

ATIBT action plan to improve and strengthen SFM certification in Congo Basin

Different actions common with FSC NL

1 - Improvement of the tropical wood image > leader of the action Bertrand Faucon

1.1	Continuation of the communication and marketing strategy	[promotor : ATIBT-PPECF] >> Bertrand Faucon	Have exchanged with FSC-NL on the interest of working more jointly with STTC. FSC launched the campaign “We are FSC” at the STTC event in Paris next week in which FSC impacts are linked to the SDGs. Idea: if Fair & Precious also links it 10 commitments to the SDGs the messaging is more aligned and the two campaigns can strengthen each other.
1.2	Fair & Precious collective brand	[promotor : AFD – PPECF -ATIBT] ; >> Mark Von Benthem	Working, but to be strengthened to communicate better on certified wood in tropical areas. www.fair-and-precious.org
1.3	Racewood Libreville	[promotor : ATIBT-PPECF]	Done
1.4	Conference STTC Nogent 25/10/2018	[promotor : STTC] >> Benoit Jobbé-Duval	Done
1.5	LCB Tropical Timber Commission	[promotor : LCB] >> Arnaud Héetroit, Dominik Mohr	Animation of LCB Tropical Wood Commission by Mr. Dominik Mohr, from CABD. Better coordination with the work of ATIBT can be envisaged.
1.6	Contractualization relays Congo basin	[promotor : ATIBT-PPECF]	To develop (Probably with GIZ and the Consultant Ralph Ridder)
1.7	Sensitizing Companies	[promotor : ATIBT-PPECF] >> Alessandra Negri	To develop

2- Exploring new wood markets> leaders of the action Patrizia Gregori / Stéphane Glannaz

2.1	Request in preparation oriented to the Spanish market	[promotor : PPECF] >> ?	The Eticwood' study is going on (PPECF contract n° 144). The results could be a better transformation ratio, through the Spanish market, using small pieces of certified wood. Moreover, the STTC, had a promotion project to promote FSC tropical timber in the construction sector. Good to align. What about Italy – bigger chance for market uptake ?
2.2	SNCF railway timber	[promotor : SNCF] >> Patrizia Gregori	Working PPECF shall provide a support to realize CIRAD's [DNO n° 207]technology tests on the Eveuss wich could be an alternative for Azobe or Okan.
2.3	LKTS; Under certified charcoal chain;	[promotor : ATIBT- FSC - PPECF] >> Ben Romein, Patrick Martin	FSCNL will start a LKTS project as on of the outcomes of the business encounters. Ben is the project leader. ATIBT participation is appreciated as discussed. ATIBT consider a request to PPECF, following a prior period of obtaining data from the companies. Notice that CBG intend to develop a chaorcal certified upply chain with the support of PPECF at two steps of the faisability studie.
2.4	Green chemistry [in preparation Gembloux Agro biotech] ...)	>> ?	PPECF is waiting KfW's non-objection [DNO n° 200], for financing the molecular research on some species (sorro, ozigo, béli, andoungs, omvong, mubala, etc in relation with the results of P3FAC program. (
2.5	Better speak with our customers. Integrate them into our approach, deploy more vigorously MTT website	>> Maybe STTC ?	Working, but a great job to conduct The wb TV faune should be a major vector for this.

2.6	improve public purchasing policies for certified wood	>> Philippe Deletain, Gervais Itsoua Madzous	COMIFAC just hire a Consultant and launch a Review of policies promoting the consumption of legal and industrial wood in the public procurement in COMIFAC's members states, in view of the development of the guidelines on this matter, the firsts result can be available by the end of the year.
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3- Give back value to forests> action leader Tom Van Loon

3.1	New SATA ranking	[promotor : ATIBT-PPECF] ; >> Patrick Martin	PPECF's contract (n°135) is ongoing , for the implementation of a significant improvement of the material yields by the SATA classification of the sawn timber. Co-financings by companies have been received.
3.2	Certification of legality companies SOMIVAB, TTIB, SBL	[promotor : PPECF] >> Nicolas Perthuisot	SOMIVAB coaching and TTIB coaching are on going (PPECF contacts n° 137 & n° 139). SBL, SEFCA, ASI coaching are in preparation.
3.3	Support for the preservation of biodiversity (support for PhD students and LAB programs)	[promotor : PPECF-concessionnaires] >> Romain LORENT	On going in Precious wood Company. In preparation for a set of companies in the BC (Utrecht doctorat)
3.4	Support for SPOTT notation To facilitate open discussion of these SPOTT issues amongst companies operating in Gabon's, Congo's, and Cameroon's forestry sector an industry engagement workshop will be held in those countries. This sessions will be facilitated by ATIBT and will allow companies to freely debate the status of transparency in the sector, the challenges they face, and possible responses.	[promotor : ZSL-PPECF] >> Jacqueline van de Pol, Caroline Duhesme	What has been done ?
3.5	Community Forest Pilot Project (under study)	[promotor : PPECF] >> ?Romain LORENT	PPECF is in discussion with the SAILD to build a Sale on-line bids platform wich can complete the Community timber tracking software, actually in pilote phase test. Moreover, PPECF has received a request for supporting a new deal with Community forest and foreign industrial company in Gabon.
Possibility of unify this action with the following (value services rendered)			

4- Valuing the services provided by foresters and actions to support certification > PPECF team leader

4.1	FSC Africa Action [Test the FSC Ecosystem Services and RIL-C procedures with two companies and accompany them until the issuance of Ecosystem Services Certification Documents]	[promotor : FSC Afrique-PPECF] >> Nicolas Perthuisot	To develop Align with Mathieu
4.2	Rebuilding Private Public Partnerships in Congo (PROGEPP, ...)	[promotor : PPECF] >> Ulli Grauert	The Public Private partenariat (PROGEPP) in north Congo were a model wich now is no more efficient. So, the renewal of certificates of majors logging companies had become dependent on a corrective action to be led on these PROGEPP.PPECF had sent two consultants to attempt to rebuild the PROGEPP. A new working group had been constituted on the paper. But the action is far to be strengthened by significant results that should mandatory to obtain in the next monts.
4.3	Monitoring of forest cover by drone imagery (IDROP)	[promotor : PPECF-NATURE +-CEA-SUNBIRDS] >> ?	With the official notification of the Occitanie Région, confirming his support to the project, the Action is now ongoing.
4.4	Support to companies including coaching towards certification	[promotor : PPECF]	La CgP a effectué divers diagnostics: SEFCA en RCA, TTIB, SBL, BSO et ASI au Gabon et les premiers contrats de coaching pour SOMIVAB et TTIB sont en cours.
	The following measures could be part of a chapter "How to reduce the cost of certification and to offer different options"		
4.5	Compensated tax for certified companies	[promotor : A. Karsenty] >> Alain Karsenty	A reduction in forest taxation for certified concessions seems to be the simplest and quickest solution to implement to strengthen certification, provided that donor partners compensate the states of producing countries for the resulting tax loss.
4.6	Reduce the cost of evaluations	Promotor FSC NL >> Liesbeth Gort	Simplification of existing processes (Standard finalization and stabilization of requirements);

			Work on current work led by CIRAD on fiscal incentivization for responsible operators; Find a way to adapt risk-based approach in Congo Basin
4.7	Have more support from FSC country offices in countries (or create them)	Promotor FSC NL >> Liesbeth Gort	Planning to develop a European Strategy for the promotion of Tropical timber based on what we already do and with clear actions for the other FSC EUR offices. Some expectations management: not all FSC offices in EUR have tropical timber as a priority. FSC NL is frontrunner in this.
4.8	Regional approach for PEFC/PAFC certification	>> Sophie Dirou	Ongoing request to PPECF, for the implementation of a regional approach for the development of PAFC certification systems. Co-financing is expected from companies.
4.9	Seeking partnerships for the creation of a Web TV broadcasting images of animals frequenting the baïs	>> Arnaud Hétroit	To develop
4.10	The legal institutionalization of certification in Gabon	>> Speaker from Emmanuel LEROUEIL Directeur des opérations Bureau de Coordination du Plan Stratégique Gabon Emergent	Gabon's President Ali Bongo announced on September 26, during a visit to a Rougier wood processing plant, that all forest concessions in Gabon will have to be certified with the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) standard by 2022.

5- Approaching Asian operators> leader Robert Hunink

5.1	Intersyndicale in Gabon - FLEGT-IP and PPECF project	[promotor : F. Van de Ven] >> Françoise Van de Ven	Collaboration platform focused on all activities related to legality, governance, Flegt, certification, and any action aimed at the promotion of wood from Gabon. UFIGA (Societies with K of various origins, EU, China, Morocco, Lebanon, Malaysia) is the permanent secretariat of
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			Intersyndicate, UFIAG (Companies with Chinese K) and SIAG (Companies with Gabonese K) and FGBSP (Federation Gabonese Wood Timber-Plating, with Gabonese K)
5.2	RACEWOOD, presentation DFID	[promotor : T. Pichet]	Done
5.3	Carrefour du Bois in Nantes, meeting with Asian operators	[promotor : ATIBT]	Done
5.4	Contact with "The International Workshop on Green Supply Chain and Leading Enterprises Dialogue" June 21-22 in Beijing	[promotor : R. Hunink]	Done
5.5	ATIBT mission to Japan & China in november: Ensure the realization of the next ATIBT forum in China. Research of key partners: ITTO, CTWPDA association, Global Green Supply Chain (GGSC), NFGA, etc..	[promotor : ATIBT] >> Benoit Jobbé-Duval	A study is underway to validate this project. The moment is probably favorable for such an event, between September and November 2019, in Shanghai.
5.6	Working with Ralph Ridder, now "Advisor to the Chinese National Forest and Grassland Administration" (NFGA, before SFA), with the support of GIZ. Works Thomas Pichet, Hans Shipule and other specialists in relations with China.	[promotor : ATIBT] >> Robert Hunink	The CTWPDA (China Timber and Wood Products Distribution Association) is apparently the body with which we must privilege contacts. CTWPDA currently has 3,000 Chinese companies specializing in importing, wholesaling and processing wood.
5.7	Contact Asian Companies	[promotor : ATIBT] >> Jean Gérard	To develop
5.8	Oréade Brèche support in China	>> JB Grandjean	To develop
5.9	FSC support	>> Mathieu Auger Schwartzberg	Contact with Mr Xiao Jianmin PhD (Research Institute of Forestry Policy and Information, Chinese Academy of Forestry) and with Mr LICHAO, FSC China Director based also in Beijing. A appointment will take place in China.

5.10	PEFC support	>> Rémi Sournia	Contact with Benson Yu Director of PEFC China Initiative. A appointment cannot take place in China because a conflict of agenda.
5.11	DFID support	>> Thomas Pichet	An exchange held with Thomas Pichet, who worked in 2017 for the CTWPDA organization, with funding from DFID, which may resume in 2019. Thus, he will accompany the CTWPDA association towards a better knowledge of the European barriers and regulations. .
5.12	WWF support	>> ?	What we understood from WWF NL is that they will hire someone soon
5.13	U.E. support	>> ?	To develop
5.14	ITTO support	>> Michael Adams	Discussions between ATIBT and ITTO to explore some solutions to make possible the ATIBT next forum in China.
5.15	Global Green Supply Chain (GGSC) Support	>> Ralph Ridder, Quian Meng	The <i>Green Supply Chain and Leading Enterprises Dialogue workshop</i> is an ecological supply chain initiative led by ITTO and the Chinese Academy of Forestry (CAF). All events are organized with the support of ITTO to support the association towards this sustainable purchasing approach.
5.16	Plateforme SMART (9 onfs)	R. Lorent	Upgrading du logiciel LAB Smart (module intelligence artificielle)