

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Assignment Name: Export Verification Programme, logs and processed wood products		Country: Central African Republic (CAR)
Location within Country: Bangui and Berberati. Also the port of Douala in Cameroon.		Professional Staff Provided by SGS: Operations Co-ordinator, 10 local file managers and field inspectors (including staff in Cameroon)
Name of Client: Ministry of Finance, Govt of the Central African Republic		N° of Staff: 10 (on average)
Address: Bangui, CAR		Number of Staff x months; Duration of Assignment: 8 years to date
Start Date (Month/Year): Jan 1996	Completion Date (Month/Year): Jan 2005 (new contract awarded to the competition although SGS was notified best bidder)	Approx. Value of Services (in Current US\$): USD 0.75 million per year
Names of Associated Consultants: N/A		N° of Months of Professional Staff Provided by Associated Consultants: N/A
Names of Senior Staff (Project Director/Coordinator, Team Leader) Involved and Functions Performed: Nicole Bapoyo, Contract Manager; Alain Verney, Operations Manager		
Narrative Description of Project: A project to verify all logs and processed wood exported from the Central African Republic (CAR) through the port of Douala (Cameroon). Volume and species declarations made by exporters are checked against a sample of independent inspections carried out at the port. Based upon the taxable value determined by SGS, the tax payable is adjusted as necessary and the products can be shipped when the tax has been paid. SGS has controlled and monitored around 0.1 million m3 of timber products exported each year from the CAR. SGS provides a comprehensive service package to the government of the CAR, thereby increasing its log export revenues and repatriated foreign currency by an estimated 30%.		
Description of Services Provided by SGS Staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • management of project • liaison with government and exporters • development of inspection procedures • design of information systems • inspection of logs and processed products • training of Forest Dept. officers in inspection of logs and primary products: quantity, quality and species identification • up-to-date information on international log market developments • reporting to government • system auditing 		