



Asia and African Forest Value Chains (Bridging the Gap)

Product Portfolio of Exported Timber Products

Asia

Malaysia & Vietnam

Pop: 32m & 98m

Land: 330k km² & 331k km²

5yr Ave GDP Growth: 5.5%

- ▶ **Wooden Furniture**
 - ▶ **Wood Chips**
 - ▶ **Plywood**
 - ▶ **Sawn Lumber**
 - ▶ Fibreboards
- } 80-82%
- ▶ Mouldings and Builders Joinery
 - ▶ Logs
 - ▶ Chipboard/Particleboard
 - ▶ Veneers
 - ▶ Wooden Frames
 - ▶ Rattan Furniture
 - ▶ Others

Raw material availability (natural/plantations, imports) & increasing use of modern technologies, high skills, large product portfolio, high value products & low cost of capital

Africa

Ghana & Cameroon

Pop: 33m & 28m

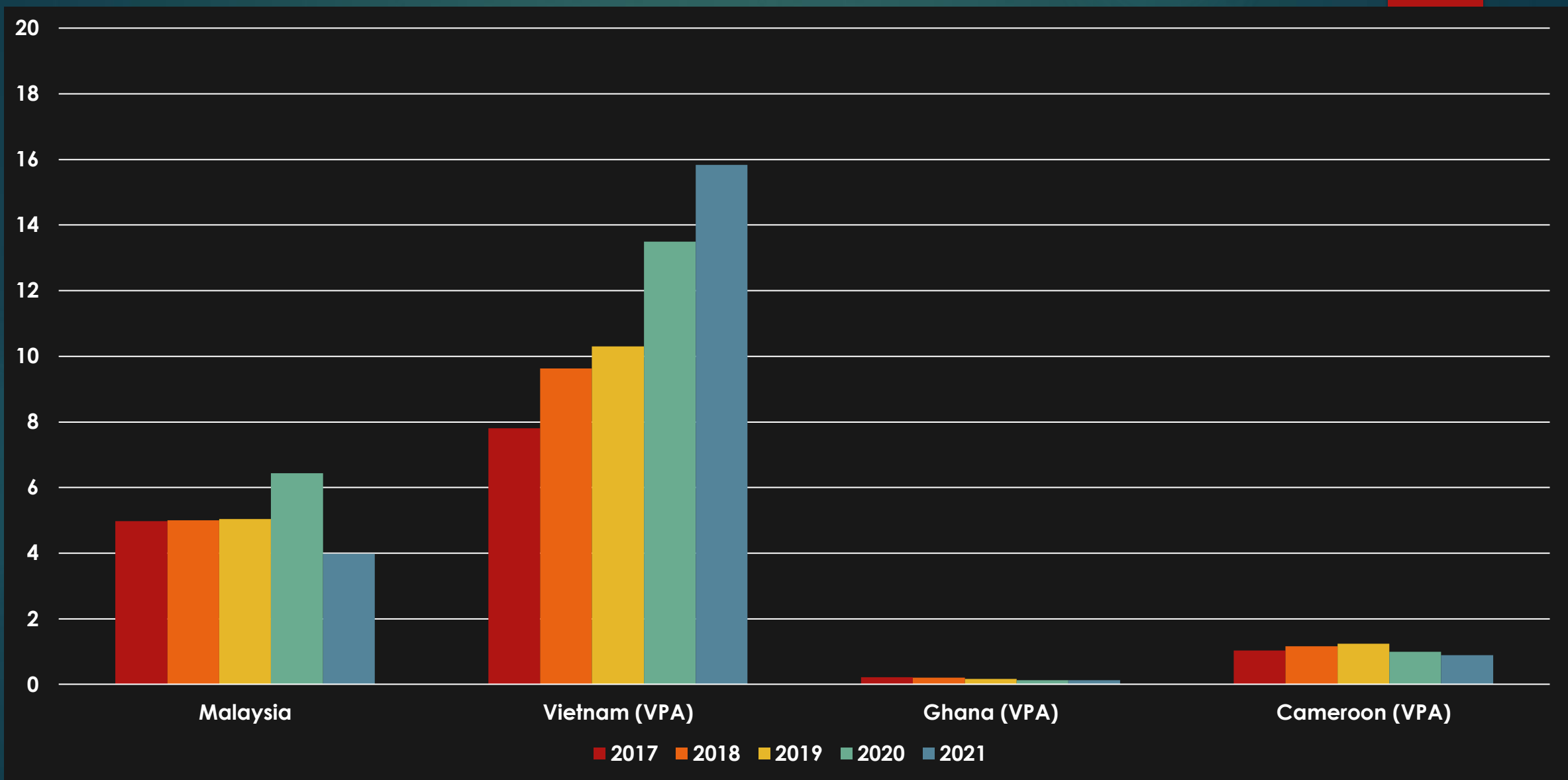
Land: 238k km² & 475k km²

5yr Ave GDP Growth: 5%

- ▶ **Sawn Lumber**
 - ▶ **Veneers**
 - ▶ **Plywood**
- } 80-87%
- ▶ Mouldings and Joinery
 - ▶ Laminated Lumber
 - ▶ Billets
 - ▶ Others

Dwindling natural raw material availability with very little plantations & outdated technologies, lower skills, lower product portfolio, low value products & high cost of capital

Total Timber Exports (\$bn)



Sources: ITTO, UN Comtrade, FC Ghana, MINFOF
Cameroon, MTC Malaysia

Some possible gap bridging solutions:

- ▶ Encourage and promote the strengthening of national policies on all aspects of SFM and Climate mitigation in Asia and Africa.
- ▶ Strongly promote increased plantation development in Asia/African economies to support climate mitigation measures, reduce pressure on natural forests and improve raw material availability as populations increase.
- ▶ Investment particularly needed in modern technologies, re-tooling of industry and skills development to establish new plantation based forest value chains in Africa.
- ▶ Leverage appropriate long term low-cost financing mechanisms for accelerated plantation development and SFM in Africa.
- ▶ Promote and increase community awareness and participation in SFM and forest value chains in Asia and Africa.
- ▶ Promote investments in expansion of forest value chain portfolio to include NTFP's.
- ▶ Expand FLEGT/VPA country portfolio and promote improved governance and access of the full forest value chain to world markets.