

GUIDE FOR IP PROTECTION IN EAST TIMOR

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<p>Does Timor-Leste currently have IP laws or an authority to handle trademark registration?</p>	<p>At present, Timor-Leste does not have any intellectual property legislation in force, nor an established governmental body responsible for the administration and protection of IP rights, including the filing and registration of trademarks.</p>
<p>Is trademark or other IP search in Timor-Leste currently available?</p>	<p>Not available.</p>
<p>What is the recommended way for IP owners to protect their IP in Timor-Leste at the moment?</p>	<p>By publishing a Cautionary Notice Advertisement in Timor-Leste national newspapers.</p>
<p>Can a Cautionary Notice be used as proof to take legal action against trademark infringement in Timor-Leste?</p>	<p>Yes, it can be used as proof to file a lawsuit against infringers.</p>
<p>Is it mandatory to re-publish the Cautionary Notice every two years in Timor-Leste?</p>	<p>No, it's not mandatory, but regular re-publication is strongly recommended to remind the public of your IP ownership.</p>
<p>Are there any legal consequences for not re-publishing the Cautionary Notice every two years?</p>	<p>No, there are no legal consequences.</p>
<p>What are the key features of Cautionary Notices in Timor-Leste?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trademark: Present the mark in question (logo/wordmark), proprietor's details, a description of the goods/services, and a statement of exclusive rights. • Patent: Present an abstract of the invention along with the inventor's details. • Design: Present a visual representation of the design and its intended use.

What are the purposes of Cautionary Notices in Timor-Leste?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inform the public and potential infringers of the existence and ownership of the intellectual property.• Serve as a legal warning against unauthorized use.• To establish precedence once formal IP registration systems are introduced (priority claim).
What is the validity period of a Cautionary Notice, and how often should it be renewed?	A Cautionary Notice is generally valid for two years, and it is recommended to renew or republish it every two years to maintain visibility and reinforce the ownership claim.