Creating opportunities to alleviate poverty and promote economic development in the forests in Central Africa

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2 main challenges

- **Inefficiency of tree harvesting**
  - 2 cubic meters as waste in the forest for 1 cbm of log harvested
  - 65% of the timber entering a sawmill stays as waste

- **Inefficiency of forest management**
  - Management plans standards still weak (very little scientific knowledge backing the information, weak on social issues and rights’ recognition)
  - Management plans do not take into account no forestry activities in forest areas (mining, large infrastructure, agro-industries)
Set back of highest standards forest management

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Le groupe Rougier, présent dans quatre pays en Afrique (Cameroun, Congo, Gabon et **Centrafrique**), affiche « plus de 2 millions d’hectares de concessions forestières certifiées ». 
Increased threats of forest conversions
Mining permits overlap with forest
Some opportunities for improving economic efficiency

- **Improvements in timber harvesting**
  1 cbm retrieved from « waste » timber has more value than original harvest, and creates more skilled jobs

- **Improvements in timber processing**
  Manufacturing end products with 10% of the timber exports creates 20,000 skilled jobs in Cameroon

- **Support to communities forests for restauration and diversified production**
  Communities’ rights should be better recognized and protected to improve governance and sustainability

- **Manufacturing end products from timber and NTFPs**