



Commercial chainsaw logging, livelihoods and corruption in Central Africa

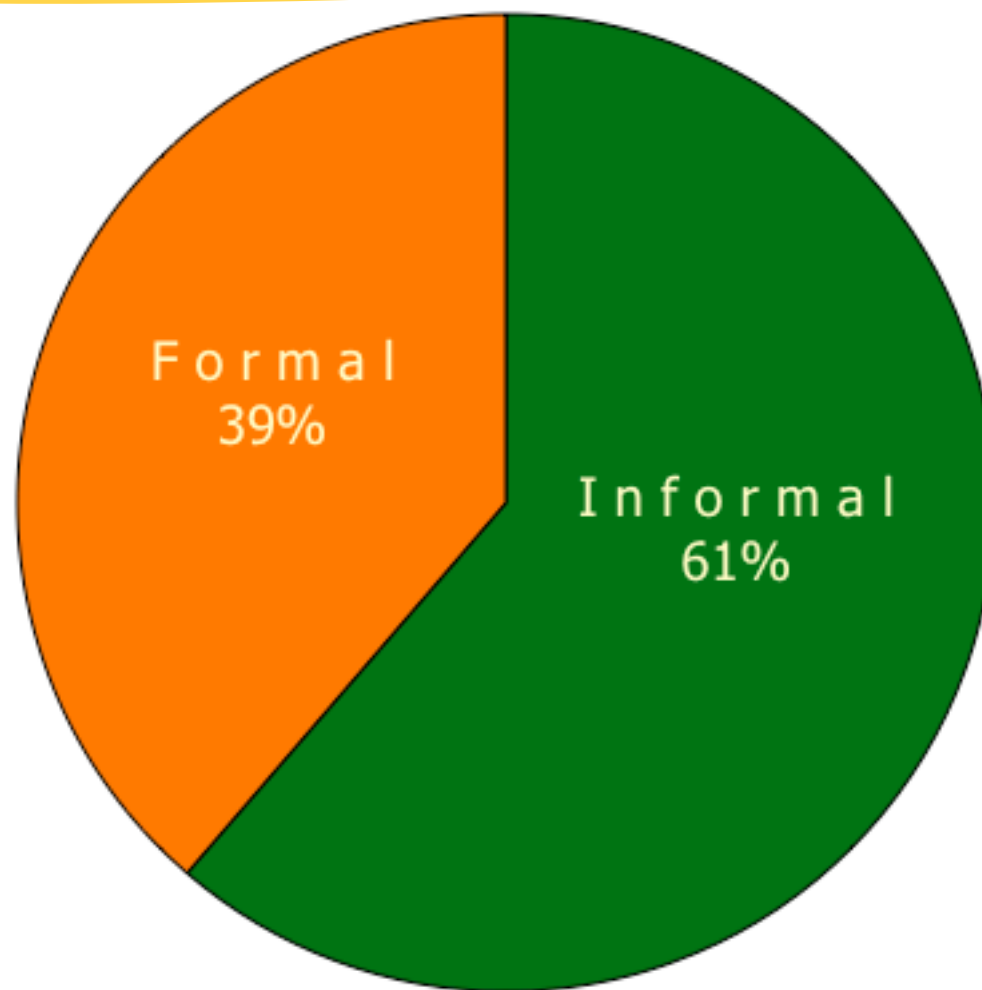
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Data collection (on-going)

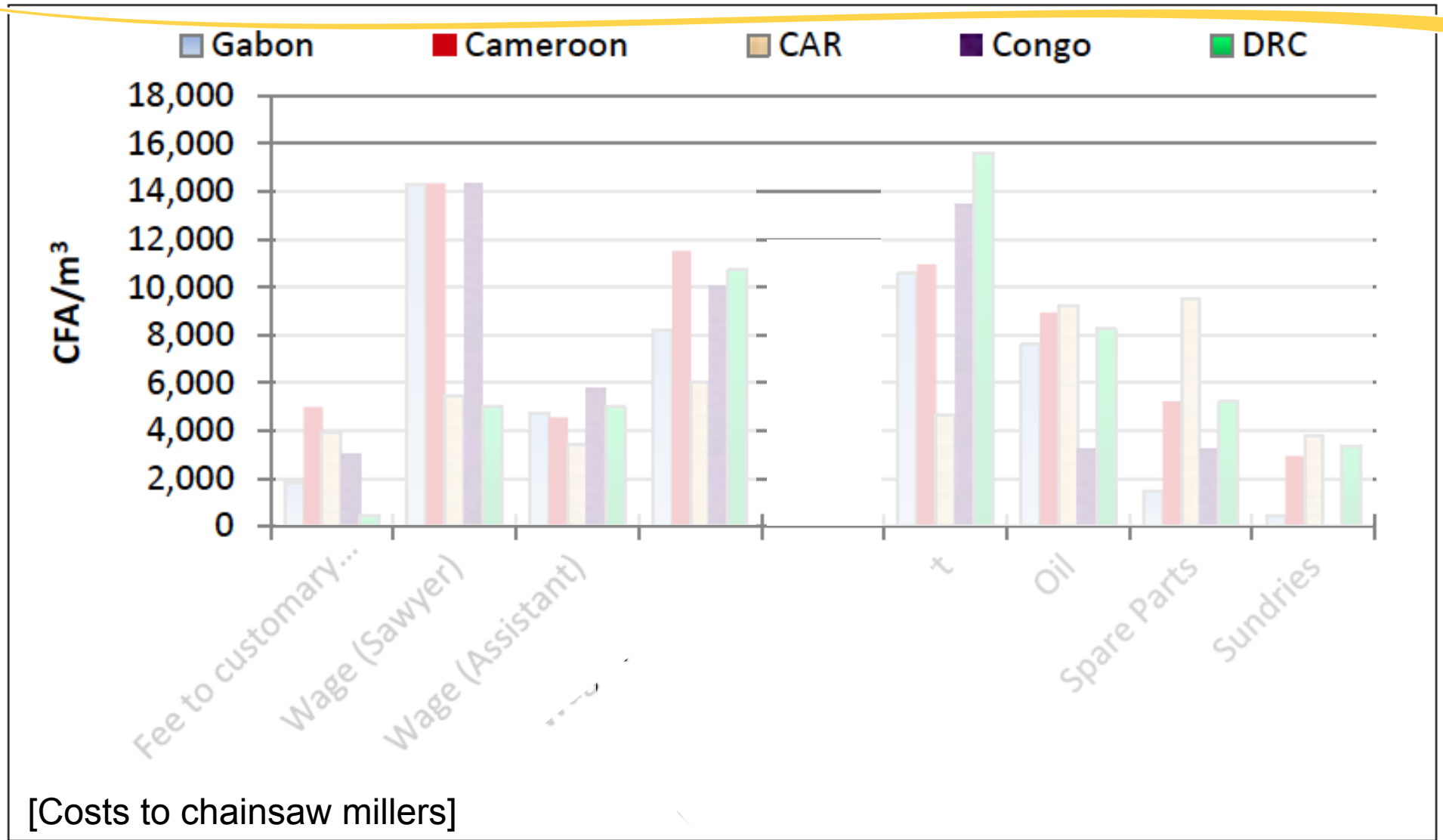
- Cameroon, Gabon, Congo, DRC
- 6-13 (18-24) months weekly data collection (markets and fluxes, day/night on main entry points, land/water)
- Detailed analysis of forestry operations (harvesting, transport, delivery, recovery rates and costs/benefits)

	Cameroon	Congo	Gabon	RDC
Towns with data collection	Bertoua, Douala, Yaoundé	Pointe Noire	Libreville	Kinshasa
Total selling points counted (markets)	885 (46)	127	210	200
Selling points with data collection (markets)	144 (34)	77	11	20
Forestry operations followed	216		35	



[Percent of national sawnwood production, m³]

Source: State of the Forest 2010, chapter 4 (www.observatoire-comifac.net)



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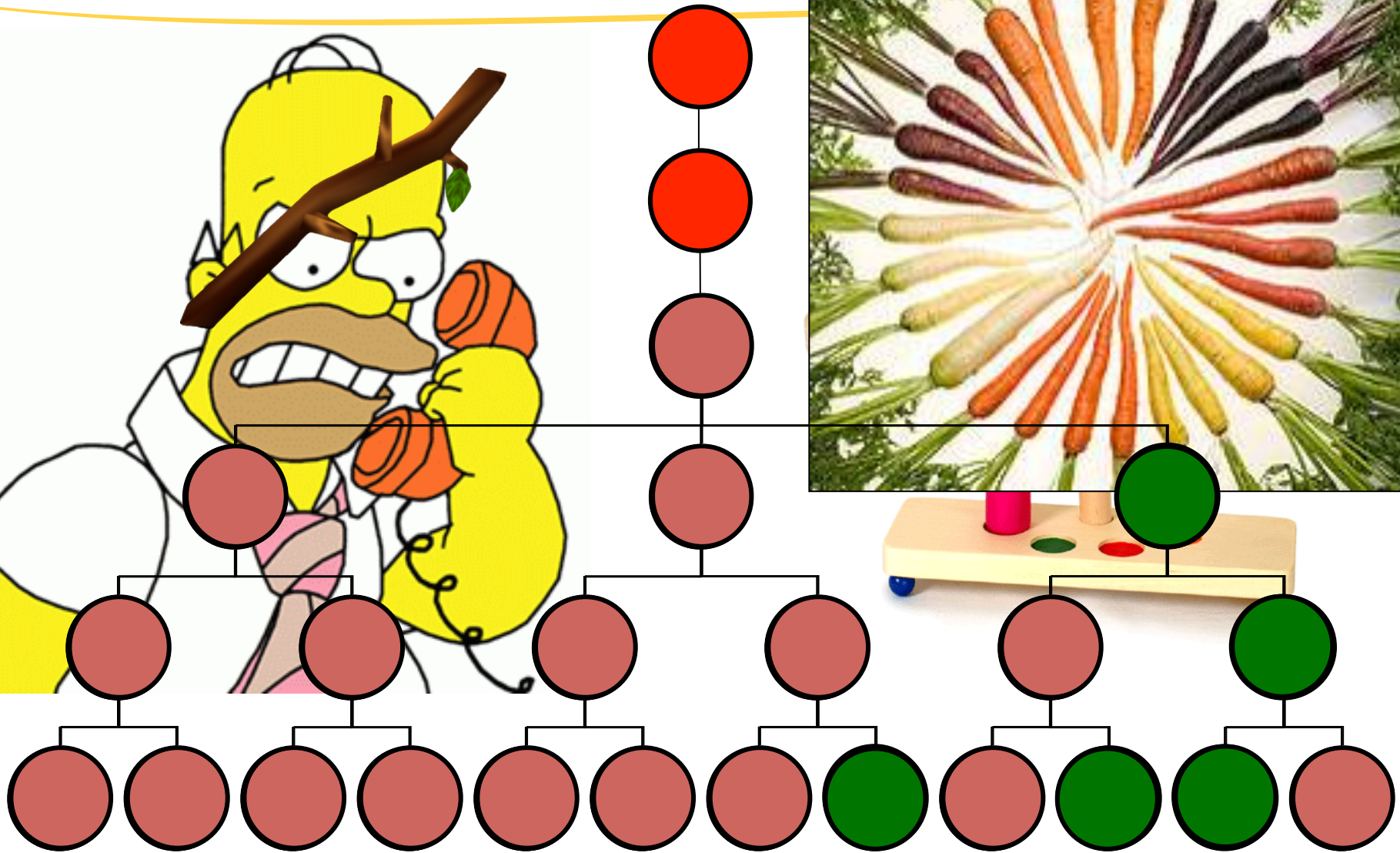
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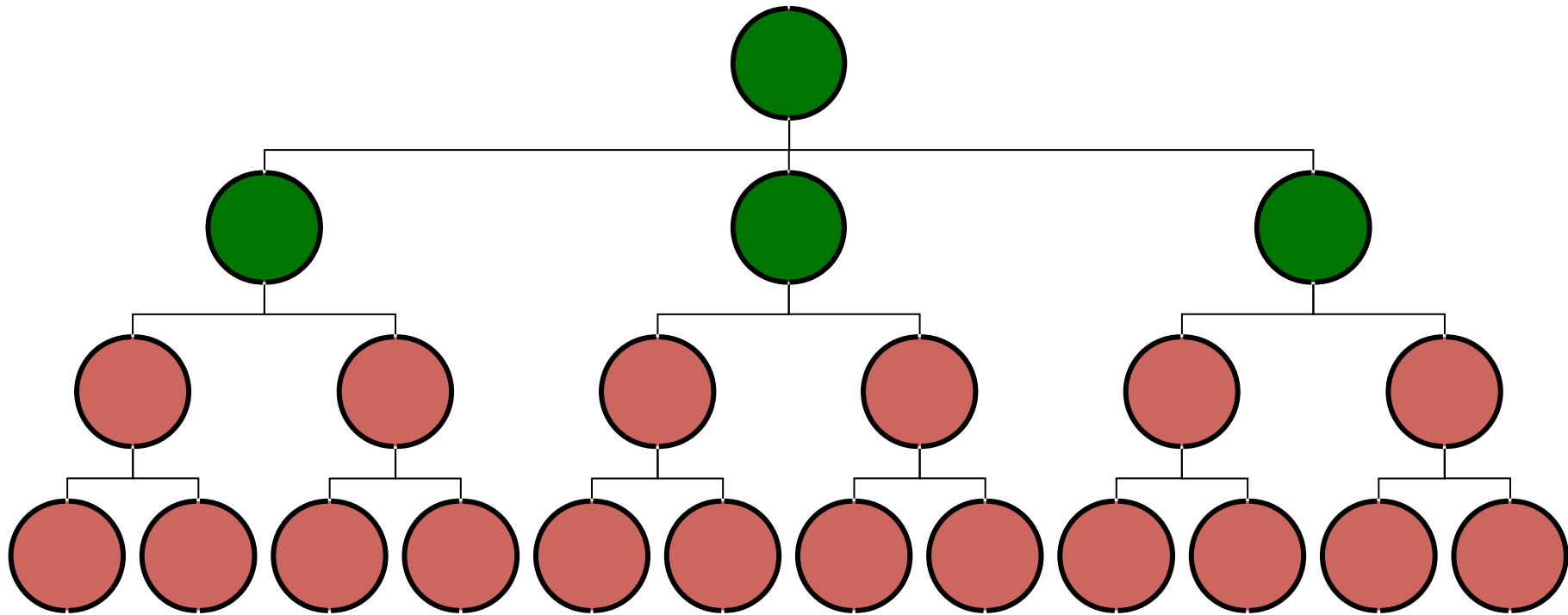
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SFM, PFM, FLEG(T), REDD etc. in all this?

- Who will bear the responsibility for the eventual implementation of 'policy options'?



The loggers' problems...

Gabon	Ranking (%)	Cameroun	Ranking (%)
Abuses of power by the administration	64%	Administrative hassles	75%
Technical problems of harvesting	41%	Abus de confiance	25%
Road conditions	32%	Negotiations with tree owners	18%
Dangerous activities in the forest	32%	Cost of materials and transport	18%
Commercialisation in Libreville	21%	Dangerous activities in the forest	17%
Relations with buyer ("patron")	18%	Bad conditions of materials	13%
Lack of financial resources	12%	Difficulties in finding "good" trees	10%
Lack of legal title	10%	Difficulties in finding buyers	10%
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		Fees	8%
		Lack of legal title	7%
		Timber theft	7%

A few consequences

- For operators
 - Rule of law questioned
 - Precariousness and indebtedness
 - No investment
- For society at large
 - Conflicts intra/inter institutions
 - No optimisation (data and services)
 - ...
 - Loss of confidence in state institutions
 - A state with low legitimacy



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