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GABONTRACKS - PRIVATE SECTOR
TRACEABILITY INITIATIVE



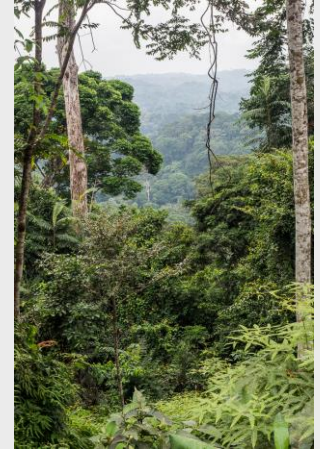
PRESENTATION :

1. GABON
2. UFIGA – MISSION
3. UFIGA - MEMBERS
4. SOLUTIONS TO IMPROVE TRACEABILITY ON A NATIONAL LEVEL
5. WHY GABONTRACKS



GABON

- 23,6 millions hectares of forest
- 13 National Parcs, covering 3 millions hectares
- 15 millions hectares attributed to logging companies
- Deforestation is 0,025%, one of the lowest rates on the planet
- Embargo on logs export as from 2010
- Forestry law under revision
- Special Economical Zone (<http://www.gsez.com/>)



UFIGA –MISSION

- UFIGA : (<https://www.ufiga.org/>)
- Union des Forestiers et Industriels du Bois du Gabon (Federation of the Forest operators and Timber Industries of Gabon)
- Founded in 2003

- MISSION
- Defend de rights and interests of the members
- To foster and consolidate harmonious relations between public authorities and timber manufacturers;
- Promote training and research with the aim of ensuring sustainable business
- etc.



UFIGA MEMBERS

- All members with logging operations (10 out 15) dispose of validated Sustainable Forest Management Plans
- Certified forest permits - FSC and/or PEFC/PAFC Forest Management : 2.279.300 hectares
 - UFIGA members : 1.710.757 hectares
 - Others : 568.543 hectares
- Certified Origine/legality by third party (/OLB/Bureau Veritas, LEGAL SOURCE/NEPCon, TLV/ControlUnion) : 557.021 hectares,
- Industrials certified FSC CoC and PEFC CoC : 18 companies, whereof 11 members of UFIGA
- UFIGA's Coaching Program PPECF (Promotion program for certified forest exploitation in the Congo Bassin) : 16 companies with forest permits registered in the program for a total surface of 3.571.662 hectares whereof 1.488.480 members of UFIGA and 2.083.182 non members.



2019 – EXPORTS BLOCKED

- After scandals Kevazingogate and Toxic Okoumé report
- Exports blocked during nearly 3 months, agents of the forest administration arrested, impossible to have traceability confirmed, signature/stamps of administration questioned
- Necessity to find a software traceability and management program adapted to all UFIGA members
- Software that could be connected to Forest Administration (transfert of data)
- Software that could also be connecte to Industrials of the Special Economical Zone so that they can also trace the origin of the logs or timber they are purchasing



WHY GABONTRACKS – SOFTWARE PROGRAM DEVELOPPED BY PROSYGMA

- Software with Barcodes (from the tree in the forest to sawn timber)
- Follow up in real-time of wood evacuations
- The software has various modules in order to improve evacuation, transport, transformations, contracts, yield in respect of the contracts, recuperation stock after first transformation, invoicing, tax déclarations, legality/certification and carbon credit stocks linked to conservation,
- Feasibility study concluded november 2019, Pilote Phase with 2 companies member of UFIGA started in March 2020 for a three months period during which Forest administration will specify the data needed for validation of operations and later on for input/connexion National Traceability System.
- The software program will function in three languages : french, English and Mandarin.
- After pilote phase 12 to 15 months are needed to install the software and do the training.



Thanks for your
attention

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