

GUYANA

Assignment Name: Forest Product Monitoring Project (Pilot)		Country: Guyana
Location within Country: Georgetown and concession areas		Professional Staff Provided by SGS: Senior Timber Tracking Specialist
Name of Client: DFID		Nº of Staff: 1
Address: London, UK		Number of Staff x months; Duration of Assignment: 1.5 over 4 months
Start Date (Month/Year): Jan 1999	Completion Date (Month/Year): April 1999	Approx. Value of Services (in Current US\$): USD 40,000
Names of Associated Consultants: N/A		Nº of Months of Professional Staff Provided by Associated Consultants: N/A
Names of Senior Staff (Project Director/Coordinator, Team Leader) Involved and Functions Performed: John Barne, Timber Tracking Specialist		
Narrative Description of Project: A pilot project to test the practicality and cost of reorganising the way in which Guyana's forest concessionaires are monitored and forest taxes calculated. The role of the Guyana Forestry Commission would change from measuring logs and processed wood products, to supervision of concessionaires and verification of their declarations on a randomly sampled basis. In the pilot project, logs were individually tagged and tracked using bar-coded tags, whose details were captured at critical control points using hand-held computers, and stored and analysed in a database. The sample of logs inspected by GFC staff was independently checked against what the producer declared, to enable a reliable estimate of true production levels to be made.		
Description of Services Provided by SGS Staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prepare procedures and manuals for log tracking programme • develop software and test equipment in field conditions • train GFC staff and concessionaires in the use of the new pilot system • execute pilot project in a sample of concessions • evaluate results of pilot project and advantages of using piloted methods • production of a report and recommendations 		