Illegal logging is a major driver of forest degradation. It fosters vicious cycles of corruption and elite capture, harming the economies of tropical timber-producer countries, and depriving governments from much-needed revenues that should benefit all citizens.

However, illegal logging is not a straightforward issue. Behind this simple narrative hide difficult questions, like a Russian nesting doll containing layers within layers.

In this infographic, CIFOR peels the layers of complexity surrounding this lucrative sector.