



## Promotion de la production et de l'exportation légales des bois issus des forêts communautaires

Organisation: Netherlands Development Organisation



Objectives: Increase forest communities' revenues through legal exploitation and exportation of community forest timber

Main target groups (choose one): Communities, NGOs, Government Agencies,,

Main area of work: Domestic and regional market issues,

Location: Cameroon

Main local partners:



Dates of implementation: February 1<sup>st</sup> 2011- January 31<sup>st</sup> 2014

Budget: 1 293 138 euro

Funding partners : EC 76,34% SNV 23,66%



- ***How useful & supportive is your project to the FLEGT process ?***
- ***Cameroon:***
  - informs local actors especially community forest managers, decentralized government agencies about the VPA FLEGT
  - Strengthens 10 community forest groups, 2 CF unions to meet the technical and organizational/administrative requirements for legal exploitation of 50,000 hectares of forest lands
  - Promotion of inclusive business partnerships (win-win) between CF groups and private enterprises for improved access to national and European markets
  - Strengthen effective CF participation in monitoring of FLEGT VPA implementation
  - Awareness creation of forest ministry officials about CF particularities
- ***At global level:***
  - Provides lessons learned for new VPA negotiations regards community forestry involvement
  - Shares knowledge cases on implementing FLEGT in community forestry
  - Supports with tested models/approaches to improve economic viability of legal CF management



- ***What needs to be done to make your contribution stronger ? To have more impact ?***
- **By Cameroonian Government:**
  - Effectiveness of free government services to local communities
  - Implementation of the traceability system and provide resources
  - Accelerate forest law review and harmonize forest and environmental rules
  - Allow more CF representative in national VPA FLEGT monitoring body “comité national de suivi”
- **By CF groups**
  - Positive and proactive attitude for change to happen
  - More transparent leadership
- **By CE and ourselves**
  - Lobby for a balanced civil society and CF representatives in FLEGT monitoring bodies
  - Allow more time (and/or flexibility) for the process in order to become successful
  - Looking at the forest as something more than timber only (integrated approaches that allow social and economic appreciation of forest ecosystem services and products).