

# Mitigating risk importing tropical wood



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# Some facts

FAO- and OECD-founded in 1951

Worldwide reputation (nomenclature and grading rules)

60+ years experience in tropical timber trade



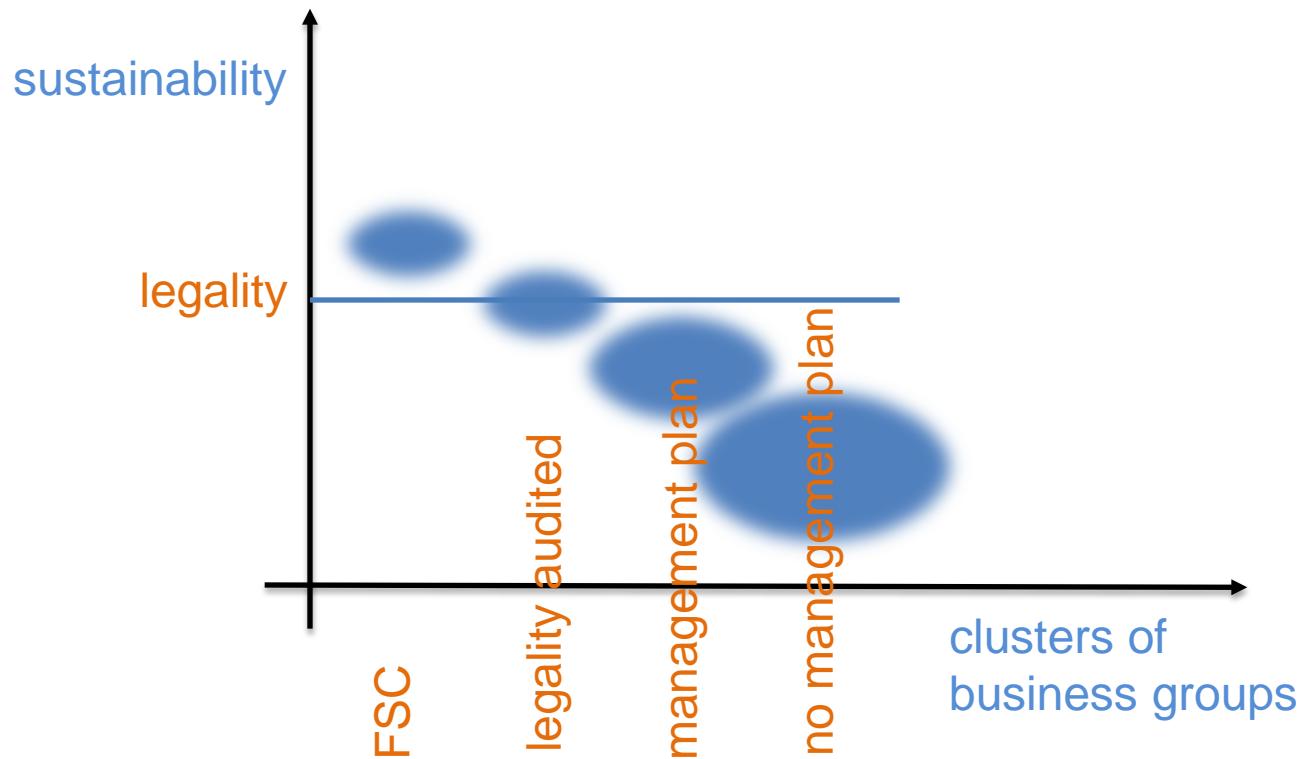
Since 2013 all timber producers are “legality verified”

Members: Govts, industry, NGOs, academia, donors, intl orgs

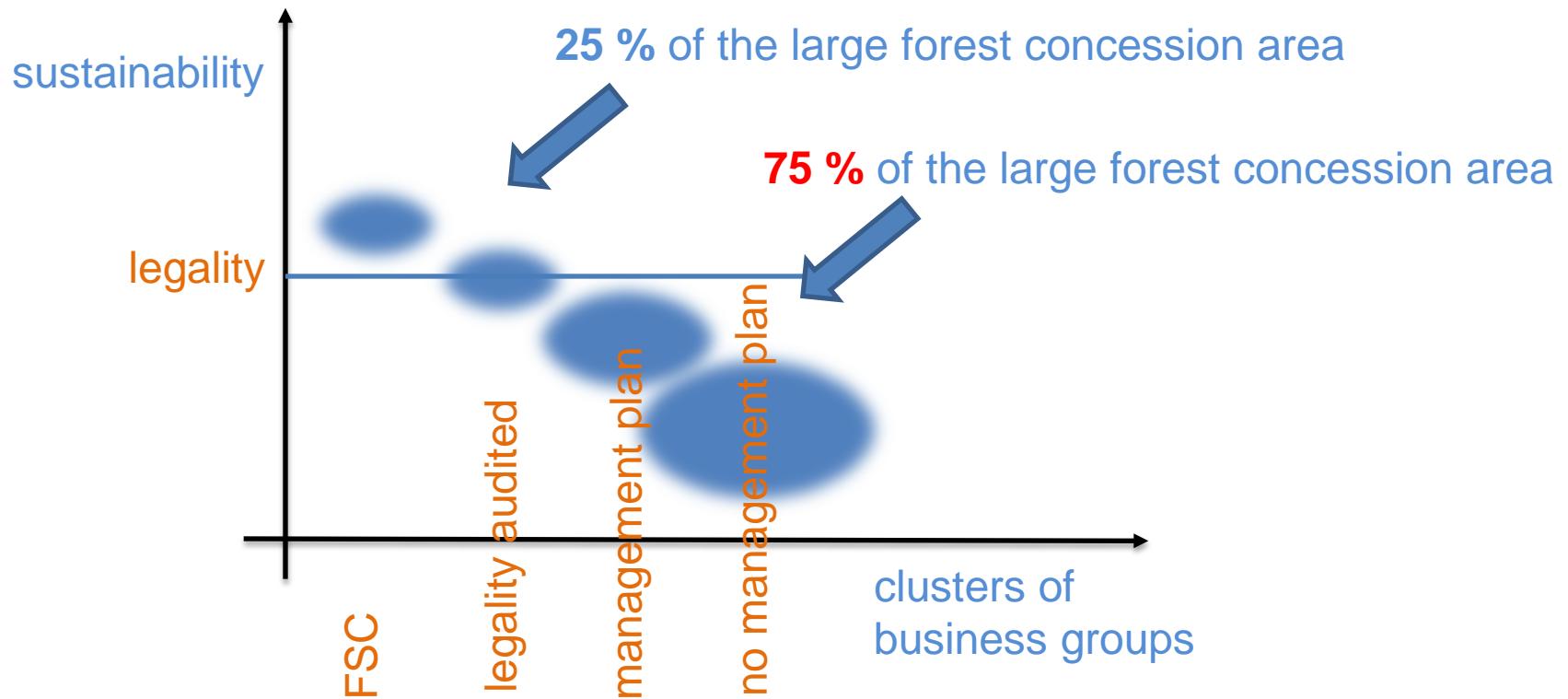
## Demand side tools

- Tropical wood products **public procurement policies** in some EU countries,
- **EU Timber Regulation** in all EU countries.

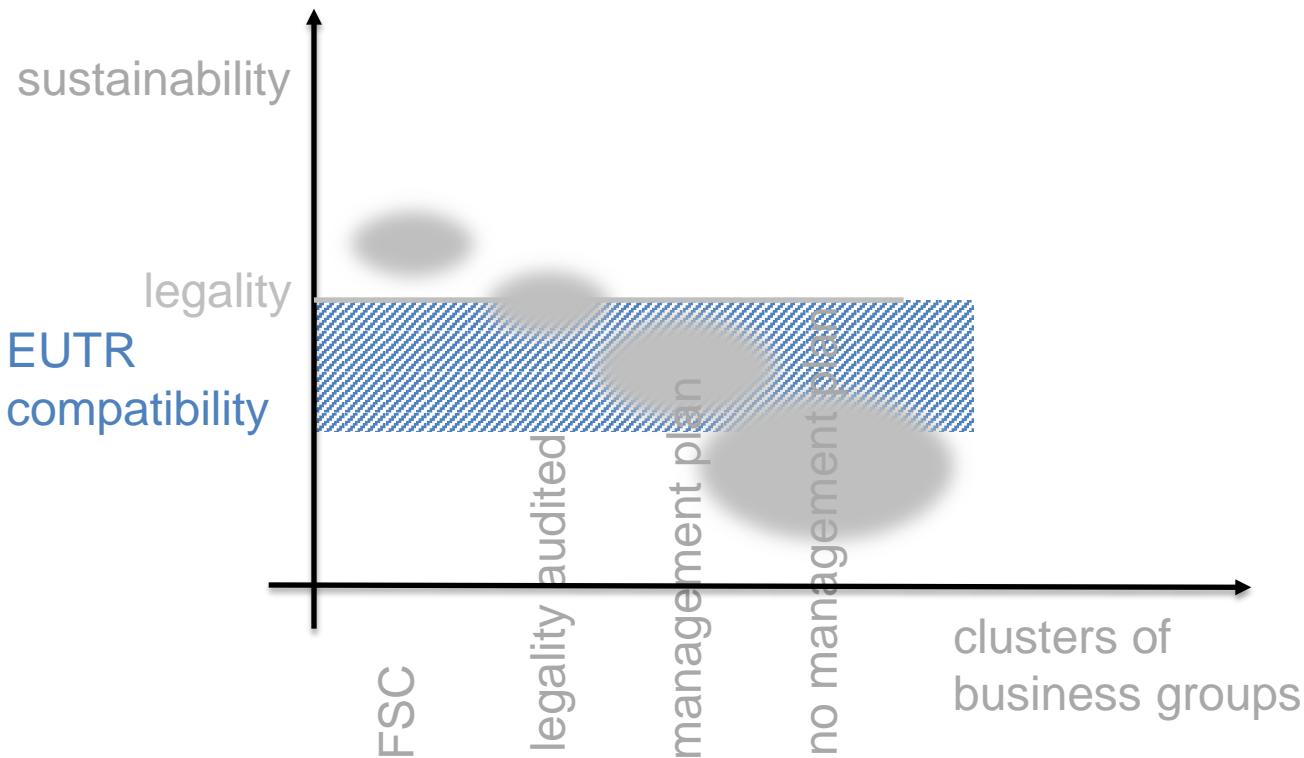
# Legality today in central Africa



# Illegality in large industry



# EUTR compatibility



## Challenges undermining EUTR

- EUTR triggered a market for government issued legality documentation.
- Least legal operators have most legal documentation. Consequently EUTR appears unable to reject illegally produced timber from entering the EU.
- Market operators are confused with different due diligence systems in different EU MS and a plethora of available legality documentation. How much is enough? Which documents are real and relevant?



# legal-timber.info

The reference point for information on the EU Timber Regulation



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*See a standard due diligence system.*

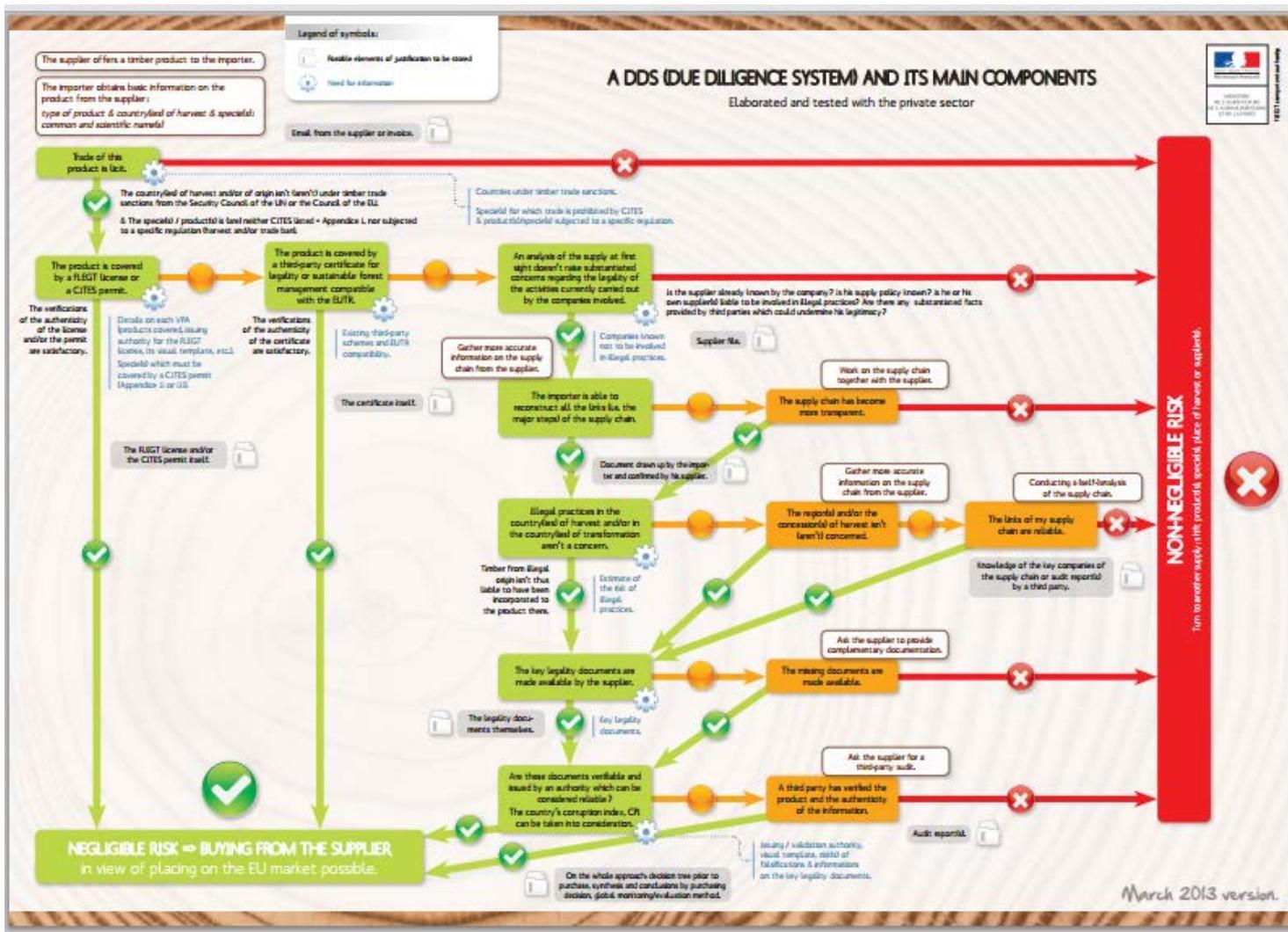
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## Cameroon

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### ❶ Harvesting and processing of national resources (coming from natural forests)

Products exported : logs, plywood, sawn wood, veneer.

Species exported : acajou (*Khaya anthotheca*), afrormosia/assamela (*Pericopsis elata*), aningre (*Aningeria altissima*), ayous (*Triplochiton scleroxylon*), azobe (*Lophostoma alata*), bete (*Mansonia altissima*), bilinga (*Nauclea diderrichii*), bosse (*Guarea cedrata*), bubinga (*Guibourtia tessmannii*), dabema (*Piptadeniastrum africanum*), dibetou (*Lovoa trichilioides*), doussie (*Afzelia bipindensis*), frake (*Terminalia superba*), framire (*Terminalia ivorensis*), iatandza (*Albizia ferruginea*), ilomba (*Pycnanthus angolensis*), iroko (*Milicia excelsa*), kosipo (*Entandrophragma candollei*), koto (*Pterygota macrocarpa*), lotofa (*Sterculia rhinopetala*), moabi (*Baillonella toxiperma*), movingui (*Distemonanthus benthamianus*), niove (*Staudtia stipitata*), okan (*Cyclodiscus gabunensis*), padouk (*Pterocarpus soyauxii*), sapelli (*Entandrophragma cylindricum*), sipo (*Entandrophragma utile*), tali (*Erythrophleum ivorense*), tiama (*Entandrophragma angolense*), wenge (*Millettia laurentii*).

**Is timber trade licit? ↓**

**Accompanying documents for timber product(s) ↓**

**Companies known not to be involved in illegal practices ↓**

**Are illegal practices a concern? ↓**

**Key legality documents ↓**

**To know more ↓**

## Is timber trade licit? ↓

Timber trade sanctions from the United Nations Security Council or the Council of the European Union item : None.

Specie(s) for which trade is prohibited by CITES (Appendice I) : None.

Product(s)/specie(s) subjected to a specific regulation

Export ban on those products : logs of around twenty species (see the list in to know more).

Export ban on those species : None.

Harvest ban on those species : None.

## **Accompanying documents for timber product(s)** ↓

FLEGT (VPA) license

Products covered : None.

Issuing authority for the FLEGT license + visual template and other information :

The VPA is signed and is currently being implemented (no FLEGT licenses yet).

Specie(s) which must hold a CITES permit

under Appendix II : afrormosia/assamela (*Pericopsis elata*).

under Appendix III : None.

Existing third-party certificates & their EUTR compatibility :



**To know more ↓**

Species with an export ban on logs:

acajou (*Khaya anthotheca*), afrormosia/*assamela* (*Pericopsis elata*), aningre (*Aningeria altissima*), bete (*Mansonia altissima*), bosse (*Guarea cedrata*), bubinga (*Guibourtia tessmannii*), dibetou (*Lovoa trichilioides*), douka (*Tieghemella heckelii/africana*), doussie (*Afzelia bipindensis*), fromager (*Ceiba pentandra*), ilomba (*Pycnanthus angolensis*), iroko (*Milicia excelsa*), longhi (*Gambeya spp.*), moabi (*Baillonella toxiperma*), movingui (*Distemonanthus benthamianus*), ovengkol (*Guibourtia ehie*), padouk (*Pterocarpus soyauxii*), pao rosa (*Bobgunnia fistuloides*), sapelli (*Entandrophragma cylindricum*), sipo (*Entandrophragma utile*), teck (*Tectona grandis*), wenge (*Millettia laurentii*), zingana (*Microberlinia bisulcata*)

The [Website](#) for the independant observer.

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## Recommendations to competent authorities:

- Accept certified wood imports (FSC, OLB/Bureau Veritas, TLTV/TLAS/SGS, legality standard/Rainforest Alliance) without further controls!
- Verify thoroughly the non-certified wood imports! Minimum EUTR requirements per country are identified in [legal-timber.info](#)
- Contribute to [legal-timber.info](#)
- Reforming EUTR to limit imports to legality audited timber according to standards recognized by producer governments!

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