

Uganda's journey to build a sustainable forest based industry in the last 20 years

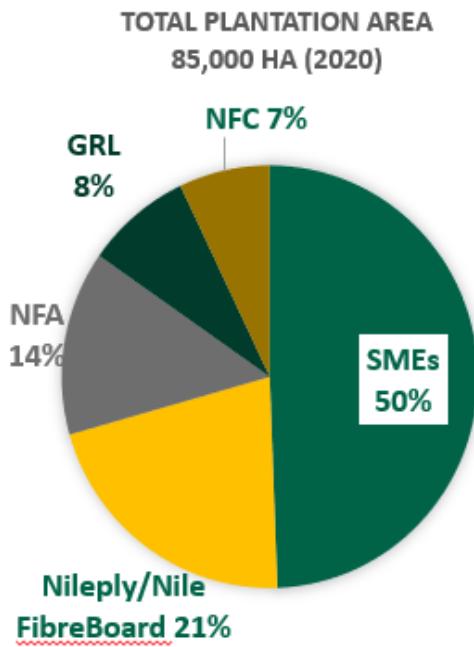


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UGANDA'S COMMERCIAL FORESTRY SECTOR

Whilst achievements of past 17 years are commendable, the sector is at a cross-roads



Uganda is seen as a role model in region for creating plantation investment environment – with concessions in CFRs and technical and financial support via SPGS.

85,000 ha commercial tree plantations established since 2004, 86% of which are privately owned.

Private sector investment – since 2004 – of around US\$50M (exc. SPGS grant) + processing facilities;

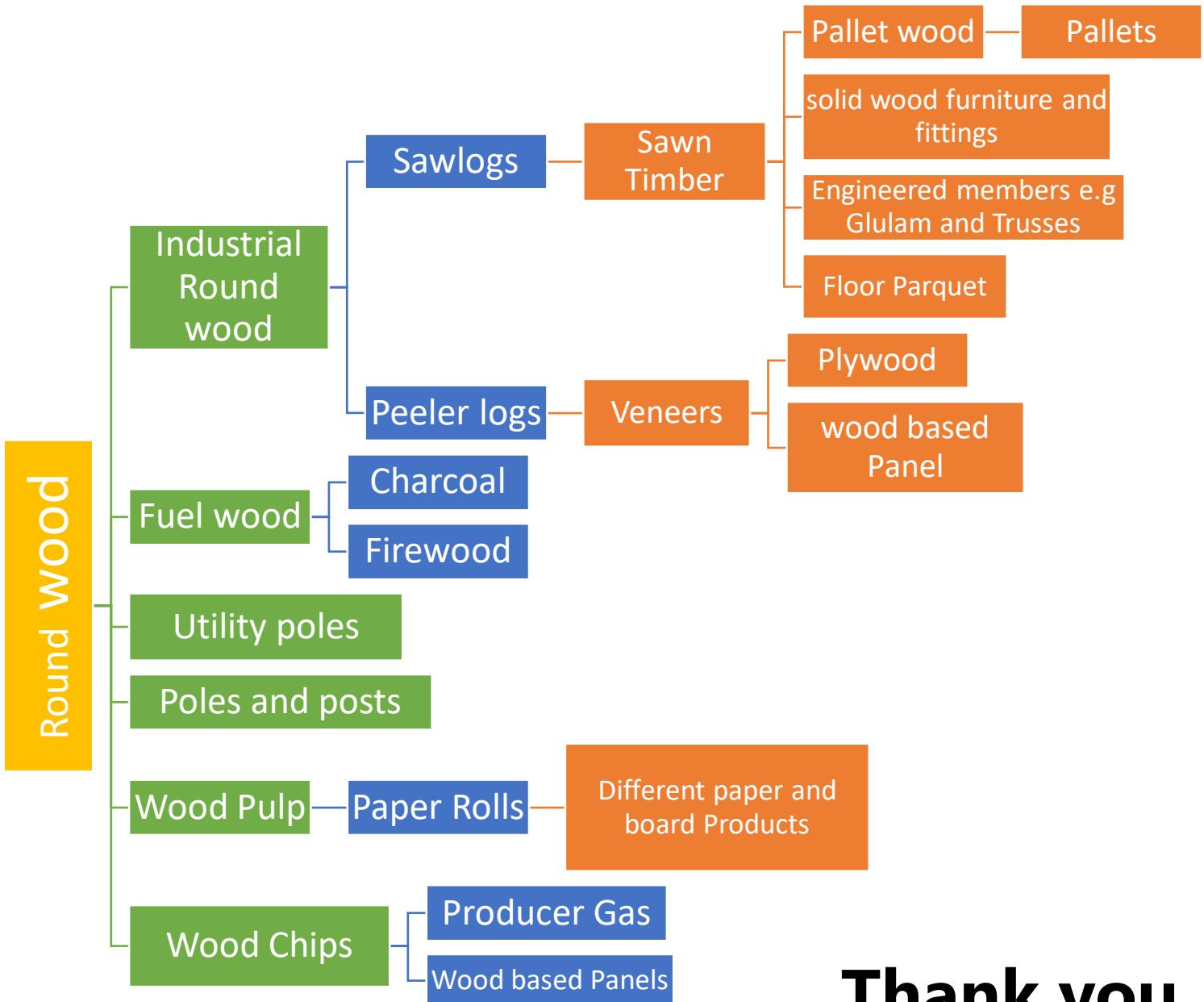
Uganda has a fantastic opportunity – with large and maturing plantation resource in East Africa and huge regional demand for timber.

Sector is now having a major impact on rural development (jobs, CSR, GoU taxes): BUT.....there are worrying signs:



1. Wood has to play a major role in Africa's development so value chain development & markets are critical.
2. UTGA growers have established nearly 85,000ha of well raised trees now coming to maturity.
3. 50% by small & medium scale growers and 50% by large growers who are :-New Forest Company (NFC),National Forestry Authority (NFA), Green Resources Ltd, and Nile Ply/Nile Fibreboard
4. Appropriate technologies will allow optimal production, timber exports to enable growers get fair value.
5. Good value for their trees will allow growers to replant and then for them to invest in proper processing.
6. UTGA runs an FSC certification group scheme for small & medium scale growers and UTGA is promoting forest conservation. Protection and restoration e.g. in West Bugwe CFR in Busia, Eastern Uganda.
7. Uganda's forest cover was 9% in 2015, plantations have taken it to 13% in 2021.

Sustainable Wood Value chain



ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

Provision

1. Food
2. Water

Regulation

1. Cleaning the air
2. Filtration of water
3. Waste decomposition
4. Prevention of soil erosion
5. Carbon storage
6. Climate regulation

Support services

1. Shelter
2. Crop pollination

Cultural services

1. Recreation & spiritual benefits
2. Tourism

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