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## Project of Independent Observation in Support of Forest Law Enforcement in Cameroon

**Approved by the Ministry of  
the Environment and Forests**

### Report No. 53En

*Joint Mission : Central Control Unit – Independent Observer*

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**Titles** FMU 10 001, 10 002, 10 003  
and 10 004

**Location** Boumba and Ngoko Department, East  
Province

**Mission Date** 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2003

**Company** CFC

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## **1. SUMMARY**

The Central Control<sup>1</sup> Unit (CCU), accompanied by the Independent Observer (Global Witness), carried out a mission within the Forest Management Units (FMU) 10 001, 10 002, 10 003 and 10 004 on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2003. The mission was part of a routine control programme started on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2003.

These three FMUs are located in Ngola 35, Boumba and Ngoko Department, East Province. They are parts of one and only concession allocated to the company CFC (Compagnie Forestière du Cameroun).

The mission focused on verifying whether the limits of the Annual Cutting Permit undergoing exploitation were respected and how field documents were processed. No illegality was noted by the mission within this concession.

The Independent Observer recommends that a mission be carried out at the end of the operating year to evaluate the volume of timber actually exploited by the company CFC.

## **2. RESOURCES USED**

- 1 4X4 pick-up truck
- 1 Digital camera
- 1 Video camera
- 2 GPS
- 1 Laptop

## **3. COMPOSITION OF THE MISSION**

The mission was composed of two CCU members, the head of the forest law enforcement East Province Brigade, an official of the Direction of Forests, the head of the Yokadouma forest section and two members of the Independent Observer technical team.

## **4. CONSTRAINTS**

Fourteen days proved insufficient to cover all the titles undergoing exploitation in the East Province. The seizure of the Independent's videocassette by the company Ingénierie Forestière (see Independent Observer report No. 055En) seriously reduced the capacity for action of the Independent Observer.

## **5. RESULTS OF THE MISSION**

### **5.1 Summary of the case**

FMUs 10 001, 10 002, 10 003 and 10 004 constitute only one concession allocated to the company CFC. Located in Ngola 35, this company also owns a sawmill.

CFC currently exploits the Annual Cutting Permit (ACP) No. 24, valid until the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2003 (see Appendix 1). Following the example of various other companies, CFC also has a second ACP valid until the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2003. This is due

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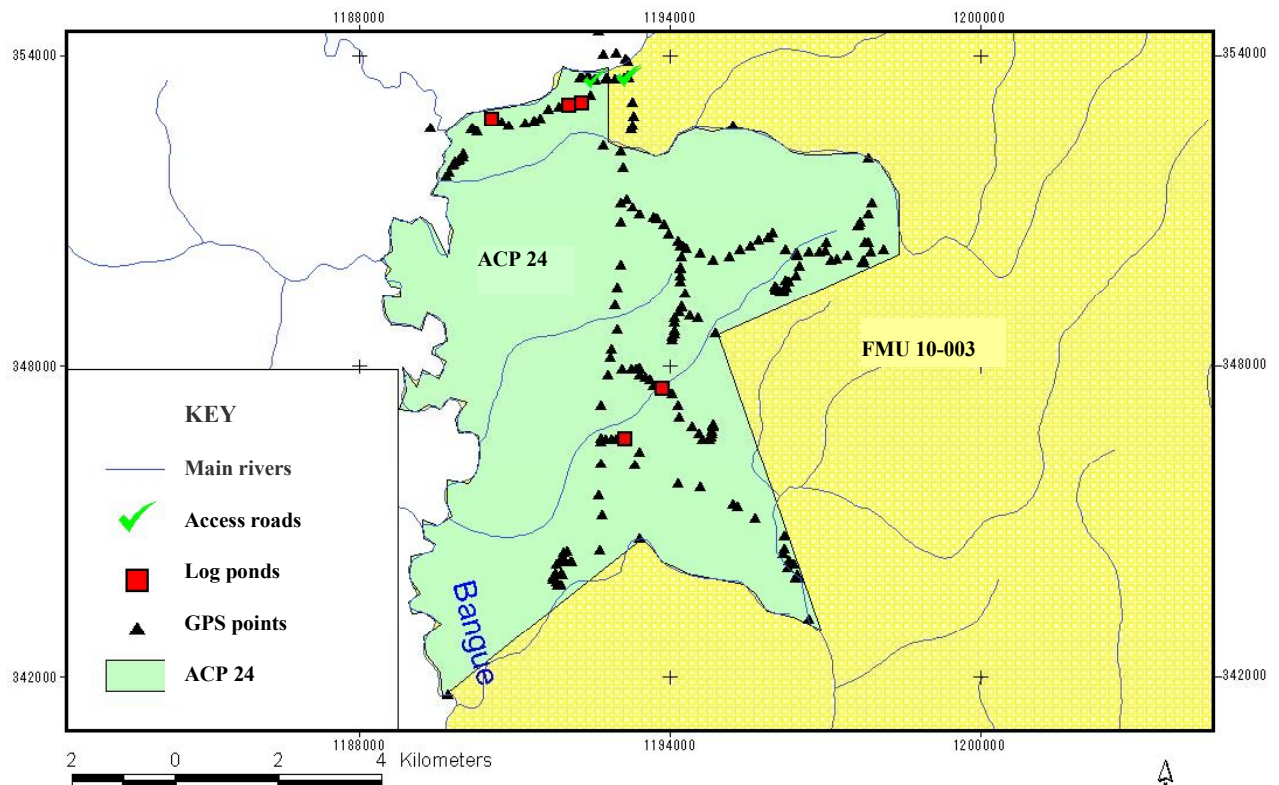
<sup>1</sup> Control” in the context of this report means “Law Enforcement” or to “check compliance with law”.

to the change of the operating year calendar initiated by the Ministry of the Environment and Forests (MINEF).

### 5.2 Field verification by the mission

The mission did an almost complete visit of the ACPs undergoing exploitation within FMU 10 003, not noting any irregularity. The mission however noted felling of trees at the very limit. Although this type of act does not constitute a violation of the law, it is an area to be verified by following missions.

**Map:** ACPNo.24 of FMU 10 003



## 6. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The verification of the limits of the ACP undergoing exploitation and the processing of field documents were the focus of the mission. No illegality was found.

**The Independent Observer recommends** that a mission be carried out at the end of the operating year to evaluate the volume of timber actually exploited by CFC.

## **APPENDIX**

**Certificat d'Assiette annuelle de coupe (copie)**

Convention provisoire d'exploitation



**Concession:** 1025      **Exercice:** 2002-2003      **Fin de validité:** 30 juin, 2003  
**Exploitant:** 311      Compagnie Forestière du Cameroun      **Certificat émis le:** Monday, July 29, 2002

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**Partie 1. Localisation des traitements sylvicoles:**

Commune				Traitements sylvicoles			Superficie
N°.	Appellation	Zone	Ufa	Assiette	Cod	Appellation	
100103	Yokadouma	03	10-003	24	10	Coupe à diamètre limite	6,437
<b>Superficie totale:</b>							6,437

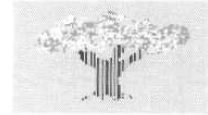
\* Les cartes forestières jointes à la demande montrent la localisation précise de l'assiette de coupe autorisée

**Partie 2. Essences à récolter:**

Essence				Essence			
Code	Appellation	Nombre	Volume	Code	Appellation	Nombre	Volume
1103	Acajou de bassam	34	528	1104	Assameia	678	9,611
1106	Bété	21	209	1107	Bossé clair	85	336
1108	Bossé foncé	81	788	1109	Bubinga rose	1	14
1111	Dibétou	31	348	1113	Doussié rouge	7	91
1115	Framiré	29	410	1116	Iroko	203	4,478
1118	Kossipo	223	5,127	1119	Kotibé	16	187
1121	Moabi	1	22	1122	Mukulungu	18	439
1124	Okan / Adoum	3	54	1127	Padouk rouge	147	1,348
1129	Sapelli	5,807	110,229	1130	Sipo	138	3,553
1131	Tali	1,763	17,272	1135	Tiama	40	452
1138	Wengé	3	26	1201	Aiélé / Abel	189	2,817
1202	Alep	1	11	1211	Ayous/Obéché	705	14,416
1214	Dabéma	1	9	1218	Eyong	104	1,209
1220	Fraké	402	3,935	1226	Koto	1	11
1228	Longhi / Abam	77	902	1230	Mambodé / Amouk	114	1,300
1235	Naga parallèle	43	456	1238	Niové	9	113
1310	Ako / Aloa	3	42	1315	Aningré A	44	427
1317	Bahia	3	20	1318	Bilinga	8	105
1334	Emien	32	383	1336	Eveuss / Ngon	12	189
1344	Fromager	175	1,659	1345	Iatandza / Evouvouss	12	127
1346	Ilomba	69	768	1348	Kapokier / Bombax	4	46
1350	Landa	4	24	1352	Lati parallèle	120	2,225
1358	Diana Z	38	486	1365	Pao rosa	47	360
1458	Kumbi	3	28	1489	Onzabili /Angongui	11	135
<b>Nombre total:</b>		11,560	<b>Volume total:</b>			187,725	

\* Les cartes d'inventaire d'exploitation jointes à la demande montrent la localisation des arbres à récolter

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**Prescription:**

*Le titulaire de ce certificat d'assiette annuelle de coupe doit respecter les normes d'intervention en milieu forestier ainsi que les clauses de son cahier des charges lors de la réalisation de ses activités d'aménagement forestier.*

**Date:**

**Le Ministre de l'Environnement et des Forêts**

**Date:** Wednesday, April 09,

**Copie conforme du certificat d'assiette annuelle de coupe**

