

Corporate forest concessions

How « industrial » forest concessions contribute to the sustainable management of tropical forests... And what can be improved with EU's support

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Definitions and evolution of the « corporate concession » model

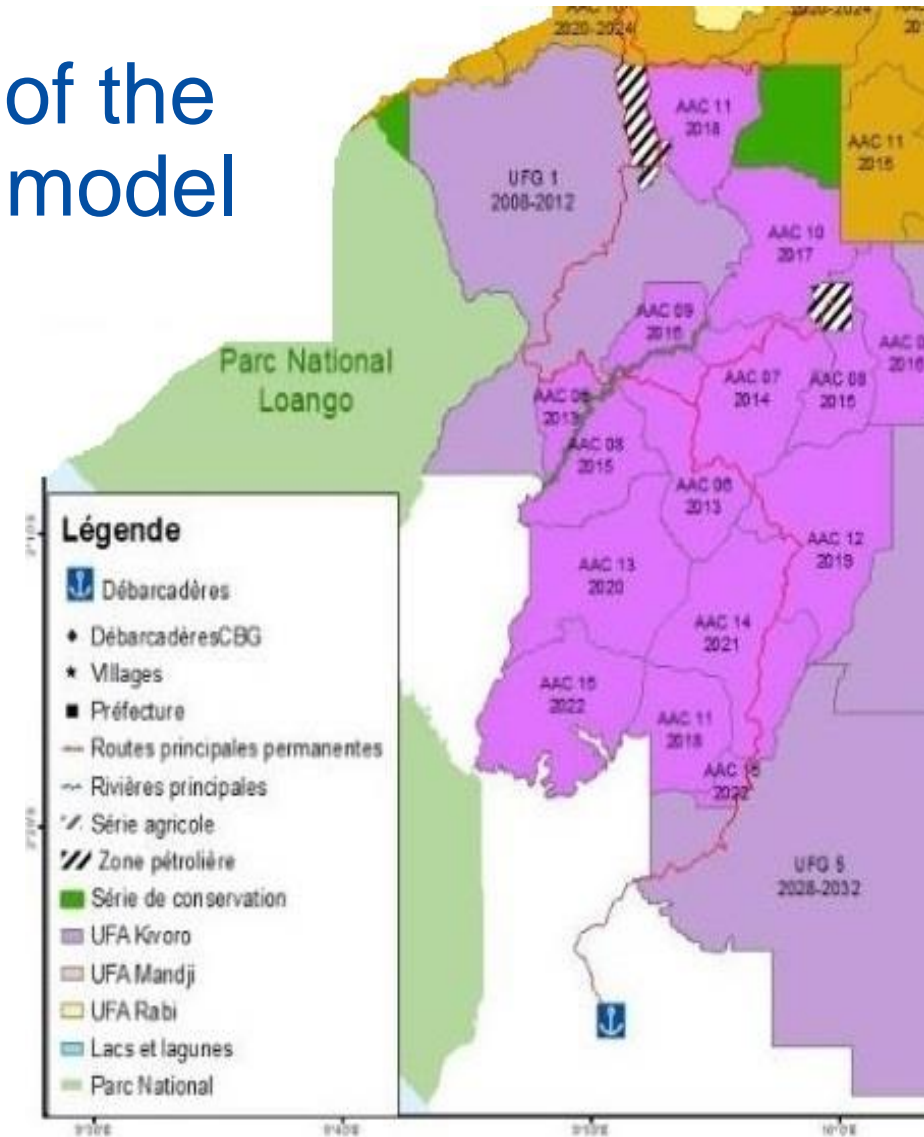


Concession:

- Contract with the State
- Defined area
- Specified period
- Rules

Evolution of rules

- Volume to be cut
- SFM
- Social commitments
- Support research and conservation



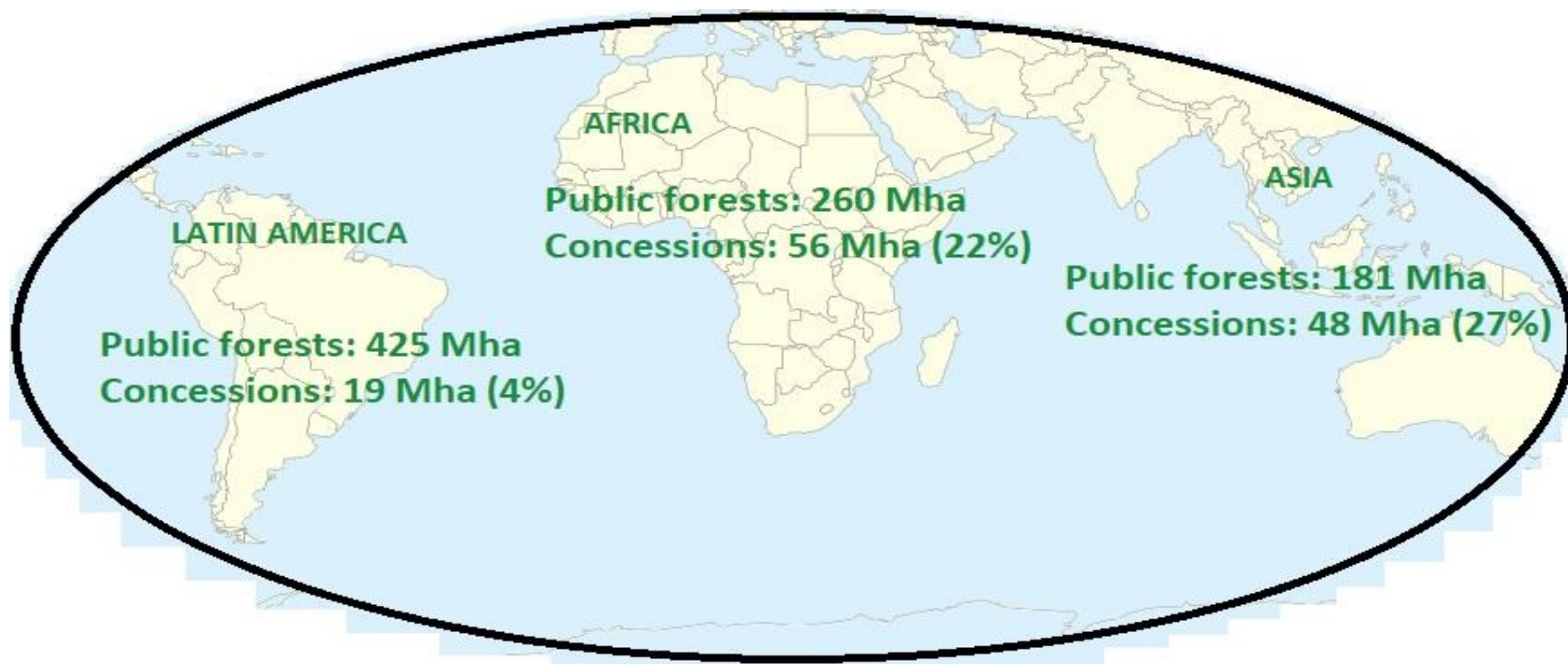
Management plan of the CBG
(Gabon)

The concession model in numbers (1)

2,000 million ha of tropical forest

400 million ha of production forest

123 million ha of corporate concessions



Source : FAO, 2018 « Rethinking forest concessions »

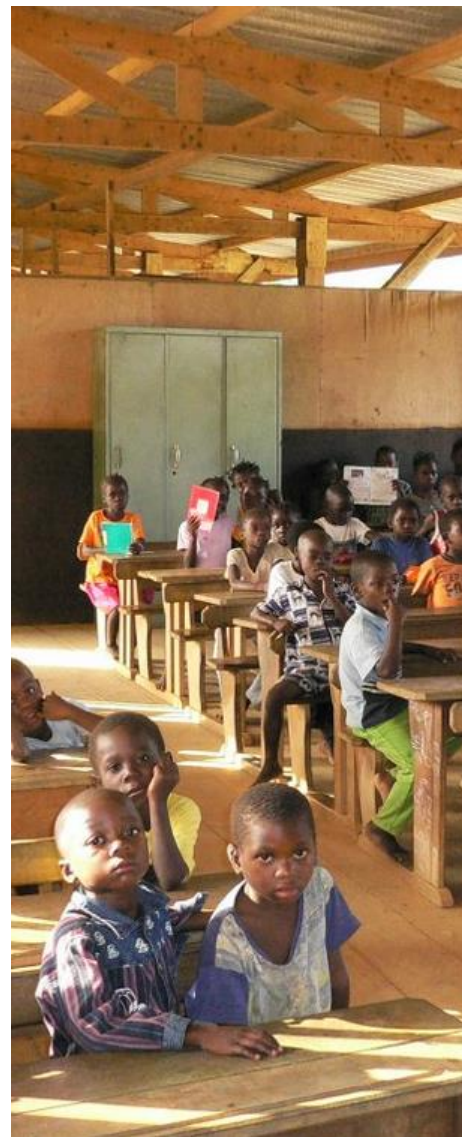
The concession model in numbers (2)



« Typical » concession in the Congo Basin

Area (ha)	100.000
Rotation (years)	25-30
Cutting (per ha)	1 to 3 trees (< 10 m3)
Yield at concession level (m3/ha/year)	0,15 - 0,20
Production (m3 / year)	20.000
formal jobs	100
Investment (M €)	5 to 10

Source : AfDB 2018 « Développement de la
filière bois dans le bassin du Congo »



Cost for sustainability

Local development
(Cameroon))
0,3€/ha
30.000 €/an

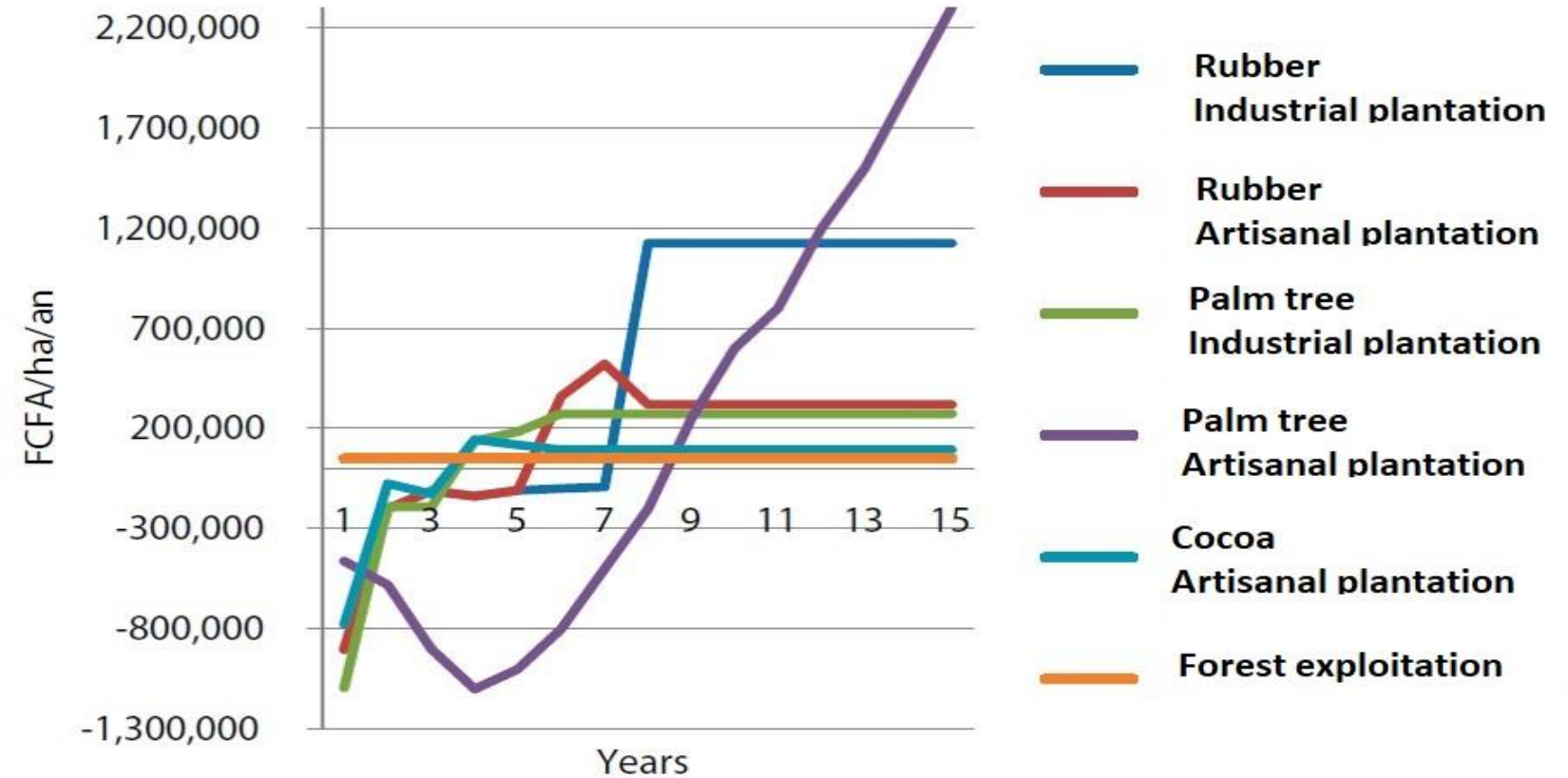
Management Plan :
4 to 6 €/ha
500.000 €

Certification FSC
(on 5 years)
50 – 100.000€

Main challenges

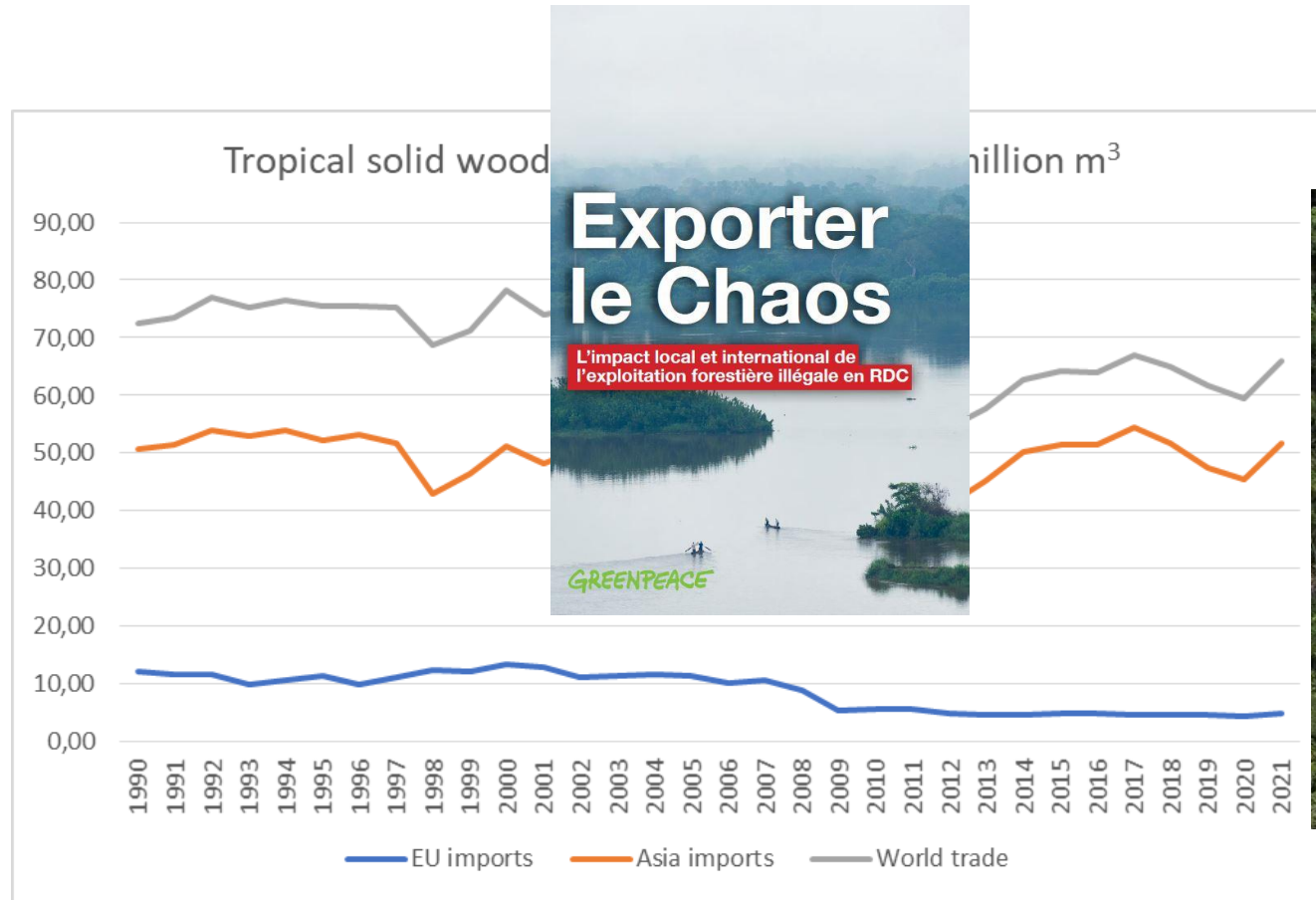


Forest exploitation: profitable use of land ?

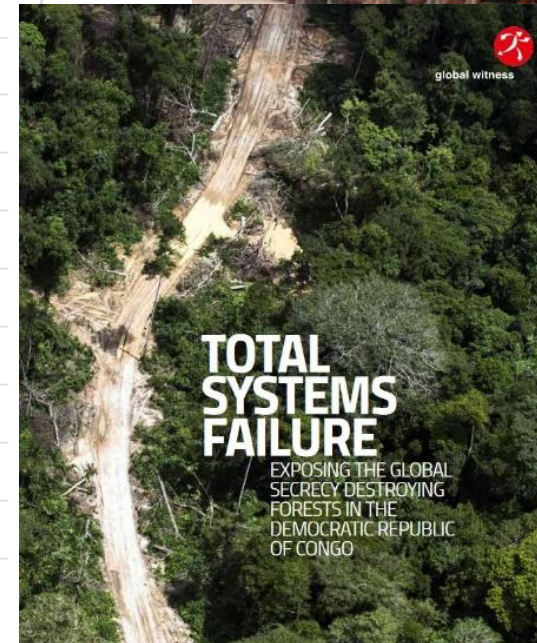


In CIFOR 2014 Le REDD+ à la rescousse des concessions forestières?

Main challenges



Source : ITTO



Opportunities for corporate concession model



Possible EU support

Government level



- **Governance improvement**
(law enforcement, transparency,...)
- **Incentives for SFM best practices**
(through taxation regime...)
- **Public procurements**
with legal wood

- **Dedicated training and capacity building**
in the forest sector
- **Investment: mobilizing EU's financial instruments**
- **Structure the sector, foster dialogue among forest stakeholders**
between Civil Society, Private Sector,



Private sector level

Thank you !

