

TOWARDS A TOTAL TRANSFORMATION OF TEAK WOOD IN TOGO ? THE CONTRIBUTION OF SMALLHOLDERS IN CITY OF ASRAMA



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INTRODUCTION

- TOGO is one of the least developed countries in West Africa.
- Total land area of 5,679 hectares (ha), 6.8% is forest.
- The population around 8 million, mainly rural.
- Wood and wood products account for 1.6% of overall government revenue or about USS13 million.
- Teak: about 30,000 ha of smallholder plantation mainly in one location (10m³/ha/year).
- Harvesting from 25 years; 15cm DBH; 2,221m³ in 2018-2022.
- Ambitious forestry strategy to 2035 with target on a total of 1,400 million hectares of plantation.

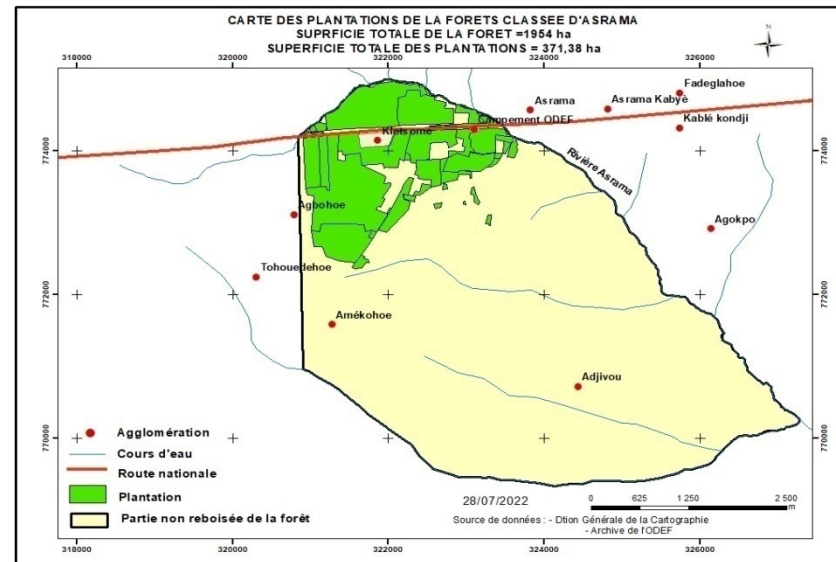
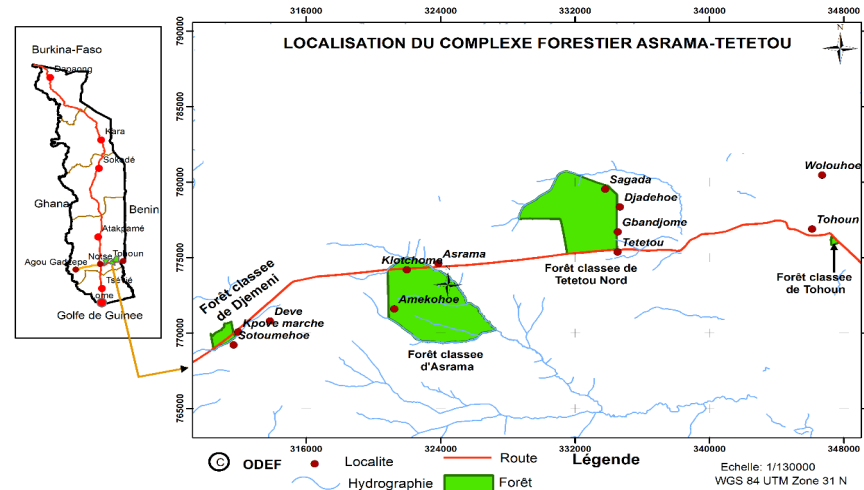
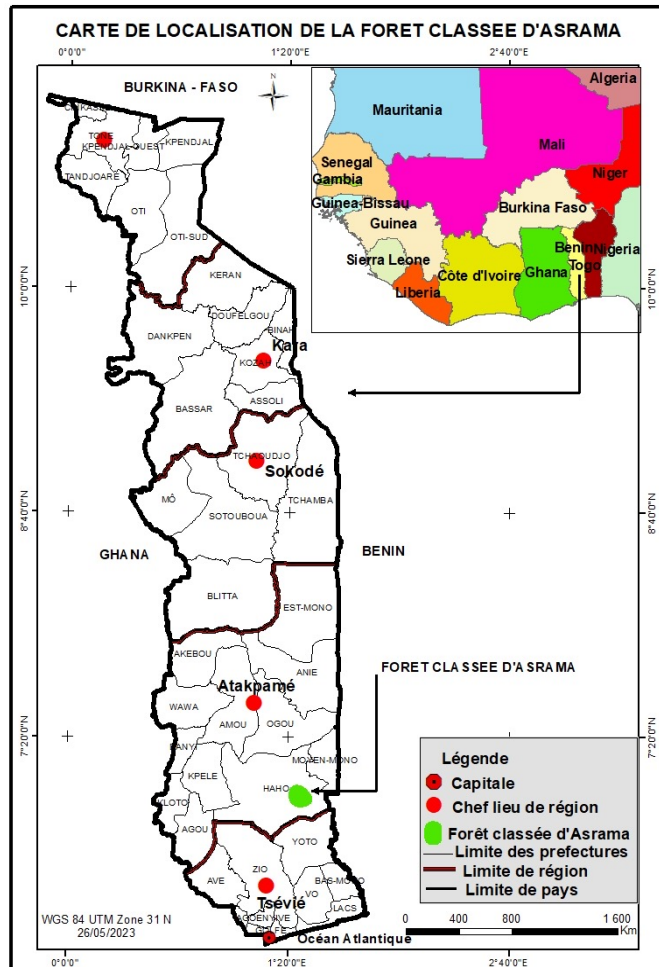


INTRODUCTION

- In TOGO, small and medium forestry enterprises (SMFEs) are undergoing. They are considered promoters of local development and growth due to their contribution over 50% of forest-based employment in some country like Brazil, Uganda and India.
- This study highlights the characteristics of SMFEs and their impacts on sustainable management in five (5) communities.

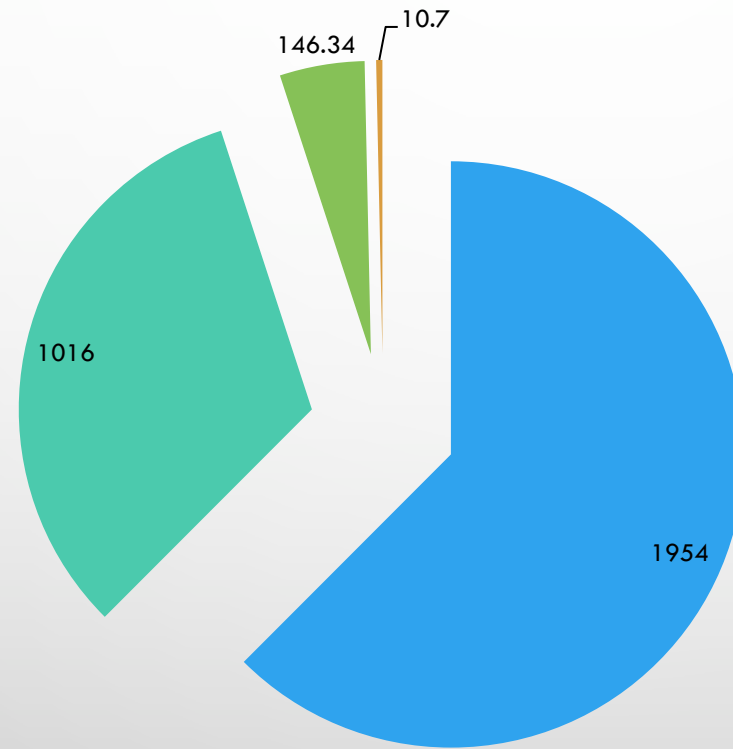
MATERIAL

➤ FIELD STUDY



MATERIAL

The forests that make up the forest complex of ASRAMA (total = 3127.04 ha)



- Asrama
- Tetetou
- Demey
- Tohoun

METHODS

- Prospective period covers from 12 may 2022 to 31 december 2022.
- The municipality of Asrama is the work area.
- In person or interview.
- Multi-variate analysis.
- AIM: increase returns to processor and smallholders through improve efficiencies of primary wood processing sector.



RESULTS

- DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS
- SMFEs (Small Medium Forestry Enterprises).
- 2 of 10 were the female and remaining (20,2%).
- Medium age: 50y.
- Education level, 2%.
- Type of SMFEs.



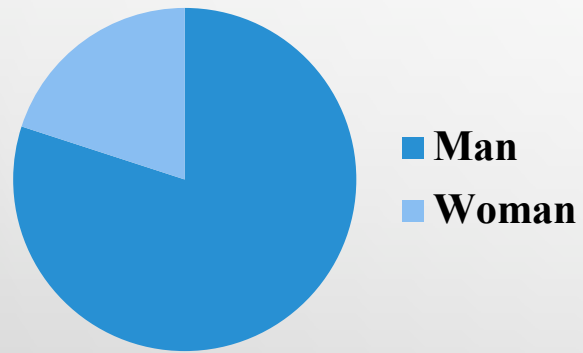
RESULTS

Locality in the study area	Sample frame	Sample size	
	Workforce of SMFEs	selected	Rate (%)
Kpove	1	1	10
Kponou	2	2	20
Tetetou	3	2	20
Kame	1	0	0
Asrama	3	2	20
Total	10	7	70

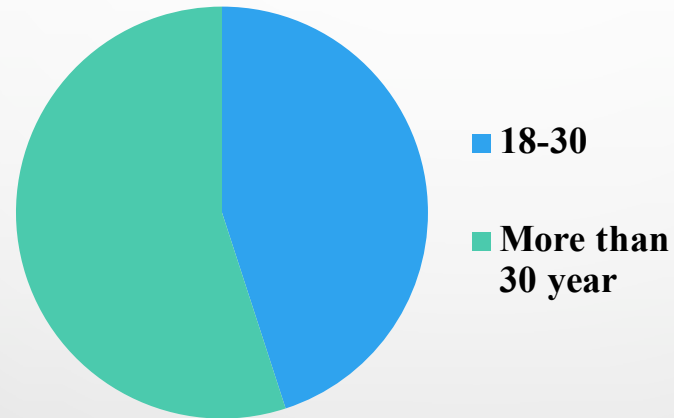


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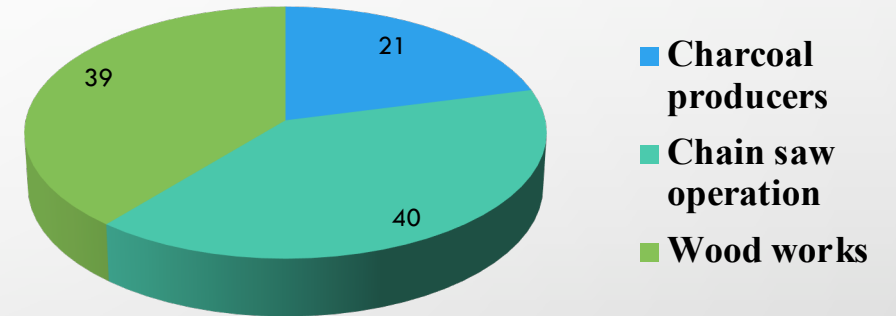
The gender rate



Category of age



Activity area



RESULTS



WORK TIME



WOOD SAWYERS



**WOOD WORKING
WORKSHOP**



DISCUSSIONS

- The contribution of SMFES to the local economy and development.
- Operational characteristic and impacts of SMFES on sustainability.
- Sustainability challenges in forest management relative to SMFES activities.
- Development of SMFEs within the forest based economy of Togo through policy.
- SMFEs And the informal economy.
- SMFEs, livelihoods and poverty.



THE LIMITATION OF THE STUDY

- Only in ASRAMA area is considered in the study.
- For further investigation, extend this work over the Asrama municipality if possible for the whole country (Togo).

CONCLUSION

- This will be the first reported characteristics SMFEs in forestry sector of TOGO.
- The future, further studies are warranted for quantitative analysis to reinforce evidence.

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