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LIBREVILLE ACTION POINTS

At the FSC Congo Basin Business Encounter 2018 held in Libreville Gabon 6 action points were identified to develop the market for sustainable tropical timber:

- Creating a Green Lane for FSC within EUTR.
- Developing LKTS.
- Reduce certification costs.
- Linking with Asian operators.
- Eco Services Payment action.
- Marketing tools to create awareness.

As a result of the Business Encounter and the action plan a working group is established called LKTS Congo Basin (LKTSCB). Members are from the leading European tropical timber markets and are coordinated by FSC Netherlands.

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Dear members of the FSC Congo Basin Community

Welcome to our sixth report.

These are challenging times. Many people are more or less forced to work from home and most meetings are online. We do our best to ensure that the current projects continue as much as possible.

The LKTSCB working group had an online meeting on August 27th. An important result of the meeting was the selection of 9 species to be introduced and promoted simultaneously in the 7 main markets in Europe.

It is a dynamic list. Species can be added and if introduced successfully removed from the list. All selected species will be supported by factsheets.

We hope to hear from the organizers of the Carrefour du Bois soon, we still have the plan to introduce and promote the species on this fair in cooperation with our Congo Basin Community partners.

Forest carbon and ecosystem services are important topics. FSC has launched its excel based forest carbon monitoring tool. Another step forward in our effort to improve the business model of FSC certified tropical forests.

/ Ben Romein



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THE LKTSCB-NETWORK SPECIES IN FOCUS

By Kristian Jørgesen, FSC Denmark

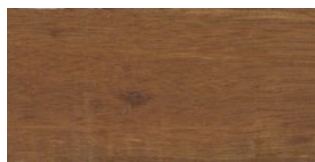
The LKTSCB working group met in a video conference on the 17th of August 2020. The main goal was the further selection of high potential species and discuss steps and actions on promoting. A list of 9 species to be introduced and promoted simultaneously was identified.

The term LKTS (Lesser Known Timber Species) is partly seen as the wrong term to use to ensure an improved business model for the forest and forestry in the Congo Basin – or from tropical forest in general. The term does not take the sustainable availability of the species or technical complexity into account.

Add to this the species that are well known to some extent on some markets but lesser used is found in a relative abundance in the forests – Okan is identified as an example of such a species and therefore made it on the list.

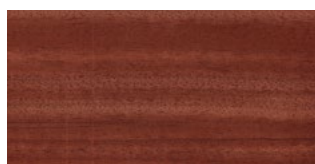
For this reason the term “species diversification” is set by the FSC coordination team as the future promotion strategy used in the coming tradefair concept to be launched on the Carrefour du bios.

For the actual lesser known species, the job is still about exploring the technical aspects including yield per log, overcome sawmill complexity and practical test and promotion of the results and the project they become part of.



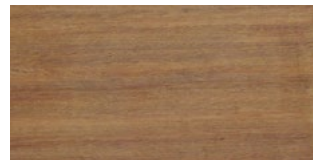
LIMBALI

Gilbertiodendron spp.



KOSIPO

Entandrophragma candollei



OMVONG / EYOUM

Dialium spp.



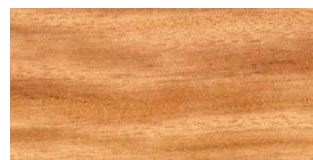
GOMBÉ

Didelotia spp.



MOVINGUI

Distemonanthus benthamianus



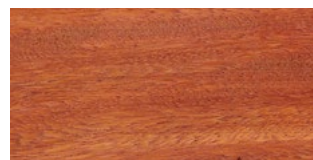
OZIGO

Dacryodes buettneri



OLON

Zanthoxylum heitzii



OKAN

Cylicodiscus gabunensis



FRAKÉ / LIMBA

Terminalia superba

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LET THEM BE KNOWN ON THE CHINESE MARKET

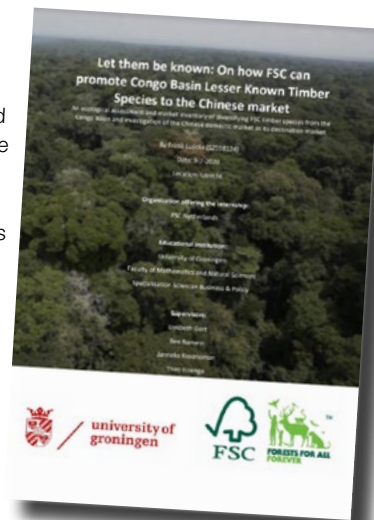
Report on how FSC can promote Congo Basin Lesser Known Timber Species to the Chinese market was finalized in July.

By Ben Romein, FSC Netherlands

Behind the report is Frank Luijckx, a graduating student from the University of Groningen with a research internship at FSC Netherlands. The work on the report was done during a period from January to July 2020.

Frank is a professional in Science, Business and Policy Research focused on ecology and environmental topics but also with knowledge about China, and Chinese culture and language. His interest lies in increasing the sustainability of interactions between humans and the natural environment.

The role of species diversification is analyzed and an inventory list of tree species has been conducted indicating commercial potential.



The report is available through Ben Romein, FSC Netherlands

ANNUAL STTC CONFERENCE 19TH NOVEMBER 2020 – ONLINE CONFERENCE

HOLDING THE LINE AND MOVING FORWARD: ROOTS FOR GREEN RECOVERY



The STTC Conference takes place via Zoom
The 19th of November 2020 - 09.00am to 13.00pm CET

MAIN CONCLUSION

“The sustainable management of forests is crucial for preserving the Congo Basin rainforests. To ensure that sustainable forest management (SFM) can continue well into the future, it is essential to diversify timber harvests. In central Africa a few species are disproportionately harvested, diminishing their abundance in the forests and threatening their existence. Diversification is vital for forest health.

The enormous biodiversity in tropical rainforest heavily leans on the biodiversity of trees. If tree species are lost, animals that are dependent on that species for food or shelter will follow suit. This has cascading effects on the whole ecological web of the forest. Therefore, it is vital to retain this biodiversity. Biodiverse areas are generally also more resilient to disturbances as their complexity gives them large adaptive abilities. This is very important in the face of climate change.

Harvest diversification helps safeguard:

- Commercial species
- Forest diversity
- Species dependent on commercial tree species
- Forest resilience

As such, harvest diversification is vital for the long term success of SFM. FSC is committed to diversification of timber harvests and is working on promoting the use of LKTS from the Congo Basin”

ABOUT THE STTC CONFERENCE

The core theme of the online 2020 Sustainable Tropical Timber Coalition (STTC) Conference in November will be how the sustainable tropical timber sector can benefit from and contribute to such a post-pandemic reboot of the global economy on cleaner, greener lines.

Key topic

The circular bioeconomic model will be a central STTC Conference topic; how it operates, its benefits and how the timber sector and the tropical timber sector in particular can form a key component of a bioeconomic future.

STTC Conference speakers will examine the wider effects of the pandemic, notably, by underlining our interdependence and vulnerability, the renewed focus it has put on that other global crisis facing us.

You can register at www.europeansttc.com

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FOREST CARBON MONITORING TOOL

FSC forest management certificate holders now have a customized, cost-effective and practical tool at their disposal to calculate forest carbon.

By Liesbeth Gort, General Director of FSC Netherland

FSC has launched its forest carbon monitoring tool. This Excel-based tool provides FSC forest management certificate holders with a cost-effective, practical and robust solution to assess carbon stocks and fluxes related to responsible forest management. Based on inventory data and management practices, forest managers can use the tool to calculate the tons of carbon that are stored in their forest and – if so desired – include a simulation for the future changes in carbon stocks.

This tool can also be used by FSC forest management certificate holders who are applying the FSC Ecosystem Services Procedure (FSC-PRO-30-006) to demonstrate the positive impacts of their forest management on carbon in order to access ecosystem services markets and/or other benefits.

Forest managers can use the tool to estimate forest carbon stocks across the entire management unit and -assuming a positive result - get verification for ecosystem services on following claims:

ES2.1: “Conservation of forest carbon stocks”

ES2.2: “Restoration of forest carbon stocks”

After an assessment of existing forest carbon tools in 2013, a need was identified for a new tool that integrates the various types of forest management activities, such as afforestation/reforestation, forest management and management of conservation areas. The FSC forest carbon monitoring tool was developed by consultancy firm UNIQUE forestry and land use GmbH.

The development of the forest carbon monitoring tool included the involvement of multiple carbon experts and a round of pilot testing involving both small and large-scale forest managers in various types of forests. To facilitate the use of the Excel-based forest carbon monitoring tool, a user's manual has been created.

Both the forest carbon monitoring tool and the user's manual can be accessed via the ecosystem services for forest managers webpage.

The FSC Ecosystem Services Procedure is a tool that incentivises the restoration and conservation of forest ecosystem services. It focuses on five types of ecosystem services.



Learn more on: www.fsc.org/en/for-forests/ecosystem-services

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THE GEORGE AND THE GUSTAV IN ZUIDAS

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The George and The Gustav in Zuidas

Located in the Zuidas area, Amsterdam, you will find the residential project "The George" and "The Gustav". The Zuidas is in the Netherlands. The Zuidas is also known as the "Financial Mile" and is a rapidly developing business district in Amsterdam.

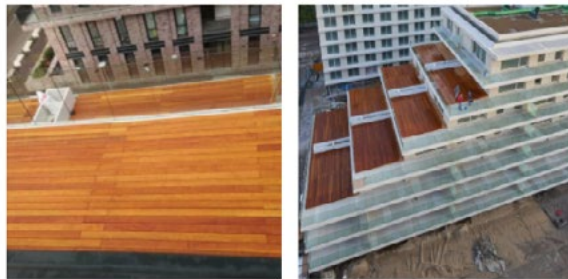
This project was realized between 2017 - 2020 and "The George" is designed by L&SBBB van der Pijl (L&SBBB) and "The Gustav" is designed by L&SBBB van der Pijl (L&SBBB) and parthouses and the "The Gustav" design. The project consists of 47 apartments and parthouses and 100 studios and balconies.

With the new adjacent buildings, 101 homes will be added in the heart of the Zuidas. These are studios, apartments and parthouses for both starters and "luxury" on the housing market. In addition to luxury homes, the buildings offer facilities such as charging points for electric cars, solar panels and water buffering.

In these two adjacent buildings 85% certified tropical timber was used for outdoor areas such as terraces. A total of 58 m³ (1.730m²) of the FSC African species Bilinga was used for decking boards and eazle was used as substructure.

CASE DETAILS	
Country:	Netherlands
Place of construction/production:	Zuidas, Amsterdam
Year:	2020
Constructed/produced by:	Royal BAM Group nv
Designed by:	KICAP & DOK
Project owned by:	Zuidaswv CV
Timber supplied by:	Wijma Kampen B.V. (FSC-COC0491)

SPECIES / TYPE OF USE	
Azobé	▼
Bilinga	▼



For the buildings "The George" and "The Gustav" found in the Zuidas area of Amsterdam, a total of 58 m³ (1.730m²) Bilinga was used for decking (Case by Wijma Kampen B.V)

- your cases could be the next on: www.lesserknowntimberspecies.com



SUBMIT: We are collecting examples of the use of lesser-known tropical timber species from a broad range of wood users, such as designers, architects, producers, businesses and project owners.

This database is your opportunity to promote your products or projects made with FSC certified LKTS species!

Provide us with a description and other details of the product/project such as:

- An overall description (50 - 150 words)
- Location of construction/production
- Year of construction/production
- Constructor/producer
- Designer/architect
- Project owner
- Timber supplier
- Species used and their use in the project/product

Remember to provide us with a variety of high-resolution images of your project/product.

Submit cases by contacting the website editor:

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