

#### TRACEABILITY AND PROOF OF ORIGIN WITH EU FAO FLEGT SUPPORT

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# Partnership



**Program supporting the FLEGT VPA process** with a focus on legal compliance of the private sector



Web development company, involved in sustainable forest management technologies



**Forestry consultancy,** providing technical support for the implementation of the Legality Assurance System within the FLEGT VPA context

### Project Background



#### FAO-EU FLEGT PROGRAMME





**GFBC** ( = Cameroon Wood Industry Union) initiates the project to tackle priority issues:

Attestation of the traceability requirements

 Difficulty of manual data recording and numerous resulting errors

 Challenges for its members to demonstrate the origin, even more the legality, of their supplies

So, GFBC decided jointly with Prosygma and Eticwood to propose sustainable and reliable solutions to their members with the support of FAO EU FLEGT Programme

#### Timber Traceability and Mobile Technologies



Processes Logs labelling in FIPCAM at Mfou (Yaounde)

The main objective:

Improve and evaluate timber traceability using mobile technologies by:

- Providing Smartphone applications to record information in the field (even without internet network coverage)
- Improving the communication on proof of origin by connecting the customer with the trader through a website

#### Reliable mobile and web Tools



- Time saving in data processing
- Data are recorded in the field without internet
- Numerous errors are avoided



- On a mobile app / browser, the user can check the origin of logs and processed wood and trace:
- □ Where logs are harvested
- The status of every tree along the harvesting process

# Partner companies



# Achievements

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600 000 m<sup>3</sup> of both logs and processed wood can be tracked through the project website using the log number or processed wood contract.





Details of a traced log

Processed wood logs origin

## Conclusion and recommendation



This project provides a relevant tool for timber trades companies in Europe to demonstrate the traceability of their procurement in the scoop of EUTR (Due Diligence requirements)



Technologies that implies automated data sharing can be applied in other fields like MIB (Marché intérieur du bois), For i.e, to automatically show online available certified recovered wood stock for the local marked

# Thank you for your attention