

## 5. Structural Context of Recent Forest Degradation in the S-RFE

Considering the results of this study the elements of the causative chain of recent forest degradation in the S-RFE were combined in **Figure 4**.

The degradation of forests in the area has accelerated due to two main proximate causes: unsustainable commercial logging and large-scale forest fires. Large-scale forest fires have a strong connection with unsustainable commercial logging. These two main proximate causes are under the multiple influence of various underlying causes such as “Market Forces in Asia-Pacific Countries,” “Economic/Political Instability” and “Insufficient Legal and Administrative Base.”

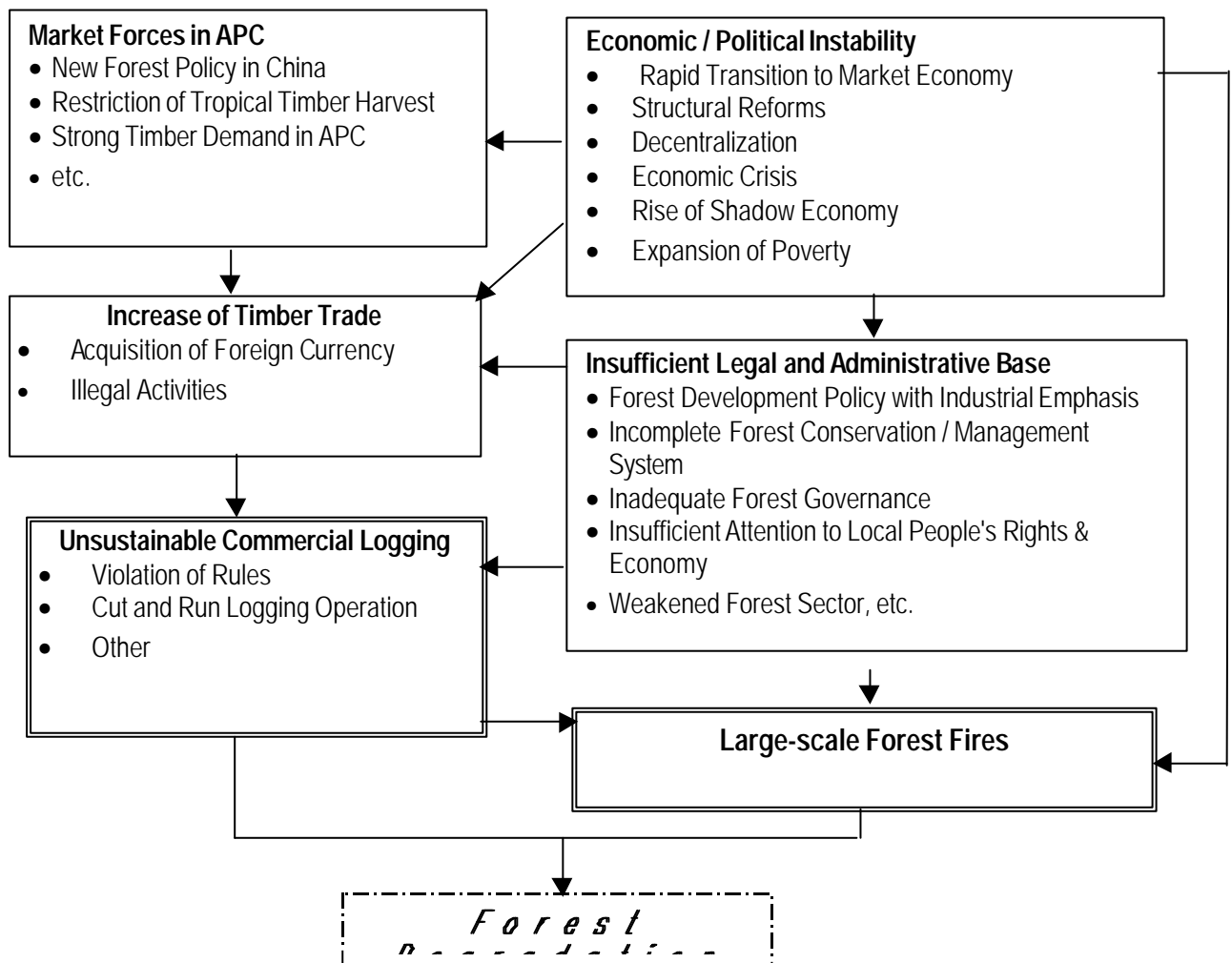


Figure 4. Causes and the Mutual Relationship of Forest Loss in the S-RFE

- Root / Underlying Causes  
 Major Proximate Causes