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UNDERSTANDING ILLEGAL LOGGING IN GHANA, A SOCIO-LEGAL
STUDY ON (NON)COMPLIANCE WITH LOGGING REGULATIONS

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1. At least in the Ghanaian context, the socio-economic-politico-cultural settings exhibit traits that undermine compliance and enforcement efforts
2. Without strong governmental and societal support, the fight against illegal logging in Ghana will remain a mirage
3. In a regulatory context where corrupt practices thrive, sufficient resources may not necessarily result in enforcement effectiveness
4. Being a researcher in an institution where the researcher is still in employment (insider researcher) has its own advantages and challenges
5. Compliance could be easy if there are no competing interests in the value system of regulated actors
6. An unmotivated resource manager is a potential threat to the very resource under his/her custody, care or control
7. At least in the Ghanaian context, a strong network of local and international actors including the media and civil society groups playing an oversight role would be desirable to improve compliance and enforcement
8. When the real value of a resource is not fully known, abuse is likely to happen
9. Low sanctions certainty and severity do not only promote violation, they also adversely affect the morale and enthusiasm of regulators
10. Any regulatory institution that is divided against itself can never be effective