

Project:

Report Language on the implementation of the Illegal Logging Provisions of the Lacey Act

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Description of Project:

Resources are necessary for the Department of State to implement P.L. 110-246, which amends the Lacey Act to prohibit trade in illegally harvested timber. Known as the “Legal Timber Protection Act,” the amendments to the Lacey Act passed overwhelmingly in the House and with the strong support of industry and environmental organizations. If implemented effectively, the new law is expected to help the American forest product companies compete fairly in the global marketplace and deter the destructive impacts of illegal logging to forests in developing countries. It could also contribute to significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, as nearly 25 percent of all global greenhouse gas emissions are a result of deforestation.

Report language is requested directing the Secretary of State to make adequate resources available to the Bureau of Oceans and International Environment and Scientific Affairs (OES) for enhanced Lacey Act enforcement and interagency cooperation outreach efforts, including capacity building to improve plant identification and tracking techniques. The language should direct OES to work in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service International Program and to provide at least \$2 million for this purpose.