

ISO 14001 certificate: Procurement of African Species

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“PROCUREMENT RULES AFRICAN TIMBER”

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Scope (field of application)

Timber procured directly in Africa from:

- Forests attributed to DanzerGroup companies: IFO (Congo) & SIFORCO (DRC)
- Forests from third party suppliers

Trade and sales of timber procured directly in Africa

Objective

Gradually, credibly and **independently** demonstrate that the forests in our control and those from where we are also sourcing timber are managed **legally** and **responsibly**.

How?

1. Reduce the risk that illegal and other undesirable timber enters the supply chain by:
 - Preliminary assessment of suppliers « Quick check »: based on minimum documentation of legal right to harvest, information about suppliers (a significant number of potential new suppliers have not been accepted);
 - Extend risk assessment of suppliers based on questionnaire, legal documentation in order to reduce high risk supplies;
 - Visits and audits of suppliers.
2. Increase the amount of third party verified legal timber and timber certified for sustainable forest management, as an ultimate proof for legality / sustainability

Quality of the system

- By continued auditing efforts, the quality of the system is increasing;
- DanzerGroup companies in Africa obtained certification (IFO in Rep. of Congo obtained FSC Forest Management certification, SIFORCO in D.R.C. the TLTV Legality-Verified verification). In addition, due to an increasing number of 3rd party suppliers encouraged and opting for a legality verification or for Sustainable Forest management (SFM) certification, certified timber is increasing over time.
- From all African timber supply in 2009:
 - ✓ 80% originated from suppliers that have a 3rd party « Legality Verification »;
 - ✓ 40 % originated from suppliers that have at least one SFM certification (FSC).