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A control mission of forestry administration - launched following an OI activity report conducted following the SNOIE approach - to verify illegal logging in the flooding area of the hydroelectric dam of Mékin.

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The reports of suspected illegal logging in the flooding area of the Mékin hydroelectric dam, transmitted to the Minister of Forests and Wildlife (MINFOF), in December 2019, caused raids of the MINFOF Regional Control Unit (BRC) for the Eastern Region. That was the



Unmarked Moabi strain in Komba Tida Ball

opportunity for the BRC to verify the illegalities denounced in the Independent Forest Monitoring report (IFM) produced by the organization "Projet d'Appui à l'Élevage et de Préservation de la biodiversité en périphérie des aires protégées au Cameroun (PAPEL), following the procedures of the Standardized External Independent Monitoring System (SNOIE). The control mission of the MINFOF Regional Control Unit (BRC) for the Eastern Region, took place from January 14 to 15, 2020 in the villages Komba Tida, Alouma and Ndjibot in the Somalomo sub-division.

Following the regional control unit mission, carried out jointly with the denouncing CSO (PAPEL, CSO member of SNOIE) of the illegal logging, it was noted by the BRC that all the facts denounced in the IFM report from the SNOIE were relevant and other illegal acts were observed on the site. This include unmarked stump of Tali (*Erythroleum ivorense*), Moabi (*Baillonella toxisperma*), Sapelli (*Entandrophragma cylindricum*), as well as logs and stocks of sawn timber from these species left at forest parks. The BRC carried out seizures during the inspection. Thus, stocks of sawn timber (242 pieces of Sapelli were seized in Kombat Tida; logs (06) and Tali's debit stocks (560 pieces) seized by the BRC in Ndjibot.

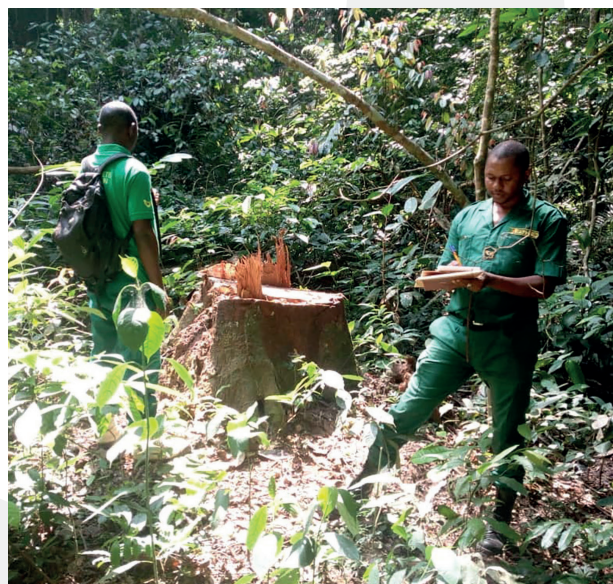
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After the monitoring mission, administrative summons were drawn up by the head of mission of the BRC to all the perpetrators identified as responsible for the illegal logging. These include the site manager of the ASBAD association, the ASBAD Forest Operations Manager and the SIOMAS Forest Operations Manager. The latter were invited to the MINFOF’s Regional Delegation for the East.

According to the facts observed during the IFM mission carried out by PAPEL - and whose report sent to MINFOF triggered, as noted above, the BRC control mission , the association ASBAD and the company ENOUMEDI Noah Joss Cédar (ENJC), are partners responsible for carrying out the Rescue Cup in the community forest called ASBAD with an area of 1246.71 ha located in the right-of-way of the Mekin hydroelectric dam. Logging operations in the field would take place outside the limits of this legally allocated forest to attack without authorization the National Estate Forests (NEF). Indeed, the latter in collusion with certain individuals from the Alouma village and some local authorities, take advantage of the Special Rescue Cup authorization granted by the MINFOF of the East in May 2019, to cut without respecting the

authorized limits. This was out of phase with the prescriptions contained in the Notification of start of activities issued on June 04, 2019 by the Regional Delegate-East of MINFOF which stipulate that: “the Subcontractor ENOUMEDI Noah Joss Cédar (ENJC) approved for the forestry profession is held make this rescue cut in accordance with the following prescriptions: respect the limits and cut down only the trees in the area mentioned above (...)”.



Unmarked Tali strain observed at Komba Tida2

1. La consultation de la carte WRI 2018 et la liste des titres valides rendus public par le MINFOF au 10 avril 2019 montrent autour des villages Komba I, Alouma et Komba Tida l'existence des plusieurs Forêts Communautaires (FC) non valides pour l'année en cours. Il s'agit des forêts communautaires Gic Ziomas, Gic Komba I de l'association ASBAD et ASPAMINA.

Download the IFM report of PAPEL, which led to the control mission of the BRC for the East

https://oiecameroun.org/images/RM_SNOIE_PAPEL_-Massiel_Alouma_15122019.pdf

Need to integrate barrier control and forest control

During the control mission of the MINFOF Regional Control Unit (BRC) for the Eastern Region, aiming to verify the forestry illegalities logging observed in the flooding area of the Mékin hydroelectric dam, no attention was taking concerning the porosity of the barrier and forest controls along the route taken regularly by the timber cut (with or without secure documents) on the Ndjibot-Bengbis-Akonolinga- Yaoundé route. However, two denunciation reports in addition to this one, were written by PAPEL on illegal activities concerning this road trip; Thus, PAPEL recommends that MINFOF integrates this component into any other forest controls that will be carried out by these agents, following any denunciation of cases of illegal logging by the local populations.



Debit stocks (242 pieces) from Sapelli seized at Kombat Tida

List of species affected by this illegal logging

- Tali (*Erythroleum ivorense*)
- Moabi (*Baillonella toxisperma*)
- Sapelli (*Entandrophragma cylindricum*)

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