

Tools and Technology for Confronting Illegal Logging: USFS Experiences in Latin America

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Abstract: The presentation describes the work that the US Forest Service is carrying out throughout Latin America and the Caribbean in conjunction with host-country partners to reduce illegal logging. The presentation provides a high-level overview of these activities, and highlights the collaborative approach required for success. The actions range from training and capacity building to support with remote sensing, and developing policy.

This presentation then provides a case study from years of collaboration with the Government of Peru during which the US Forest Service has provided training, technical assistance, and technology transfer for two tools that are proving essential in the fight against illegal logging. One is a handheld tool for species identification that can be used in the field, the other, a DART mass spectrometer for laboratory analysis of timber products.

The presentation aims to demonstrate that there is no easy solution for tackling illegal logging, but rather a suite of tools and actions is required to reduce illegal logging at a national or regional level.

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