

AGREEMENT ACT

(Translated from the original document in Spanish)

In the city of Lima, at 10am on Monday 10 July 2006, in the meeting room of the Head Office of the National Institute for Natural Resources (INRENA), a meeting took place amongst the people responsible for analysing and assessing the proposal presented by the non-governmental organisation Global Witness for the implementation of an Independent Forest Monitoring (IFM) pilot project in Peru.

Background

In complying with its 2006 Annual Operational Plan, and in an attempt to strengthen the fight against illegal logging, the Multi-Sector Commission Against Illegal Logging (CMLTI), created by means of Supreme Decree No. 019-2004-AG, began discussions with the British based NGO Global Witness, the latter being pioneers in designing and implementing IFM projects as an effective tool to combat illegal logging. The objective of these discussions was to engage Global Witness in such an activity.

To this end, the CMLTI and Global Witness jointly delivered an informative workshop on IFM, which took place on 06, 07 and 08 July 2006 in Lima. Participants in this event included official authorities at a national level and/or their representatives, specialists of the forest sector, the private sector and civil society.

During this informative workshop, several working groups presented input and suggestions, all of which were gathered with a view to assess the possibility of implementing an IFM Pilot Project in Peru and to define more precisely the shape it should have to meet Peru's characteristics.

Furthermore, in parallel with this workshop, three meetings were held with representatives from the CMLTI and various bodies within INRENA, with the objective of analysing and assessing the negotiating process for the possible implementation of an IFM Pilot Project in Peru.

This process was supported by INRENA, which, as the National Forest Authority, provided the necessary input to initiate the analysis of this proposal, at all times expressing their support for it.

Development of the meeting

The meeting documented here has had the participation of representatives from the CMLTI and INRENA - both the Forest and Wildlife Division and OSINFOR. The aim was to reach some preliminary conclusions on the assessment of the negotiating process for the possible implementation of an IFM Pilot Project by the NGO Global Witness.

In this respect, a summary of the activities carried out was presented, and an open dialogue and exchange of ideas, as well as impressions about the subject, was held.

Moreover, as a result of the inputs gathered during the informative workshop on IFM, the participants in this meeting expressed once again the importance of this tool and the

need to implement it according to the interests and the realities of Peru. They then concluded that the analysis for the implementation of an IFM Pilot Project in the country should continue.

Agreements achieved

1. Acknowledge Global Witness' proposal to develop an IFM Pilot Project in Peru.
2. As a result of the suggestions and recommendations provided by the working groups during the informative workshop on IFM, the process will continue with the design of a Framework Agreement that allows the implementation of an IFM Pilot Project in Peru.
3. It has also been recommended that the Peruvian counterpart could be INRENA or other State entities, and the CMLTI should be recognised as host of the Agreement.
4. Following the suggestions from the working groups during the informative workshop on IFM, other stakeholders from the Regional Governments and civil society will be requested to contribute their opinions about the design of the Pilot Project and the Framework Agreement to be signed with Global Witness.
5. Both Global Witness on the one hand, and the CMLTI and INRENA on the other, will work jointly to identify the way in which the international community can participate in the full financing of the IFM Pilot Project in Peru.
6. Acknowledge the gratefulness to Global Witness and its representatives for Latin America, Ms. Laura Furones, IFM Project Coordinator, and Mr. Reiner Tegtmeyer, IFM Project Developer.

As a sign of agreement with the content of this act, we hereby sign it.

Carlos Chamochumbi – President of the CMLTI

Leoncio Álvarez Vásquez – Head of INRENA

Laura Furones – IFM Project Coordinator, Global Witness

Nelson Larrea Lora – Technical Secretary CMLTI

Isaías Huamán Manrique – INRENA/CMLTI Representative

Helmut Scheuch R. – Director of the Supervision, Evaluation and Control Unit, OSINFOR/INRENA