

WHAT IS SNOIE?

The **Standardized External Independent Monitoring System** (SNOIE), developed in 2015, is a set of monitoring methods for the exploitation of natural resources (NR) based on the international ISO standard 9001 version 2008, which to this day is in full transition to match with the new ISO standard 9001 version 2015. This system was developed for the purpose of making more efficient the operations of External Independent Monitoring (EIM), to ensure the reliability of EIM reports and increase the credibility of denunciations coming from them. Furthermore, it serves to better focus denunciations to the main groups concerned including competent authorities, private sector operators, technical and financial partners etc.

SNOIE PROJECT

The Project, Implementation of Standardized External Independent -SNOIE, is conducted in Cameroon by the coordination of SNOIE provided by the association FODER, thanks to the financial support of the **United Nations Food and agriculture Organization** (FAO) through the FAO FLEGT Programme. This system which will be deployed in the field is a palliative device or a relevant alternative to the absence of classic independent monitoring since 2013. Although independent and external, SNOIE is designed to serve the Government, the private sector, national representation and citizens by providing them and at different times the information necessary for improving practices, behaviour change, promotion of legality and good governance in forestry and environmental sectors.

The overall objective of SNOIE project is to contribute to sustainable forest management and implementation of VPA-FLEGT by the implementation of Standardized External Independent Monitoring System (SNOIE) and its deployment in two forest regions of Cameroon

SNOIE PROJECT FOR WHAT OUTCOMES?

Three major results are expected after the implementation of the SNOIE project:

1. The approach of the Standardized Independent External Monitoring System (SNOIE) is popularized;
2. SNOIE procedures are implemented in two forest regions of Cameroon in partnership with civil society organizations (CSOs) and local communities;
3. The effectiveness of SNOIE is ensured for a quality certification.

THE SNOIE PROJECT FOR WHAT SOLUTIONS?

The **SNOIE** is a response to several problems observed in the conduct of external independent monitoring in Cameroon and perceptions of different actors of the External IFM. These problems are among others:

- Differences in the implementation of External IFM methodology following organizations;
- The cumulating of responsibilities by a single organization;
- The sometimes conflicting relationship between observers and competent authorities;
- The production process of very long and expensive External IFM reports.

In its deployment, the SNOIE project intends to provide answers to these problems by providing mechanisms to ensure

- Reliability of External Independent Forest Monitoring reports conducted by civil society;
- Credibility of denunciations of alleged cases of illegal exploitation of natural resources
- The proper orientation of denunciations to the competent administrative authorities;
- Making available at different times of information necessary for improving practices, behaviour change, promotion of legality and good governance in the forestry and environmental sectors.

THE SNOIE PROJECT FOR WHAT COLLABORATION?

The implementation of this project will be done in collaboration with some competent authorities involved in the Legality Assurance System. They are:

- The Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife (MINFOF) through national and regional brigades of forest control;
- The Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection and Sustainable Development (MINEPDED) which plays a major role in environmental protection and logging issues;
- The Ministry of Labour and Social Security (MTSS) which is competent in controlling the condition of labour in the forest sector.

Close collaboration will also be established with the services in the fight against corruption and promoting good governance in Cameroon namely the National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC) and the National Governance Programme (NGP).

This collaboration will ensure that offenders found in the forest sector can be prosecuted and that the law is applied.

WHAT ARE THE INTERESTS OF ACTORS TO WORK WITH SNOIE?

Administration

- Improving the efficiency of forest control;
- Better use of resources allocated to forest control;
- Targeted field deployment.



Private sector

- Easy documentation and reporting of illegal logging cases perpetrated by intruders in their titles;
- Improved branding of forestry companies that stand out for their good practices in applying the principles of sustainable forest management;
- Improved exploitation practices observed in companies, leading them to better comply with legislation in force and avoid penalties

Local communities

- Reinforcing the respect of their rights in relation to the management of natural resources;
- Reinforcing their implications in the management of Natural Resources.

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