

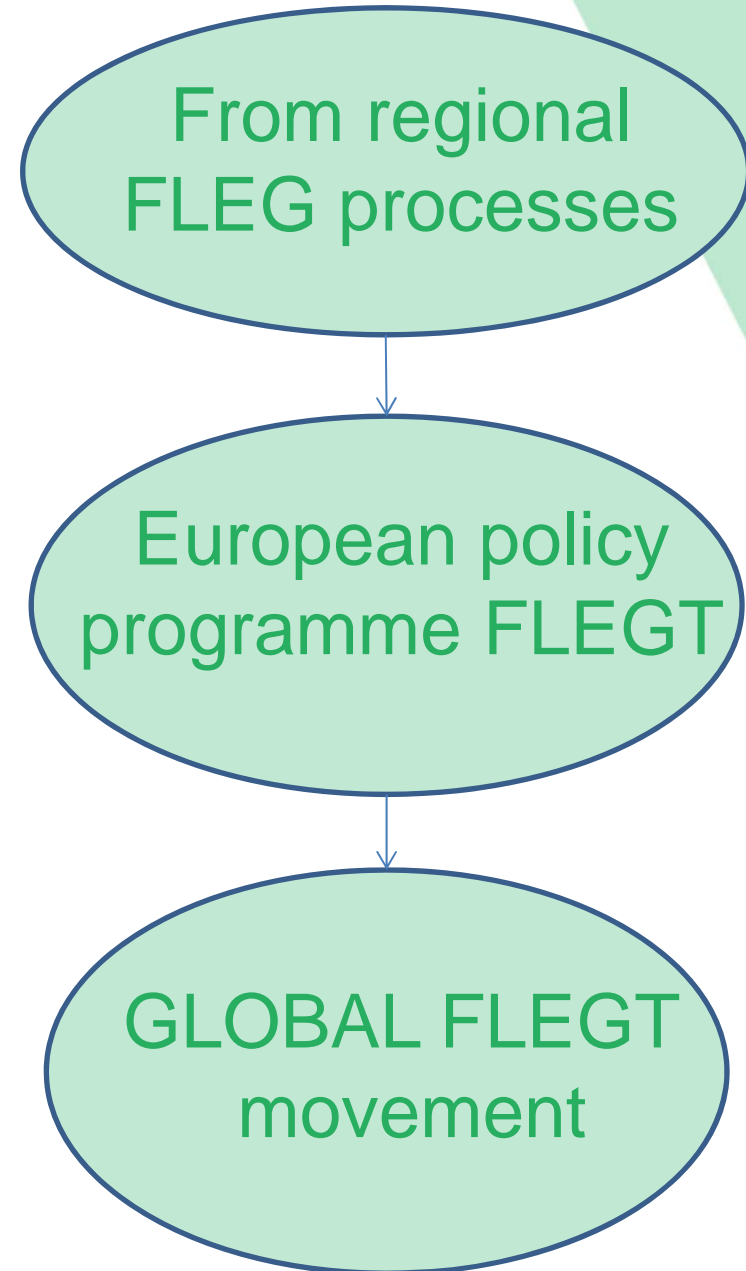
# Review of scientific and expert studies...

Reflexions from practise

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# Background





## Governance Research Agenda for FLEGT (GRAF, 2013)

A response to the need to provide the EU FLEGT Action Plan with scientific support to improve the implementation and reach of this policy.

The complexities of the interactions in the FLEGT makes quantifying the separate effects of individual efforts a technical challenge.





More research  
efforts needed

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Tropical  
timber trade

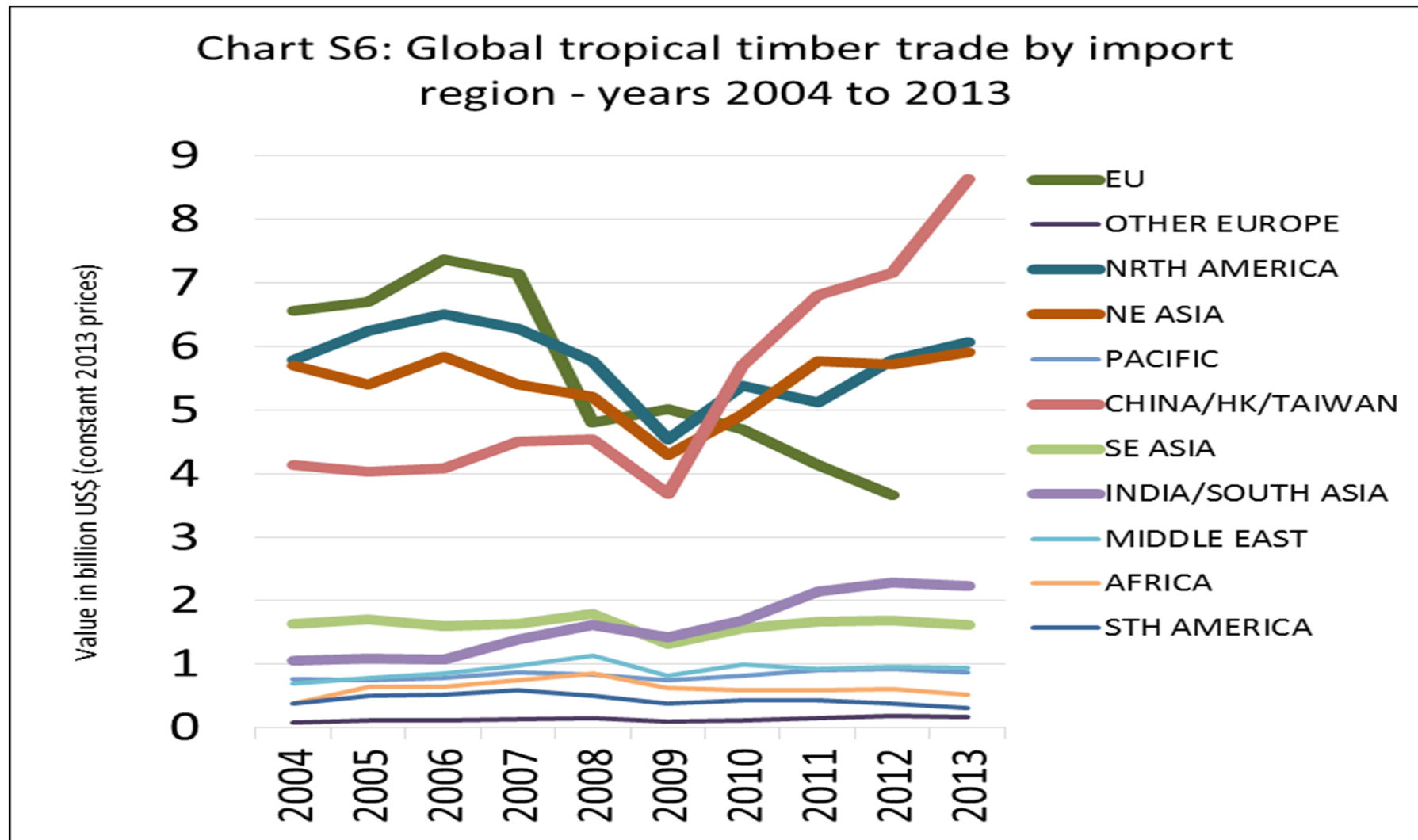
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Small and  
domestic  
market  
oriented  
operators

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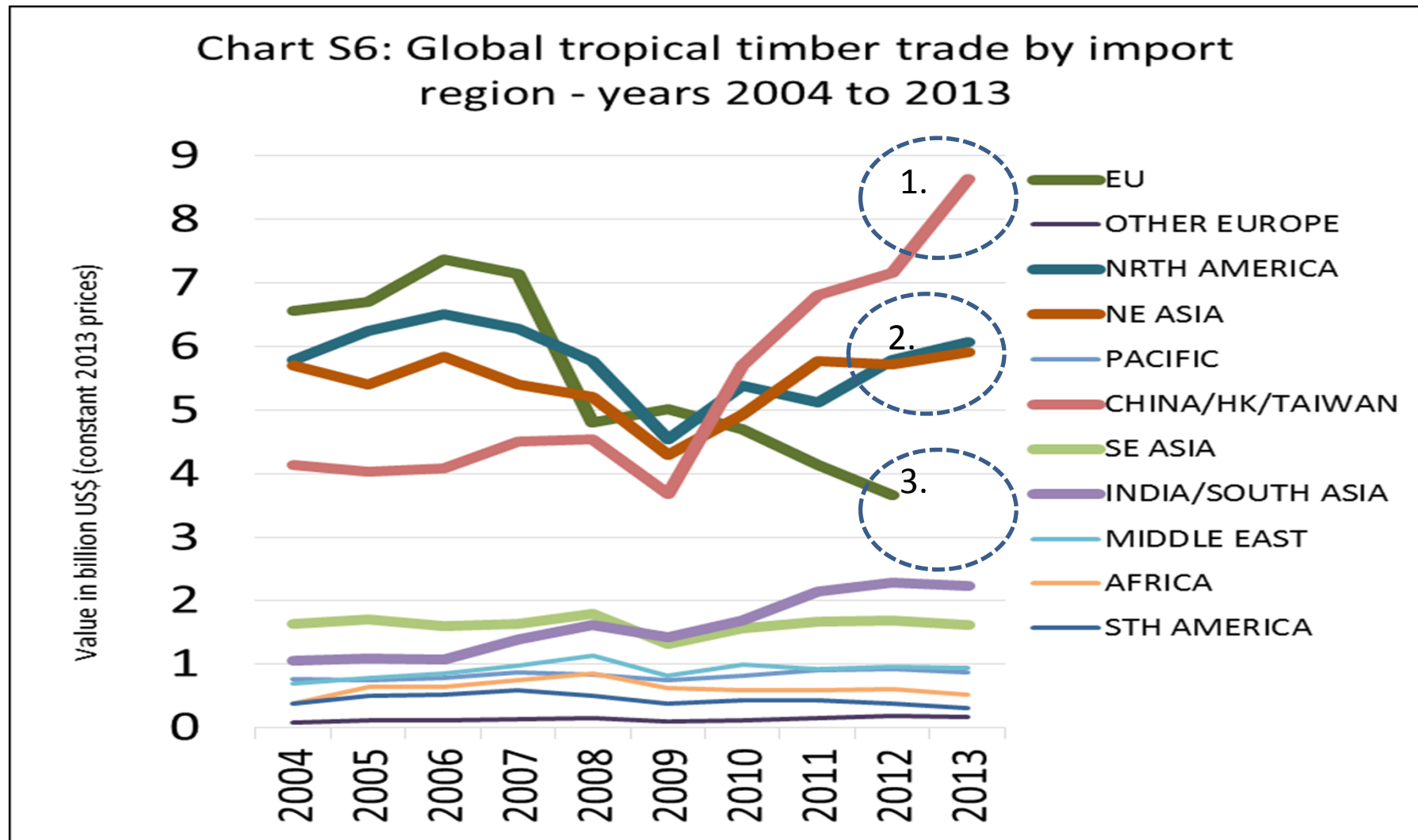
Legality as  
prerequisite  
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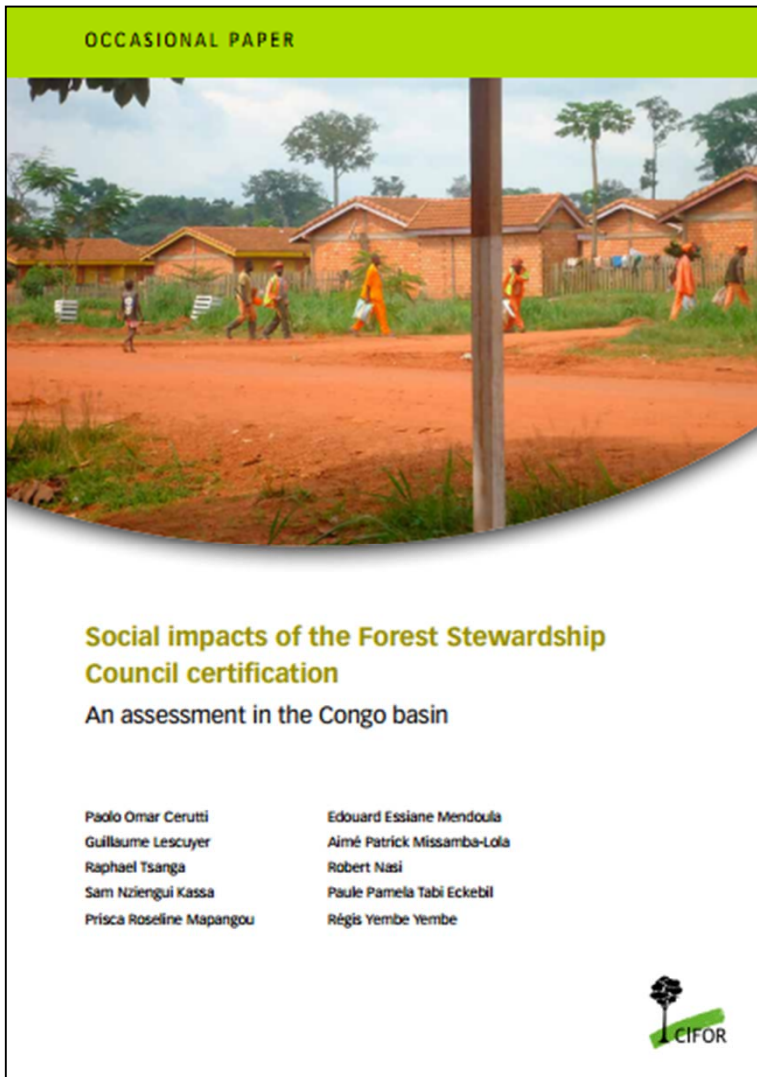


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## Certification and VPAs are complementary

1. Weak law enforcement as a key issue limiting social improvements and livelihoods
2. Weak government capacity was a reason outlined for not enforcing the law
3. Certified companies are operating in an uneven playing field
4. The study pointed to the dangers of certification replacing an absent State

Social impacts of the Forest Stewardship Council certification:  
An assessment in the Congo basin. Occasional Paper 103. CIFOR, 2014.





Importance of the  
emerging legality  
verification regime in  
the context of a  
broader global  
governance system  
targeting sustainable  
management of the  
world's forests



THANKS  
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