

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

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Central Control Unit – Independent Observer Joint Mission

Title	FMU 2B RF
Location	Akonolinga Sub-Division, Central Province
Mission date	05 August 2004
Company	PK STF

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Central Control Unit (CCU) and the Independent Observer (Global Witness) carried out a mission to inspect logging activities in forest concession No. 1061, located between the Sub-Division of Akonolinga in the Central Province and that of Bengbis in the South Province. This special concession, whose territory covers So'o Lala Forest Reserve (FMU 2B RF), was granted to the company Pascal Khoury Scierie Transport Forêt (PK STF) following a provisional agreement signed on 21 June 2001.

This forest, designated by Decree No. 92/004 of 10 January 1992, has a management plan that was produced and is monitored by the National Forestry Board (ONADEF) through the So'o Lala forest sustainable management project. According to the management plan, FMU 2B RF is subdivided into 4 forest exploitation units (FEU), each comprising 5 Annual Standing Volumes. PK STF is responsible for operations on Standing Volume 2D of FMU No. 2 for 2004.

Before visiting the logging site, the mission held working sessions with the Nyong and Mfoumou Divisional Delegate and the So'o Lala project team. On site, the mission toured the roads and tracks around the boundaries in order to ascertain respect for the boundaries and proper boundary marking. It thereafter checked compliance of the remaining logging activities with the law. None of the investigations undertaken revealed any offences.

Given the above, the **Independent Observer recommends** a mission at the end of the year to analyse the felling statistics that will be produced by PK STF and recorded in the SIGIF.

The **Reading Committee recommends** that monitoring of this title be extended to its taxation.

2. RESOURCES USED

- 1 Toyota Hilux Pick-up
- 2 Garmin GPS
- 1 Digital camera
- 1 Sony laptop

3. COMPOSITION OF THE MISSION

In addition to Messrs. Djeukam and Moukouri of the Independent Observer, the mission consisted of Messrs. Kongapé and Neckmen and Ms Manhouli from the CCU, along with Mr Bikié of the Data Processing Unit of MINEF. Also included were the members of the So'o Lala project team.

4. CONSTRAINTS

No difficulties were encountered in carrying out this mission.

5. MISSION'S FINDINGS

On the ground, the mission focused on the marking of boundaries and respect of same for the Annual Standing Volume, verified the marking of logs and stumps, the conformity of felling declarations and the keeping of logging documents. No violations of the law were observed.

6. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The mission noted no violations in relation to the elements inspected.

In view of the above, the **Independent Observer recommends** a mission at the end of the year to analyse the felling statistics that will be produced by PK STF and recorded in the SIGIF.

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