

**How
to eliminate
unauthorized
deforestation**

**and how
to promote
sustainable
forest
management....**



Illegal logging

A problem or a challenge?



Introduction

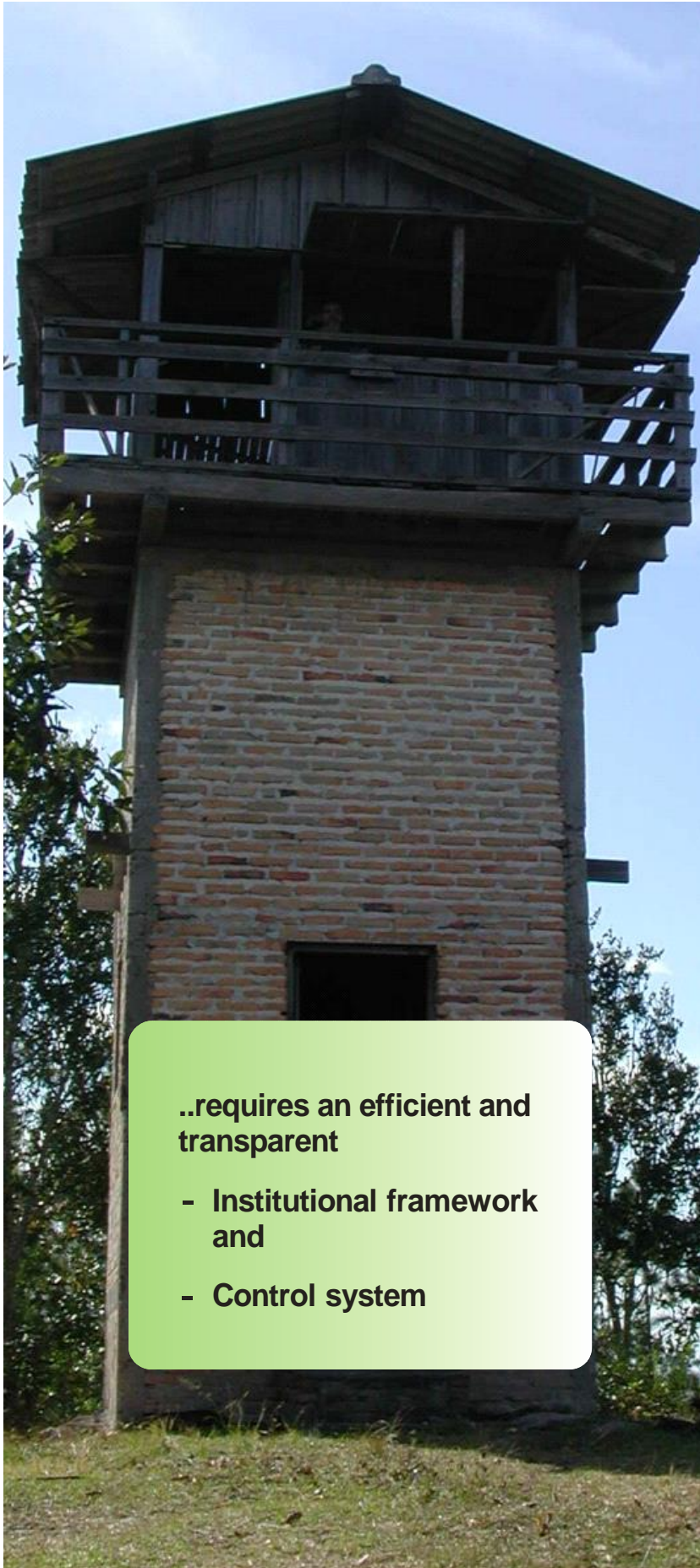
It is difficult to estimate how much of the deforestation is caused by illegal cutting and unauthorized slash and burn activities. Under decades, a lot of efforts have been made to solve these problems but hardly any practical results have materialized.

New forest laws have been decided and launched, new authorities have been born and protected areas have been established, and so on, but still, with the same people and with the same need of money. Often the authority managing the forest, granting logging rights and at the same time has the obligation to control these activities.

Suggestions



To eliminate unauthorized deforestation and to promote sustainable forest management..



..requires an efficient and transparent

- Institutional framework and**
- Control system**

Institutional framework - basic prerequisites

- ❖ *Establishment of an appropriate policy and information framework for action.*
- ❖ *Some basic economic and social issues should be addressed.*
- ❖ *A national public organization should be established.*
- ❖ *A Wood Measurement Society should be established.*



The control system - two different parts

- ❖ *Control and certification of the assignment of the forest and nature conservation authorities – performed by independent organizations such as FSC and PEFC accredited companies.*
- ❖ *Control of the assignment of the Wood Measurement Society – performed by the "certified" national forest authority.*



The Wood Measurement Society shall carry out the measurement of wood and control the wood flow. The two activities will be performed by both permanent and mobile units. The permanent units will be located at medium and big industries and at export harbors or important border crossings. The mobile units will operate at smaller industries and at minor border crossings.

and how to start the process

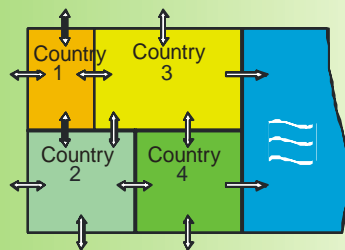


Project proposal - basic idea

- ❖ *The use of an independent and apolitical organization to promote and control good forest management with the ultimate aim to certify an Official Forestry Administration*
- ❖ *The establishment of an independent Wood Measurement Society to facilitate the measure activity of wood at industry and to control the wood flow within the country to minimize illegal logging activities*



- ❖ *The establishment of frontier checkpoints administrated by the Wood Measurement Society*



A three-block development project is proposed with

- I One introductory workshop*
- II Individual country analysis and*
- III One follow up workshop*

Conclusions....

There is an urgent need to build an institutionalized system to promote good forest management and to check its application to ensure efficiency, transparency, sustainability, economic development and poverty alleviation. It is also important that all stakeholders (the official authorities, the forest industries and the forest owners) must benefit in some way of a new system.

and could this be a way to minimize illegal logging?

My opinion is that it is possible to change the process of ongoing deforestation by certifying the official forestry administration in most countries. But you also need to develop a wood measurement society. I also think that it is necessary to consider these activities as normal forestry actions which ought to be financed by the forestry sector itself. But initially it must probably be supported by international funds.

Anders E Brus
BrusConsulting
Msc Forestry and forestry consultant for several years in Latin America.
Swedish Citizen

E-mail: anders@brus.se

Foto: Anders E Brus

