



LA RÉFÉRENCE EN MATIÈRE DE BOIS TROPICAL

Opportunities for legal investment in the wood industry in Central Africa

Enterprise point of view

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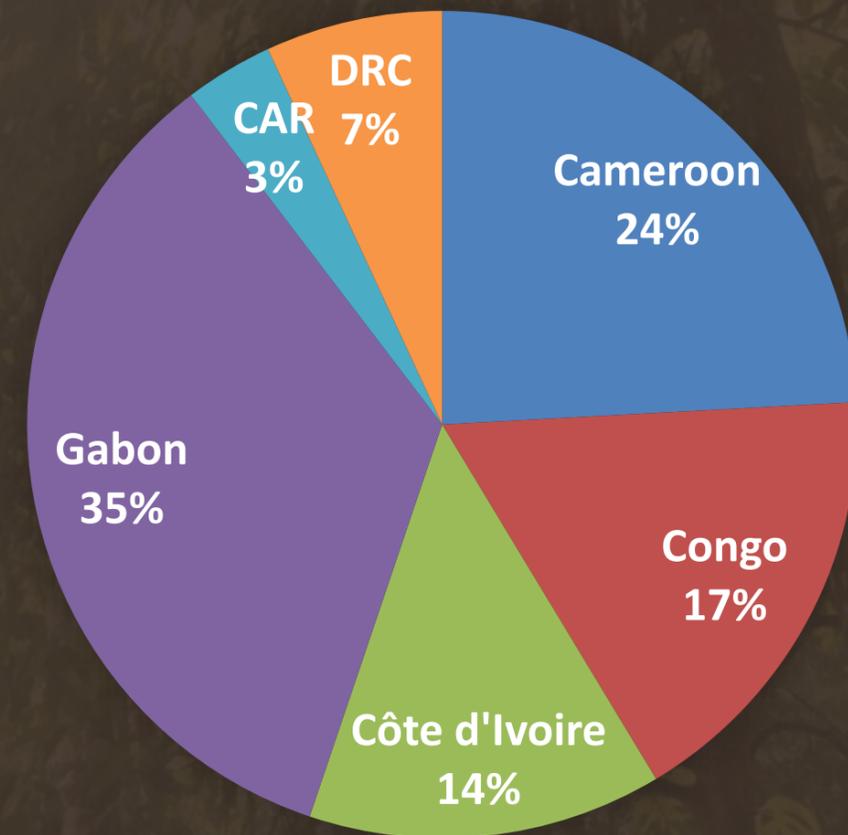
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ATIBT members in Africa



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29 members in Africa



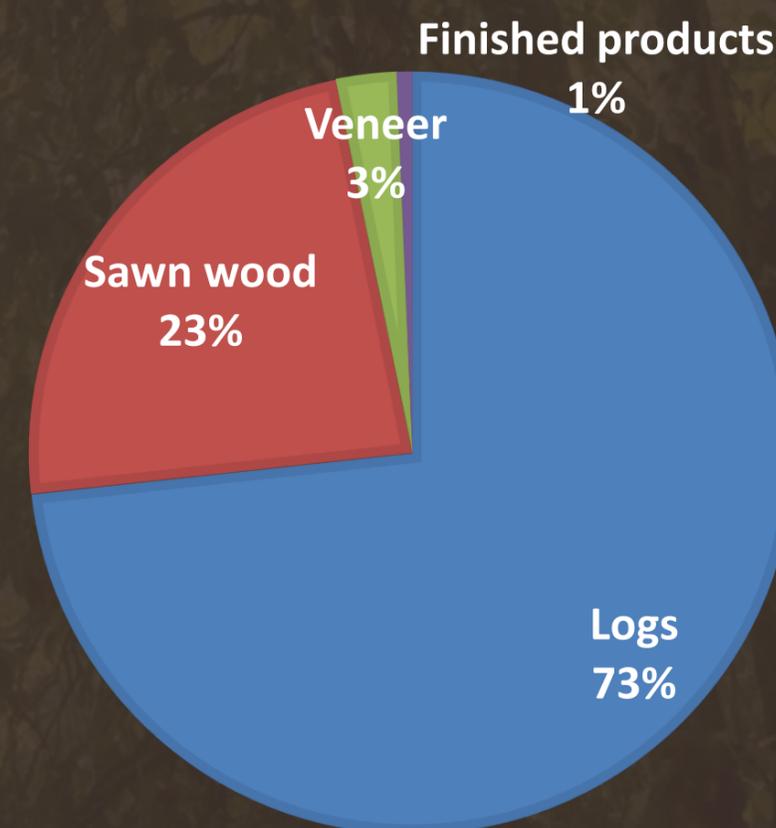
Apportionment of members amongst African countries

- 16 Certified companies
- 4 Wood federations
- 3 States
- 5 Others (NGO, research, certification body, individual members)

Congo case – Wood resources availability



- **14 million d'hectares** attributed for wood harvesting
- Over 300 tree species, of which **50 are suitable**



Apportionment of exported wood products in 2018

- Current log production 1, 3 million m³, potential of 2 million m³ **if promotional species are harvested**
- 59 wood transformation plants
- Big difference in between North and South

Source : MEF (General Direction of Forests) in Congo

Congo case – legal framework



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Summary of legislation documents for the principal subjects

Themes	Conventions	Laws	Decrees	Annexes
Forests and industries	8	3	22	68
Fauna and hunting	2	5	3	4
Environment	1	1	5	4
Work-employment	1	3	6	8

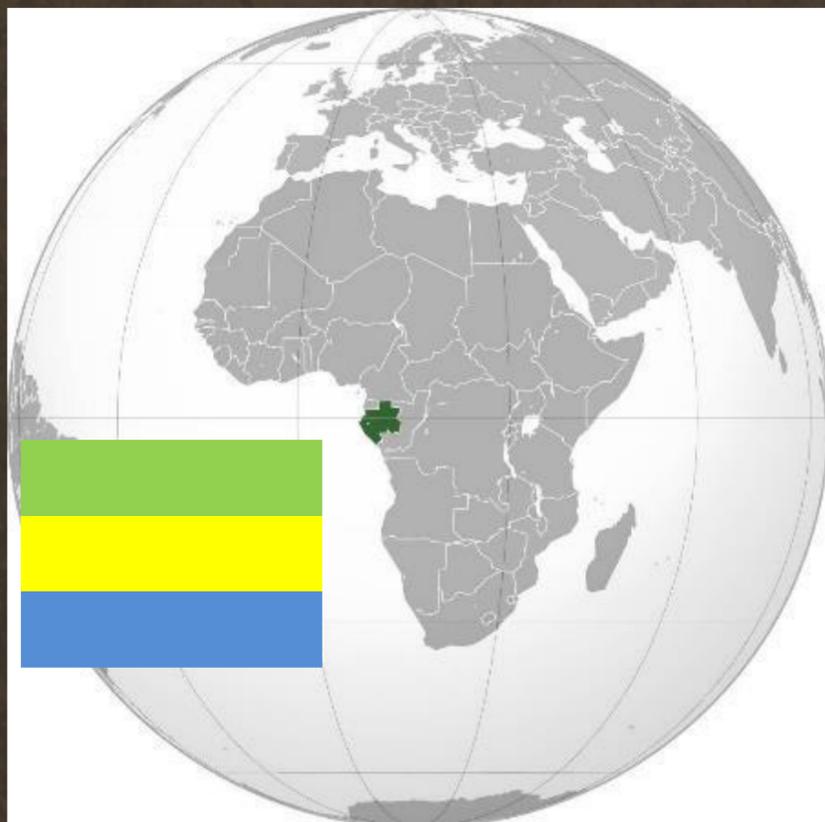
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Important : the forest law of Congo is being revised

Gabon case – wood resources availability



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- 15 millions hectares attributed for wood harvesting
- Over 400 tree species, of which **60 tree species are usable**
- Current log production 1,5 million m³, potential of 3-4 million m³ if **diversification of harvested tree species**
- 154 wood transformation plants

- Special economic zone near the capital (GSEZ Nkok) with investment advantages for timber industry (taxes, single-window facility)



Source : Vision stratégique et industrialisation de la filière bois en Afrique centrale – Horizon 2030, BAD/FRMi 2018

Gabon case – legal framework



- Garanty a **sustainable use of natural resources** for future generations
- Accelerate economical growth
- Develop **2nd and 3rd level wood transformation**

To create a company (single-window facility) : www.anpigabon.ga

Gabon case – legal framework

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Themes	Conventions	Laws	Decrees	Annexes	Technical guides
Forests & industries	3	7	25	24	8
Fauna & hunting	1	5	27	2	4
Environment	9	2	13	2	3
Work-employment	1	2	9	3	

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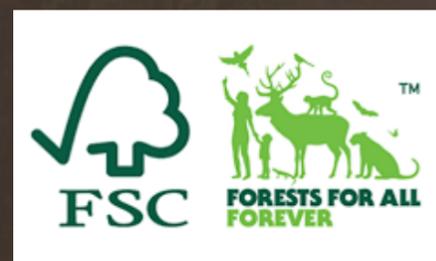
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How to buy and sell legal wood products ?



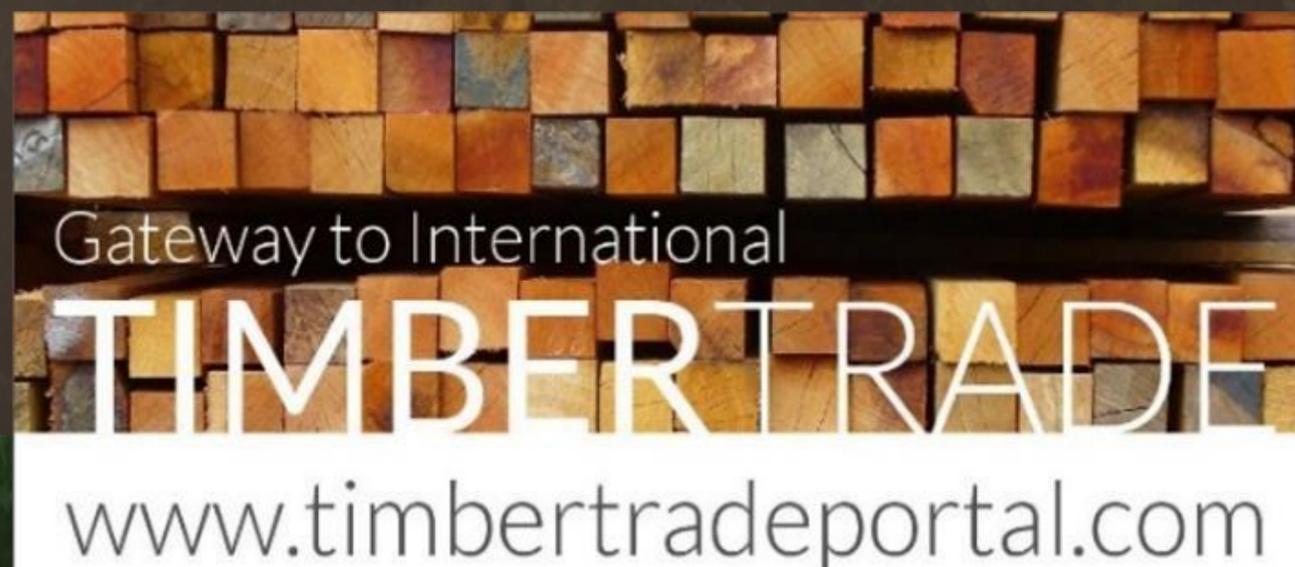
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- Buy wood from **certified forestry companies** => Guaranteed field verification by independent and accredited certification bodies (Bureau Veritas, NEPCon, Control Union)



- In absence of certified wood, apply **due diligence**

Legal framework and key documents of 23 countries on :



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