THE OPEN TIMBER PORTAL

TACKLING THE INFORMATION GAP ON FOREST PRODUCERS

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WHAT IS THE OTP?

• An independent web platform

• Designed by WRI in consultation with a number of local civil society organizations, government agencies, companies, and industry associations

• With the help of key partners

• And supports of several donors
WHAT DOES THE OTP DO?

• It promotes trade in legally harvested forest products

• by compiling information about forest sector compliance from government, private sector and third party actors in producer countries

• In a very specific way
  ✓ Geospatial vs. contextual
  ✓ Company-level information
  ✓ 100% of registered forest producers
  ✓ Bringing more documents into the public sphere
GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE

- CAMEROON
- CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
- GABON
- REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO
- DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Implementing in 2017
Implementing in 2018
OTP STRUCTURE TO COLLECT INFORMATION

- FOREST ATLAS
- COMPANIES BO
- GLOBAL FOREST WATCH
- FRONT END - PUBLIC - FREE - NO LOG IN
- ADMIN BO

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DISCLAIMER

• Beta version built to gather feedback from stakeholders
• May contain bugs
• Cannot guarantee that data is complete or up-to-date

• Companies have not been given the opportunity to update their documents yet
• Current ranking doesn’t reflect the actual level of transparency of the companies
• No conclusion on company transparency can be drawn using the figures displayed at this point
Incentivizing *legal timber* by improving access to information
## OPEN TIMBER PORTAL

### OBSERVATIONS

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DATA ALREADY AVAILABLE

- 177 documents: 75 valid - 102 expired

- More than 1200 observations:

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KEY AUDIENCES

• Timber companies concerned about reputation and market access
• Government agencies in producer countries
• Timber buyers across the supply chain
• Enforcement agencies in importing countries
• Third-party forest monitors in producer countries
• Civil society organizations and NGOs
• Donors supporting forest legality
TIMELINE

- Previous alpha version from 2010 (alpha.foresttransparencyinitiative.org)
- New website currently under development:

- **Alpha site**: Online from 2010-2016
- **Beta site**: Oct. 2017
- **Live site**: Dec. 2017
- **Scaling up**: 2018 onwards

**CONSULTATION PHASE**
- Limited data
- Test with pilot IM & company data
- Full outreach campaign
Thank you!

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