform/media portal for consistent dissemination of information, including:																											FLEGT Secretariat	EU (FAO, AFD)/UK (EFITAP)	Include in 2.5.2	Ongoing
6.1.8	On-line repository of GTLAS legal document, regulations and operational manuals established and maintained																											FLEGT Secretariat	EU (FAO, AFD)/UK (EFITAP)	Include in 2.5.2	Ongoing
6.1.9	Web-based question and feedback (Q&A) mechanism on VPA-FLEGT for the business sector established and maintained																											FLEGT Secretariat	EU (AFD)	Include in 2.5.2	Not started
6.2	FLEGT events on VPA-FLEGT and GTLAS																														
6.2.1	Initiate series of local and international FLEGT Forum events																											FLEGT Secretariat	UK (EFITAP), EU (AFD)		Ongoing
6.2.2	Undertake Study tours to VPA partner countries and EU markets																											FLEGT Secretariat	EU (ALA Facility)/UK (EFITAP)		Completed
6.2.3	Put in place platforms for sharing experiences with other partner countries																											FLEGT Secretariat	EU (AD2023)/UK (EFITAP)		Completed
6.2.4	Participate in activities aimed at promoting FLEGT VPA and FLEGT Licensed Timber																											GFC/FLEGT Secretariat	UK (EFITAP)/EU (AFD, FP)		Ongoing
7	Strategic task 7: VPA-FLEGT connected and supported actions																														
7.1	Development of timber industry related standards																														
7.1.1	Update forest management standards (CoP)																											GFC	EU (FP)		Not started

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7.1.2	Promotion and training (to all relevant stakeholders) on the timber grading rules 2016																									GFC/FTCI	EU (TCF)	Procuring	Ongoing
7.1.3	Develop and adopt guidelines for meeting health and safety requirements																									GFC/MoL		Important for TCF	Not started
7.2 VPA-FLEGT related research and studies																													
7.2.1	Explore compatibility between criteria for private certification schemes and GTLAS																									GFC		PEFC involved in JMRC	Ongoing
7.2.2	Establish the feasibility of establishing a common log yard facility																									GFC			Completed
7.2.3	Research into the utilization of lesser used species (LUS) and publish findings																									GFC/FPDMC	EU (FP)		Not started
7.2.4	Support the study on gender and forest																									GFC	UK (EFITAP), FAO, EUD (TCF, other ToR)		Not started
7.3 Market improvement and industry development																													
7.3.1	Develop strategy for the development of the timber industry in Guyana																									GFC	EU (AFD)	Forest sector assessment	Completed
7.3.2	Implementation of the capacity building plan, and of the quality upgrade and value adding to forest products (including timber drying and sawmilling techniques)																									GFC	EU (AFD, FP)	ToR developed	Not started
7.3.3	Update marketing strategy for both EU and non-EU markets for FLEGT License timber (including promoting a forum for wood products)																									GFC	EU (FP)		Not started
7.3.4	Promote investments into value addition of wood																									GFC	EU (FP)		Not started
7.3.5	Marketing and trade promotion of Guyana timber initiatives undertaken																									GFC	EU (FP)		Not started
7.3.6	Research and promotion of hybrid wood products based on market exploration																									GFC	EU (FP)		Not started
7.4 Domestic market developed																													
7.4.1	Assess the barriers to legality compliance on the domestic market																									GFC/FRMD	UK (EFITAP)		Completed
7.4.2	Develop public procurement policies to utilise legal timber in projects																									GFC, GoG			Not started

