

# CDM and CF Policy in Cameroon: How compatible are they?

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## Introduction


- Forestry Law 1994 and Implementation decrees
- 70 CF currently under community management
- 2 million ha in Pipeline -by 12/2006
- Varied activities - sustainable management with exploitation
- Management Problems + Timber Companies Hijacking CFs



## CF Policy Strengths and Opportunities

- Supportive Policy framework for community ownership, participatory decision-making and management
- Relevant institutional and procedural framework in operation for CFM
  - Community Forestry Unit
  - Manual (Approval Procedures and Management Norms)
- Communities and NGO community have some relevant management/governance experience

## Policy Weaknesses

- Policy does not adequately address ownership /entitlements forest service earnings
  - Current CF procedures too complicated and lengthy, MINEF has too much reserved power
  - CF planning = isolated, therefore not helpful for dealing with SD and Leakage
  - Current forest taxation and timber extraction rules make community forests more attractive for unsustainable exploitation
-  Demand of 100% local MINEF support for CFs = Unrealistic

## What to do?

- Integrate CF institutions / procedures with CDM procedures
- Clarify ownership and entitlements to earnings from forest services
- Specifying Impact Assessment and SD criteria
- Reviewing taxation and timber exploitation rules etc
- Pro-active capacity building through the Special forestry development fund etc



**Muchas Gracias**

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