

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

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Environment and Forestry**

## **Report of the Independent Observer**

**No. 083En**

*Independent Mission: Independent Observer*

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<b>Titles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ FMU 10 031</li><li>○ FMU 10 037</li><li>○ FMU 10 042</li><li>○ FMU 10 044</li><li>○ FMU 10 046</li></ul>
<b>Location</b>	Upper Nyong Division, East Province
<b>Mission date</b>	05 - 11 December 2003
<b>Companies</b>	Ingénierie Forestière (IngF) KIEFFER SODETRAN Ets Assene Nkou SCTB

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## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Within the framework of its Terms of Reference, the Independent Observer (Global Witness) undertook an observation mission within Forest Management Units (FMUs) located in the Upper Nyong Division of the East Province. The mission took place from 5 to 11 December 2003 and targeted Annual Standing Volumes (ASV) whose activities were terminated 30 June 2003 and then extended to 31 December 2003.

The Independent Observer made a tour of the logging sites of the following FMUs:

- FMU 10 044 granted to Ets Assene Nkou;
- FMU 10 042 granted to the company SODETRAN;
- FMU 10 037 conceded to the company Kieffer;
- FMU 10 031 granted to the company Ingénierie Forestière (IngF);
- FMU 10 046 granted to the company SCTB.

In each of these FMUs, the mission team visited two standing volumes - one valid for the 2002-2003 fiscal year, and one granted for an additional 6 months from July to December 2003, in a bid to align the budgetary year with the calendar year.

With the exception of Ets Assene Nkou and the company SODETRAN which have sub-contract agreements with the company PALLISCO, the concessionaires operate their FMUs themselves.

After a complete tour of the main roads, hauling tracks and log ponds of the annual standing volumes of these FMUs, no violations of the Forest Law and regulations were observed.

**The Reading Committee recommends** that the Heads of Local Forestry Posts concerned be asked to forward their mission reports on the control undertaken in the aforementioned FMUs.

## **2. RESOURCES USED**

- 1 Toyota Hilux Pick up
- 1 Yamaha 100 motorbike
- 4 GPS (Garmin brand)
- 1 video camera (Sony brand)
- 1 digital camera
- 1 laptop computer (Sony brand)

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

In the case of logging site FMU 10 044, the mission was made up exclusively of members of the technical team of the Independent Observer. In terms of the other titles, the respective Heads of Local Forestry Posts of Mindourou and Lomie joined the mission within their territorial jurisdictions.

## **4. CONSTRAINTS**

There were no constraints in regard to this mission.

## **5. MISSION'S FINDINGS**

In the field, the Independent Observer's team toured the main access roads and hauling tracks, and verified boundaries and stump markings. During the investigations carried out at the various sites, no violations of Forestry Law and regulations were observed.

## **6. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

There was no evidence of offences committed.

**The Reading Committee recommends** that the Heads of Local Forestry Posts concerned be asked to forward their mission reports on the control undertaken in the aforementioned FMUs.