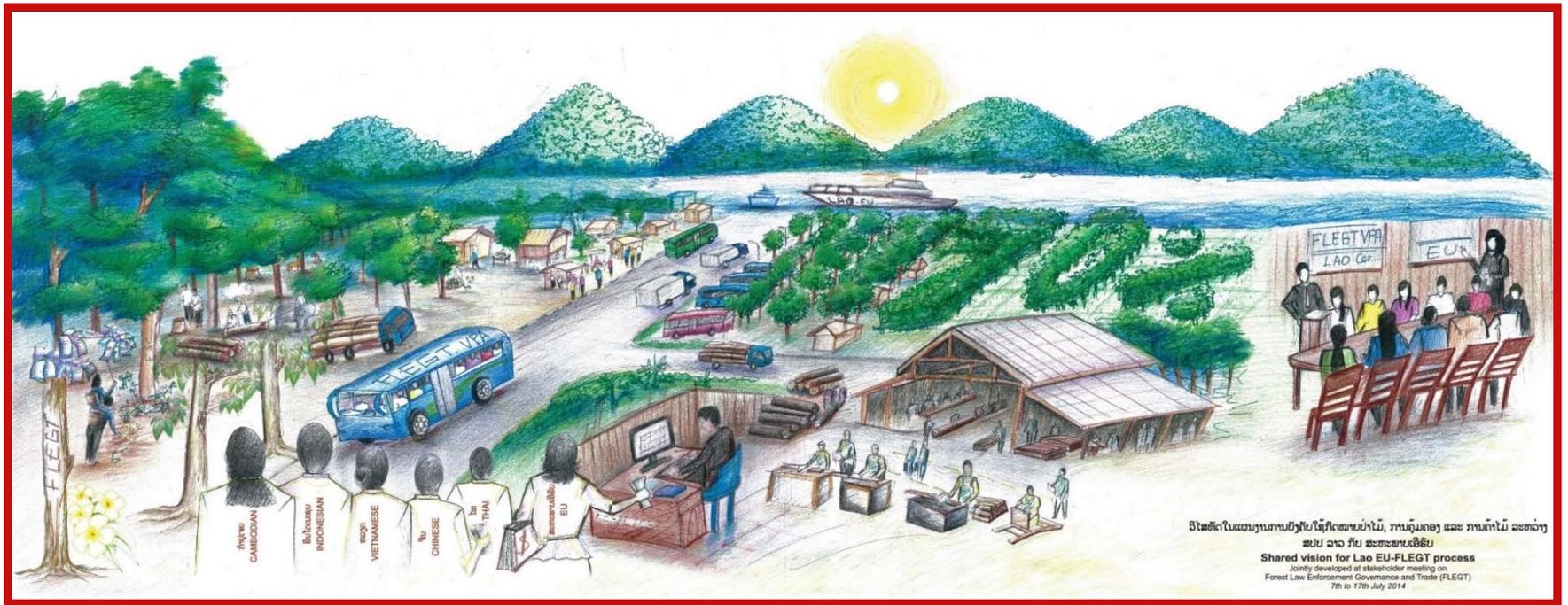


Overview on Lao-EU FLEGT VPA process



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What is FLEGT Volunteer Partnership Agreement (VPA)?

How is it negotiated?

1. Within stakeholders
2. Among stakeholders
3. Bilateral negotiations with the EU



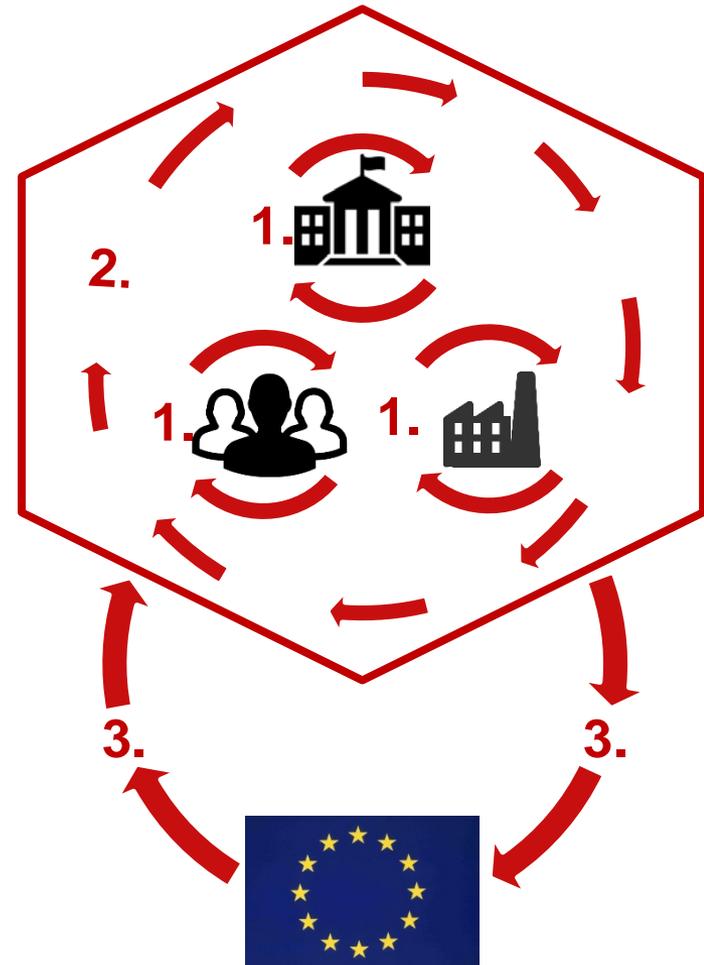
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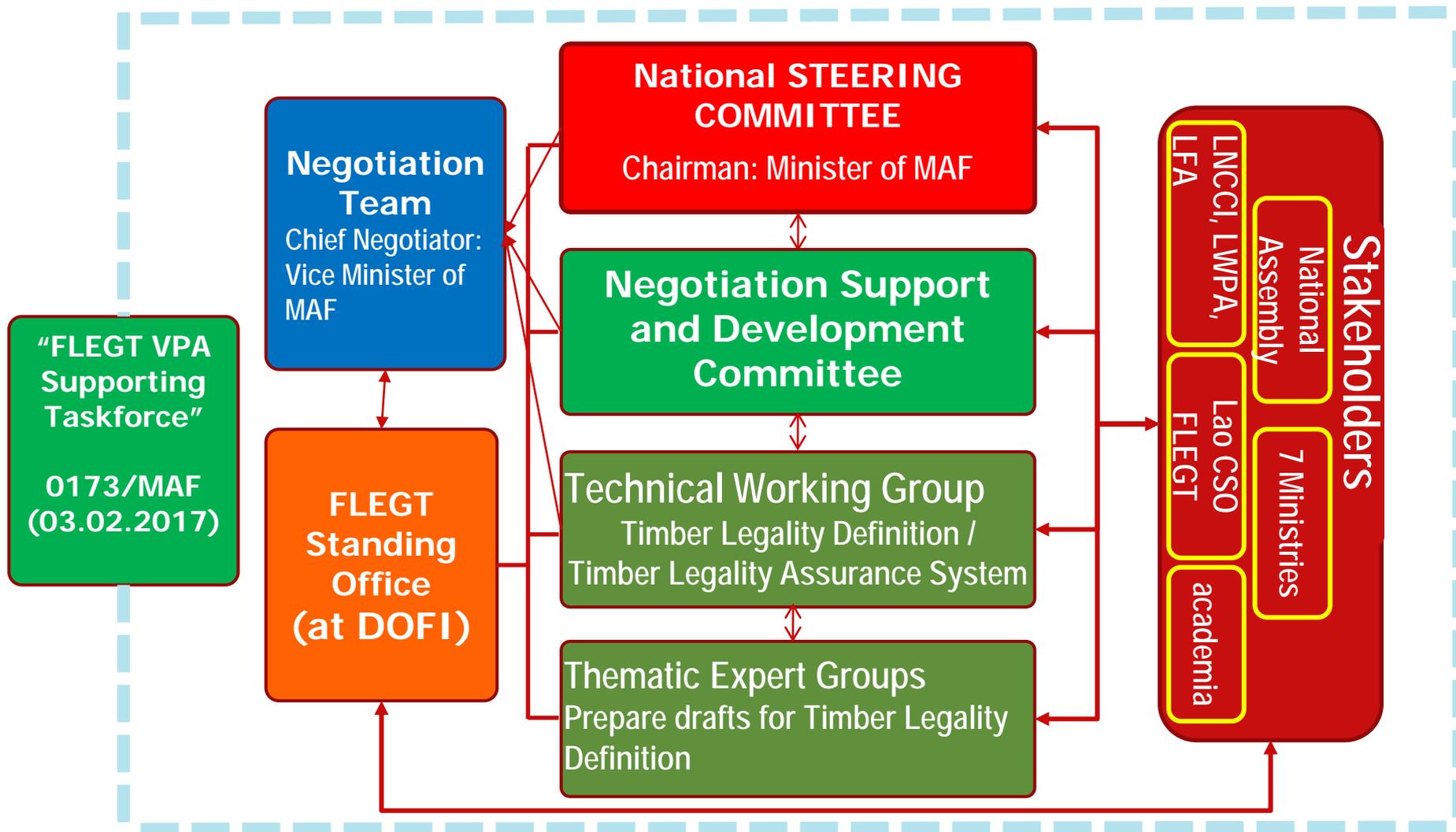
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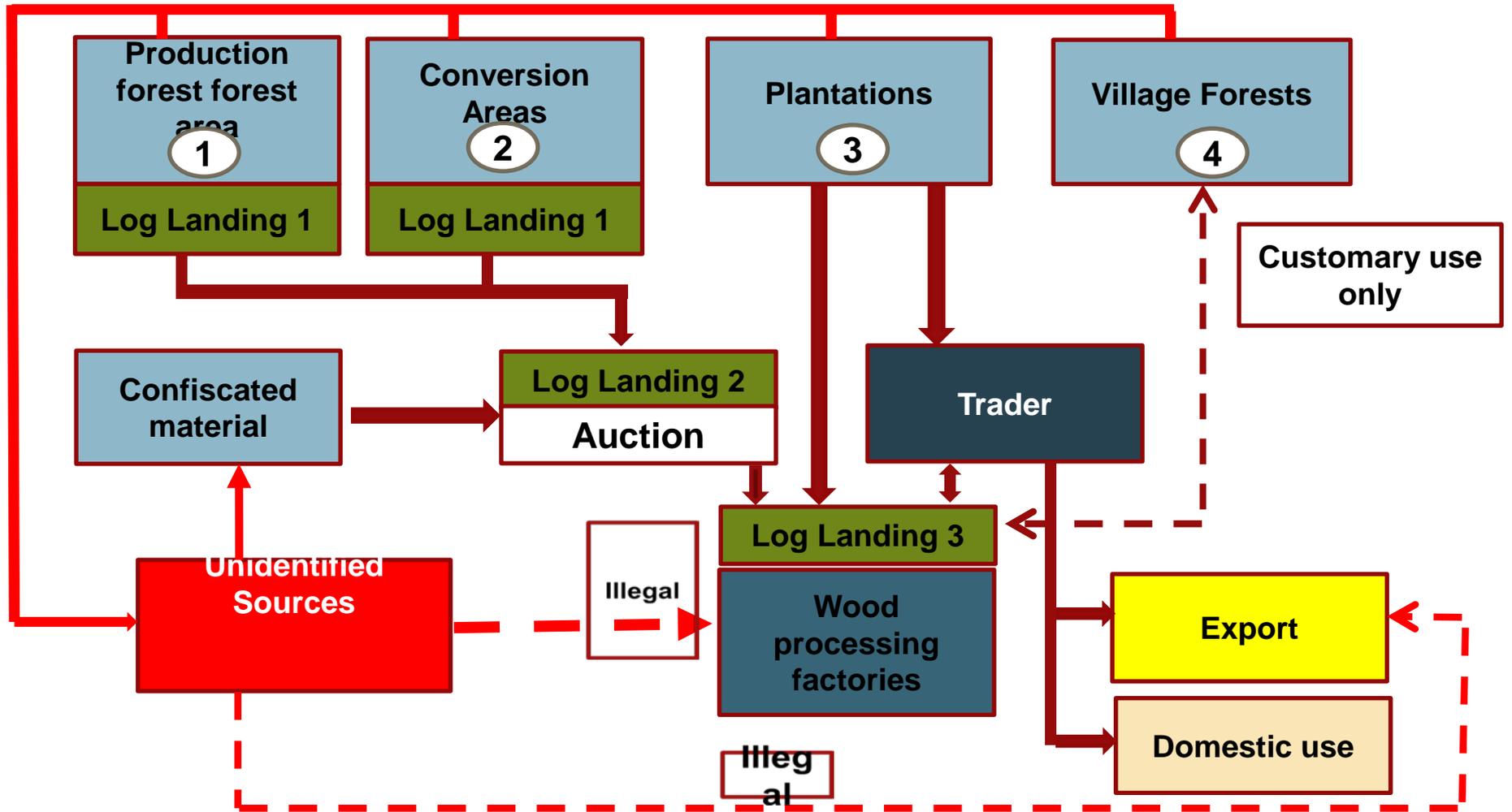
Institutional setup for Lao-EU FLEGT VPA process



Role of Civil Society organisations in the FLEGT VPA Process and first achievements

- CSO are represented in all FLEGT committees including negotiation team
- Active role in the development of Timber Legality Definition (TLD)
- FLEGT CSO Network established and functioning
- Specific FLEGT CSO support projects (WWF,FAO,FERN, EFI-SME)
- CSO FLEGT Facilitator (at the moment under GIZ funding)
- Basic understanding of the FLEGT process
- Trustful relationship with government established
- Need for further capacity building

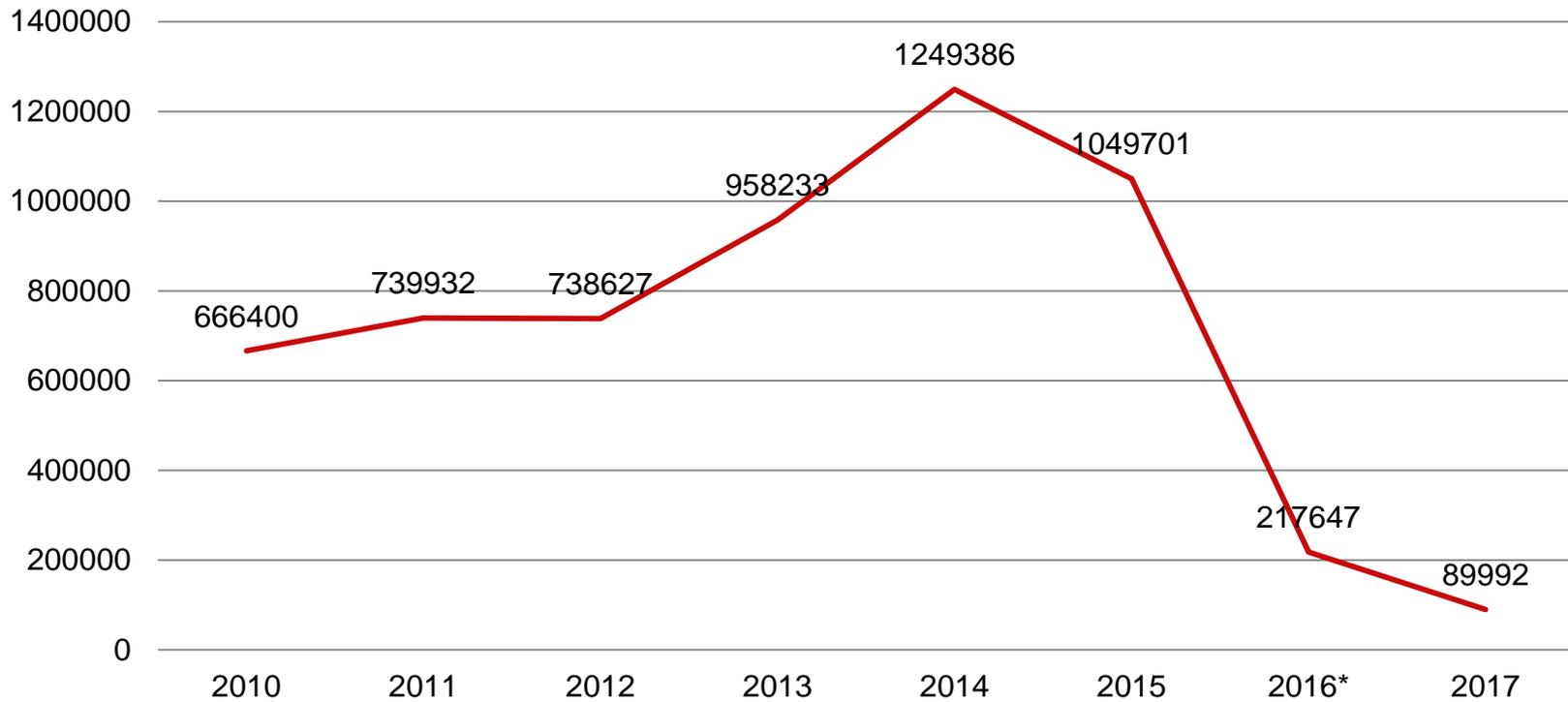
Timber Flow Chart Lao P.D.R



Main changes after Prime Minister Order No. 15 (May 2016)

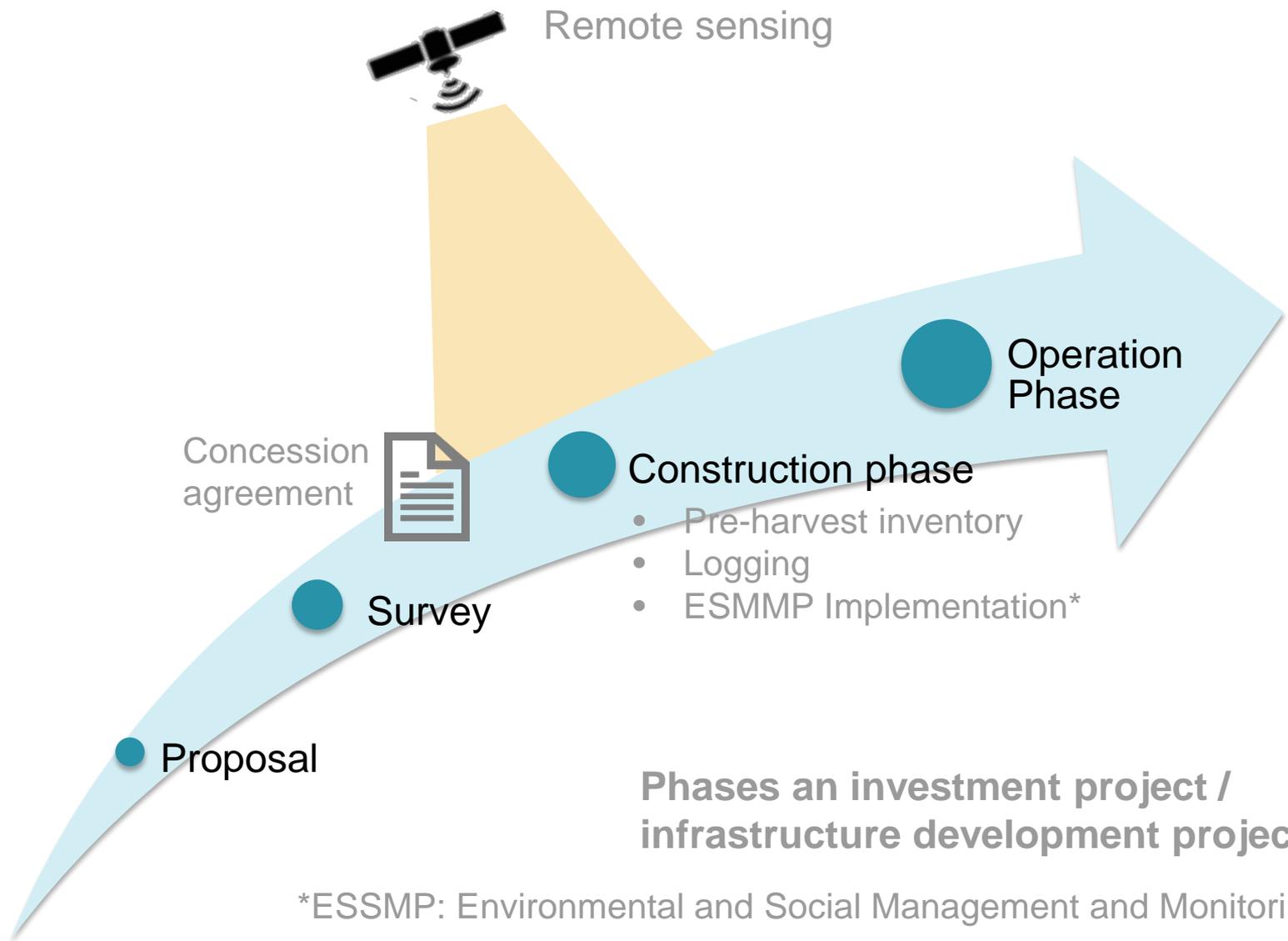
- Strictly harvesting monitoring of all timber especially from conversion areas
- All timber(also confiscated timber) has to be auctioned at log landing 2 and registered in state asset
- All timber has to be processed by national wood processing industry
- No logs and sawn timber is allowed to be exported only certain finished products defined according MOIC list are allowed to be exported

Logs and Sawn Timber exported from Laos to Vietnam RWE (m3)



*Year 2016 only covers January to October

Use of Remote Sensing Technologies for Monitoring of Investment Projects in **Conversion Areas** during Construction Phase



Status of TLDs Development

TLDs based on timber sources

TLD 1: Production forest	TLD 2: Conversion areas	TLD 3: Plantation	TLD 4: Village use forest	TLD 5: Confiscated timber	TLD 6: Imported timber
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Cross-cutting legality standards

TLD 7:
Labor obligations in forestry, wood processing and trade operations

TLD 8:
Wood processing and trade



TLD drafts shared with EU

Thank You

