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# A. Characteristics of the tropical forest

## Economic role of the forest

-150 million hectares of primary forest in the Congo Basin

- Africa : the wood industry accounts for between 5% and 10% of GNP often more than 10% of employment in CONGO basin countries, principally in rural areas

- Participation towards currency receipts : 20%

- 2<sup>nd</sup> most important employer after the State



# B. Endemic problems

## 1) Weak governance



- War / Conflicts
- Tyranny
- Corruption
- Legislation/Inadapted Fiscal regimes

# B. Endemic problems

## 2) Illegal logging



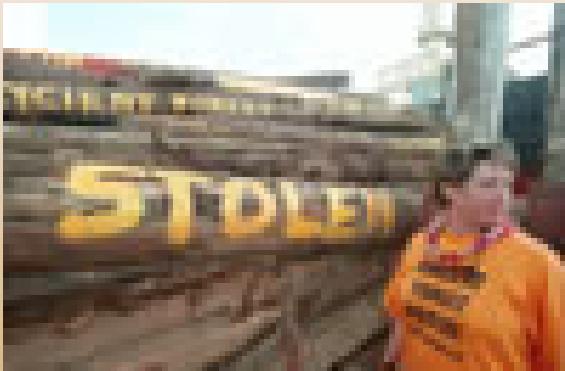
- Administrative problems
- Environmental problems
- Theft
- False documents



# B. Endemic problems

→ Consequences

## 3) The effects of the media concerning legality



# B. Endemic problems

→ Consequences

4) European markets concerned

- Reduction in demand
- Fall in prices
- Penalising of producing countries



# C. Propositions for solutions

- 2 Where ?
- 2 Methods
- 2 Results

**Consuming countries** / **Producing countries**

**AFLEG** / **IFIA**

**Middle term** / **Rapid and proactif**



# C. Propositions for solutions

## 1) In consuming countries

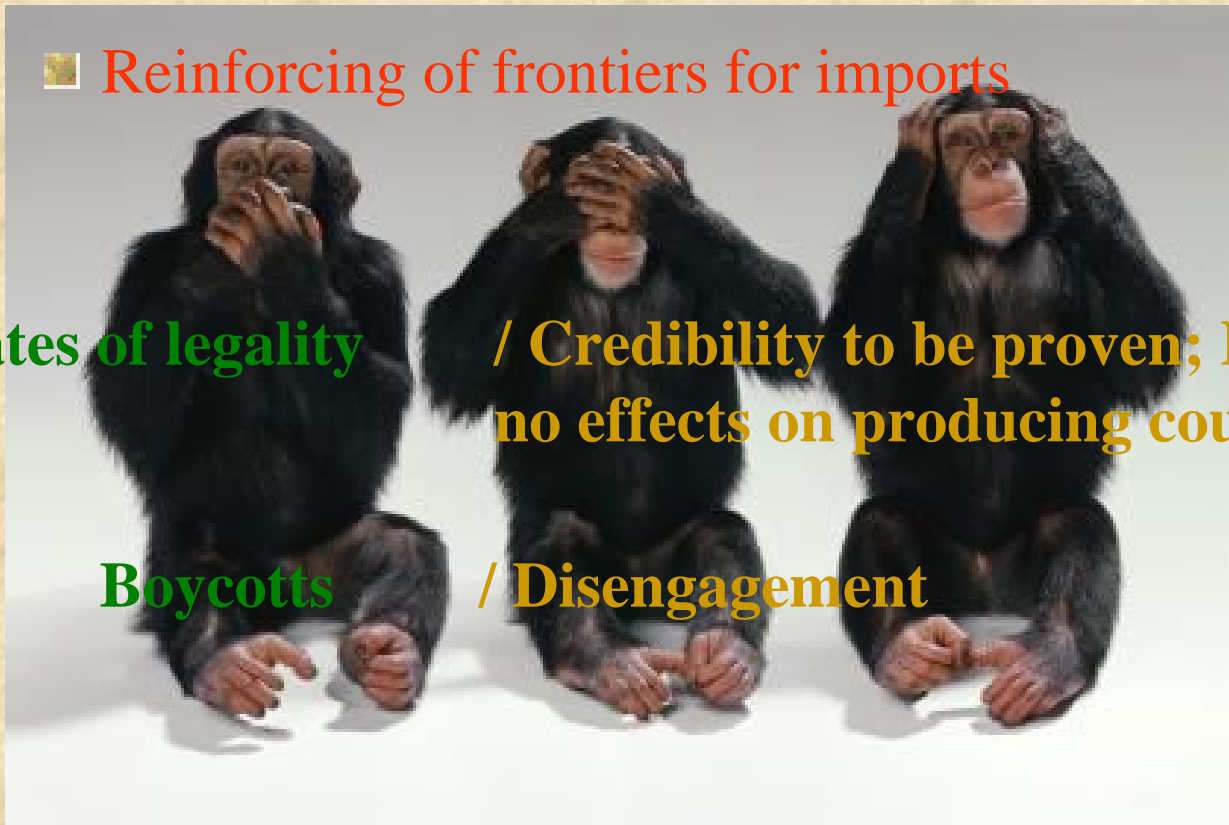
■ Reinforcing of frontiers for imports

**Certificates of legality**

**/ Credibility to be proven; Little or no effects on producing countries**

**Boycotts**

**/ Disengagement**





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1) In consuming countries

## ■ Controlling imports



# C. Propositions for solutions

## 2) In producing countries

Middle term solution : AFLEG

Need to provide for :

- Reinforcing of state controlled structures
- Reinforcing of administrations
- Legislation / Fiscal regimes
- Professional training programmes



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2) In producing countries

Middle term solution : AFLEG

Difficulties :

- Takes a long time to implement
- Risk of undermining the sovereignty of states
- Needs an active and sustainable position from donors



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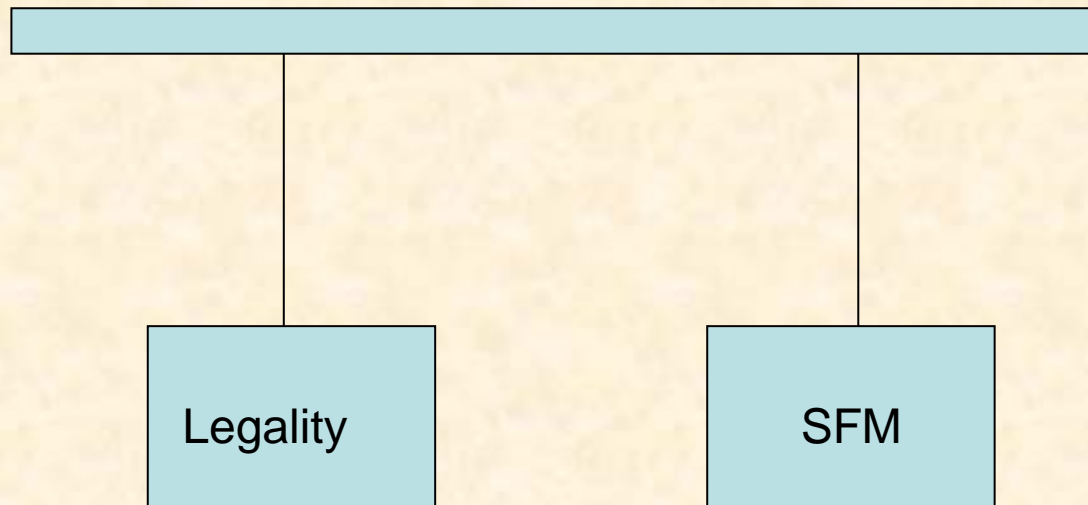


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2) In producing countries **Rapid and proactive solution : FORCOMS**

a. Principals

*Certificate of legality and engagement in sustainable forest management*

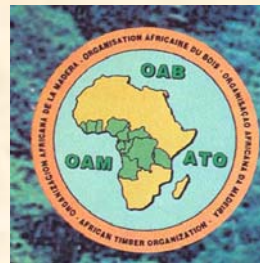


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b. Partners

■ Support from :

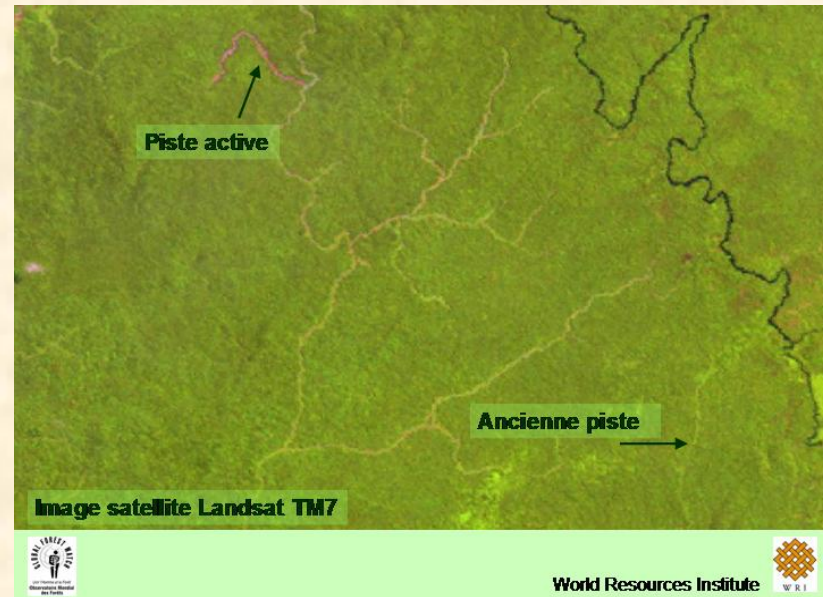


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## c. Functioning

- Validity of the concession :  
verification of the forest activity  
thanks to satellite or aerial photography
- Previewed in the SFM engagement process
  - Internal forest management plan specialists
  - Consultants / NGO



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c. Fonctionning

■ Tracability



From the forest



To the factory



To the port



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■ **Acceptance of spontaneous controls**





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## c. Advantages

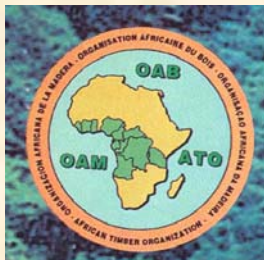
- Responds to buyers needs
- Gives a competitive advantage to those producers signatory to the programme



# D. Conclusion



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