

ALPICAM is quickly moving towards sustainable forest management

Since April 2008, ALPICAM implemented a series of actions in the field aimed to prepare the OLB (Origine Légale du Bois) audit due at the end of the year. ALPICAM implemented the following actions:

In the matter of environment:

- **Reinforcement of the anti-poaching struggle** by identifying the potential main access of poachers to the forest concessions and implementing control stations with guardians working full time to ensure their surveillance. At the same time, two bursarship have been installed (one per site) to provide workers living on-site with alternatives to “bush meat”. This should reduce the local demand for this type of meat and therefore limit the demand. **Completion of the environmental impact studies** of the industrial installations and the Forest Management Units (FMU’s) of the forest concessions KIKA and MINDOUROU ;
- Implementation of rigorous waste management procedures for timber and non-timber products by site and activity branch.

As regards social aspects :

- Diagnosis studies identifying sites most at risk have been completed for all the sites of the company in order to allocate equipment for appropriate individual protection.
- **ALPICAM** focussed on implementing participative and multi stakeholder management of the forest resources. Drawing on Farmer-Forest committees (CPF FFC’s) that promote dialogue between the villages, communities and timber companies, ALPI facilitated in May 2008 the implementation of a cooperation platform between the different stakeholders. This took place in the forest area Ndama-Ndjiwe, situated between Kadey department, Boumba department, and Ngoko in Eastern Cameroun. In addition, a conflict resolution mechanism has been implemented. At the end of October 2008, Norbert Gami from TFT visited the area and facilitated the initial implementation of appropriate procedures guaranteeing a smooth integration of these different mechanisms into the day-to-day management of the company.

Training and awareness rising of staff:

- In October 2008, ALPICAM launched a long term training plan with the support of the French cooperation agency. The first stage of this training (identification of human resource needs) has been launched and should end in January 2009;
- An awareness raising campaign about forest certification processes will start in November 2008 for ALPICAM staff, suppliers and subcontractors. The campaign aims to involve more than 2000 people in future forest certification processes.



Picture: A worker trained in felling techniques, well equipped and protected to prevent accidents as part of the process to improve forest management.

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