

The image is a presentation slide. The background is a dark green wall. In the center, there is a large rectangular frame that looks like a wooden door. The door is slightly ajar, revealing a lush tropical forest scene. In the foreground of the scene, two elephants are swimming in a calm river. The water is dark green and reflects the surrounding trees. The forest is dense with tall, thin trees and thick foliage. The sky is visible through the canopy, appearing overcast. The text of the title is overlaid on the upper part of the door frame.

The Tropical Forest Industry in Africa:

Efforts to Promote Integrated Social, Environmental and Economic Development



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Congo's **cooling** power

Congo Basin's natural tropical

forest is the world's 2nd

- largest after the Amazon
- absorbs nearly 1.5 billion tons of CO₂ annually (4% of global emissions/year)

Congo Basin

forest

- stores 29 billion tons of carbon
- can absorb CO₂ at a rate of approx. 3 years' worth of global emissions

CO₂

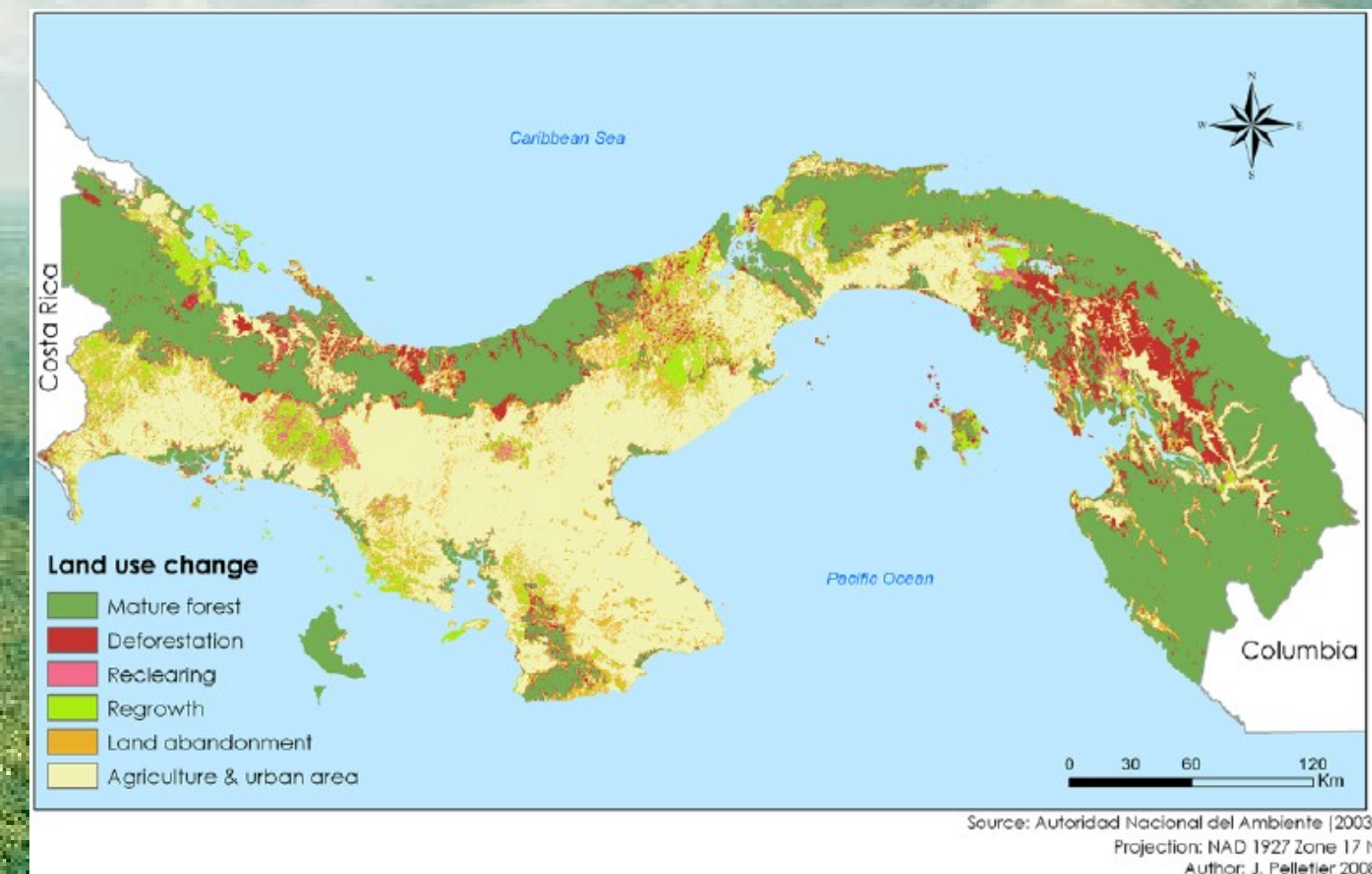
Direct access
to a **1.16 million ha**
natural wonder

>42 times
Panama City



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Ngombé forest= 11,600 km²
surrounded by 2 national
parks=29,672 km²
more than 70% of Panama's
forests=41,762 km²



Forests call for innovation

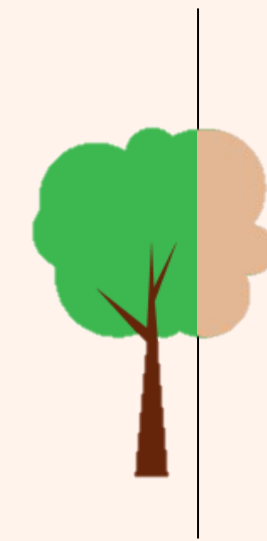
At Interholco, we are friends with the forest, its inhabitants, rich biodiversity, and its globally important functions.

Earlier this year, Nature* published evidence of 2,7 times more gorillas and elephants in FSC-certified forests.

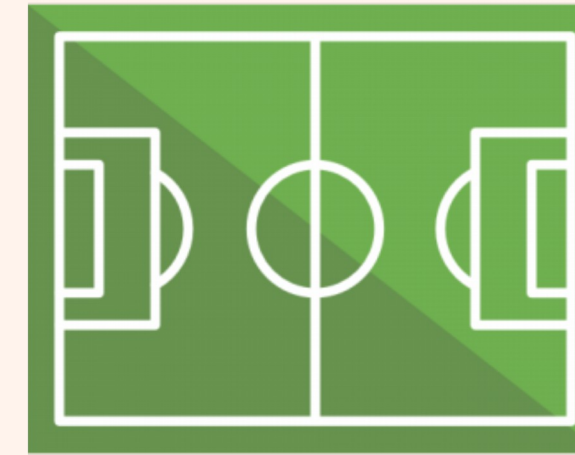
= carbon bonus



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x



x

1 time
every
30 years

We harvest 0.8 trees on average per 1 ha
(=1 football field) only once every 30
years

The natural capital of the forest remains intact

Odzala Kokoua
National Park
13,500 km²

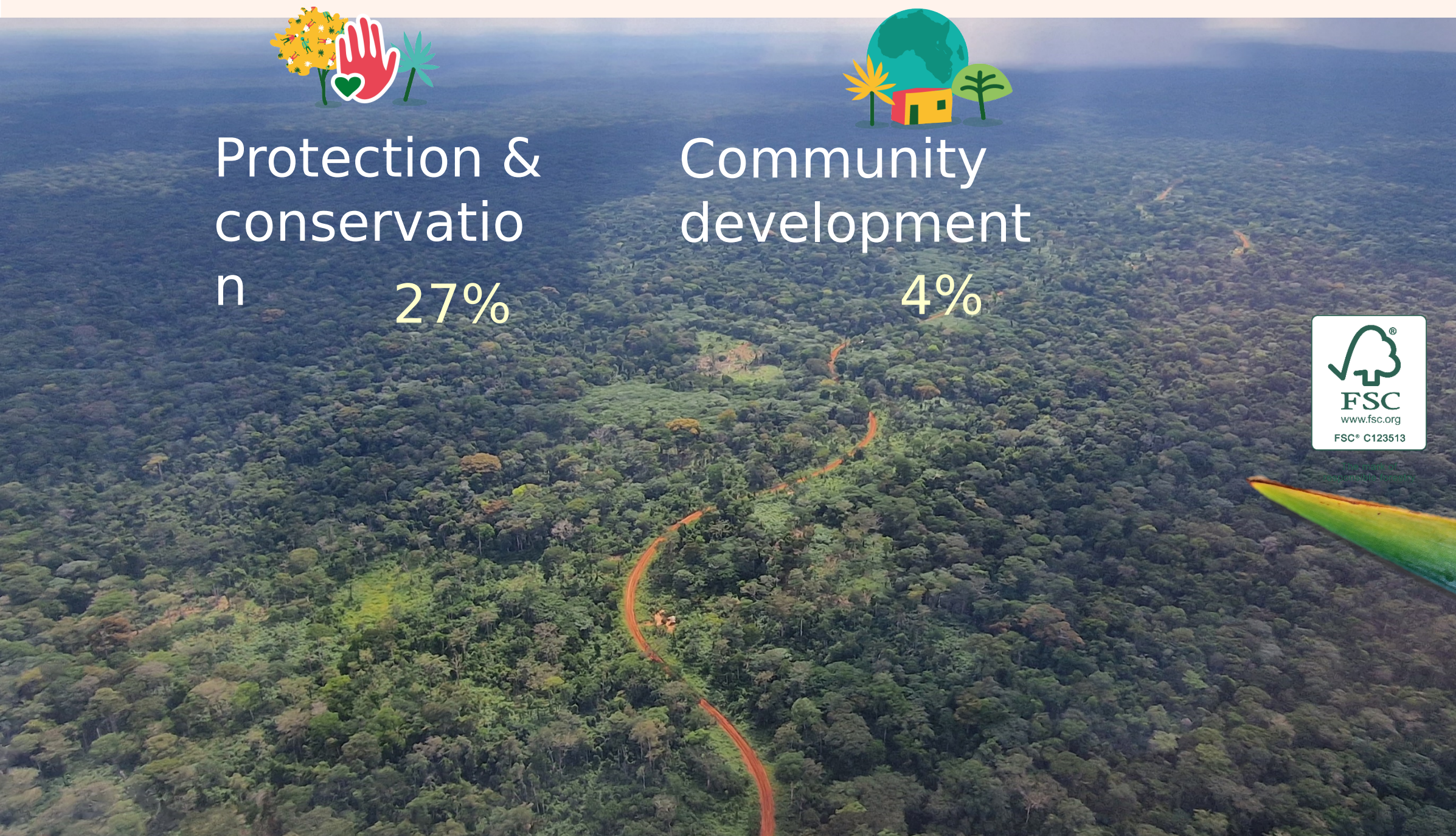
1 X Belgium

Ngombé FMU
11,600 km²

Ntokou-Pikounda
National Park
4,572 km²



Future-proof, energy efficient, in with forests



On average, sustainable harvesting in Europe produces **4 to 7 m³ of wood per hectare per year**. Between 2002 and 2012, wood harvesting in Germany averaged 76 million m³, i. e. **6.7 m³ per hectare per year**, almost **40 times higher** than what INTERHOLCO harvests in the Republic of Congo.



 PEFC
PEFC/15-31-0084
Promoting Sustainable Forest Management

INTERHOLCO's wood products reduce maintenance, repairs, and expenses as well as initial impacts related to extraction.

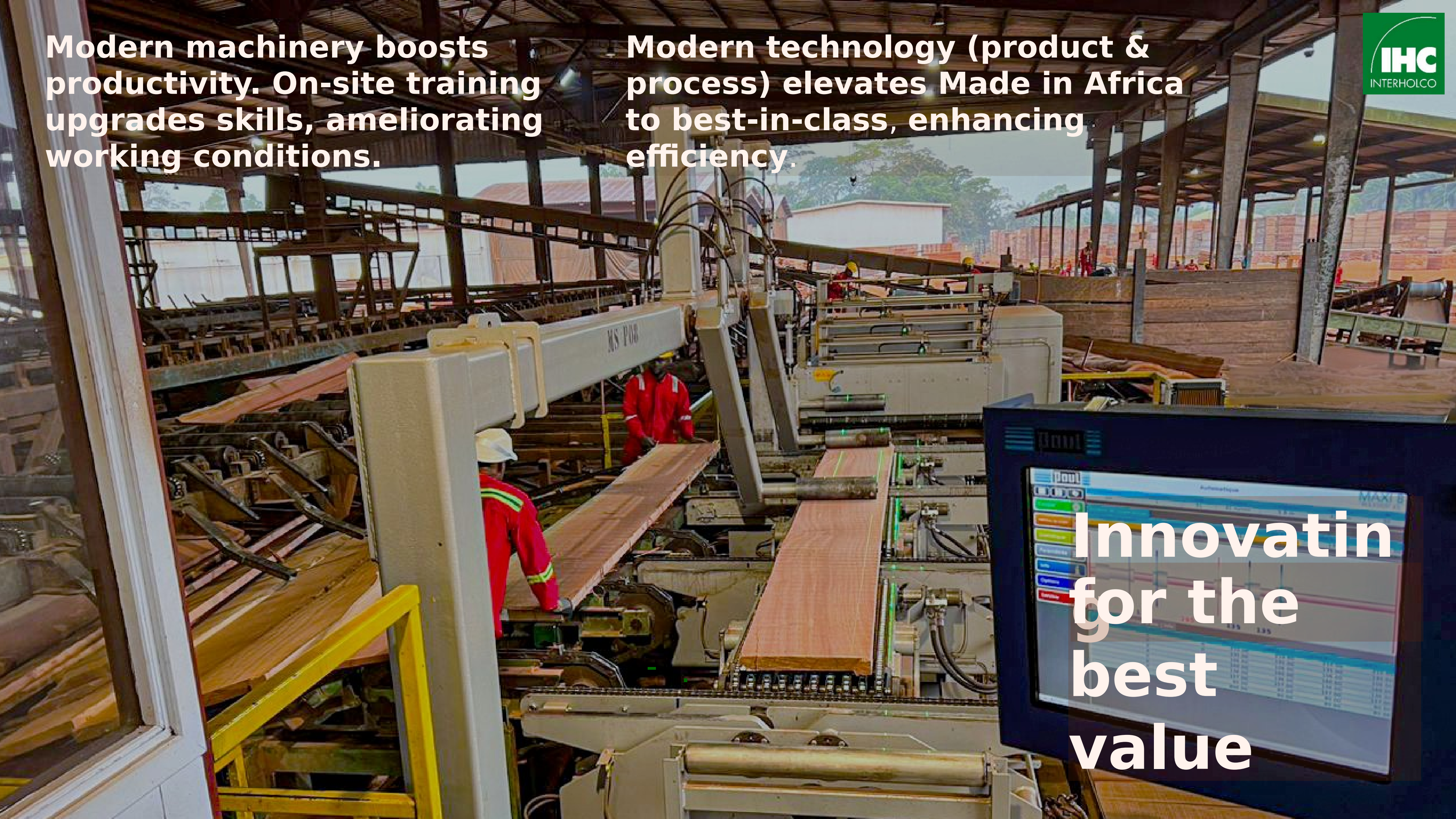
Industry 4.0 in Congo

The closest to the so-called **Fourth Industrial Revolution**, or **Industry 4.0** – is the heralded era of connectivity. Investment in and adoption of **highly technical, advanced innovations** could reap significant rewards.



Modern machinery boosts productivity. On-site training upgrades skills, ameliorating working conditions.

Modern technology (product & process) elevates Made in Africa to best-in-class, enhancing efficiency.

A large industrial facility for wood processing. In the foreground, a worker in a red uniform and white hard hat is operating a machine that is cutting a long, wide plank of light-colored wood. The machine has a yellow safety guard. In the background, other workers in red uniforms are visible, along with more machinery and stacks of wood. The facility has a high ceiling with exposed steel beams and large windows on the right side. A computer monitor is visible in the lower right corner, displaying a software interface with various data fields and graphs.

**Innovation
for the
best
value**

Wood products, our 'second forest' at home



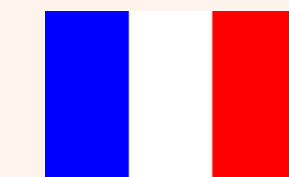
Sustainable Hardwood - Made in Africa

is verified, durable, renewable, recyclable, traceable, even compostable...



...is strong, light-weight, won't rot, won't burn unpredictably



 **Environmental & health performance declaration (DPES in French)**



The mark of responsible forestry



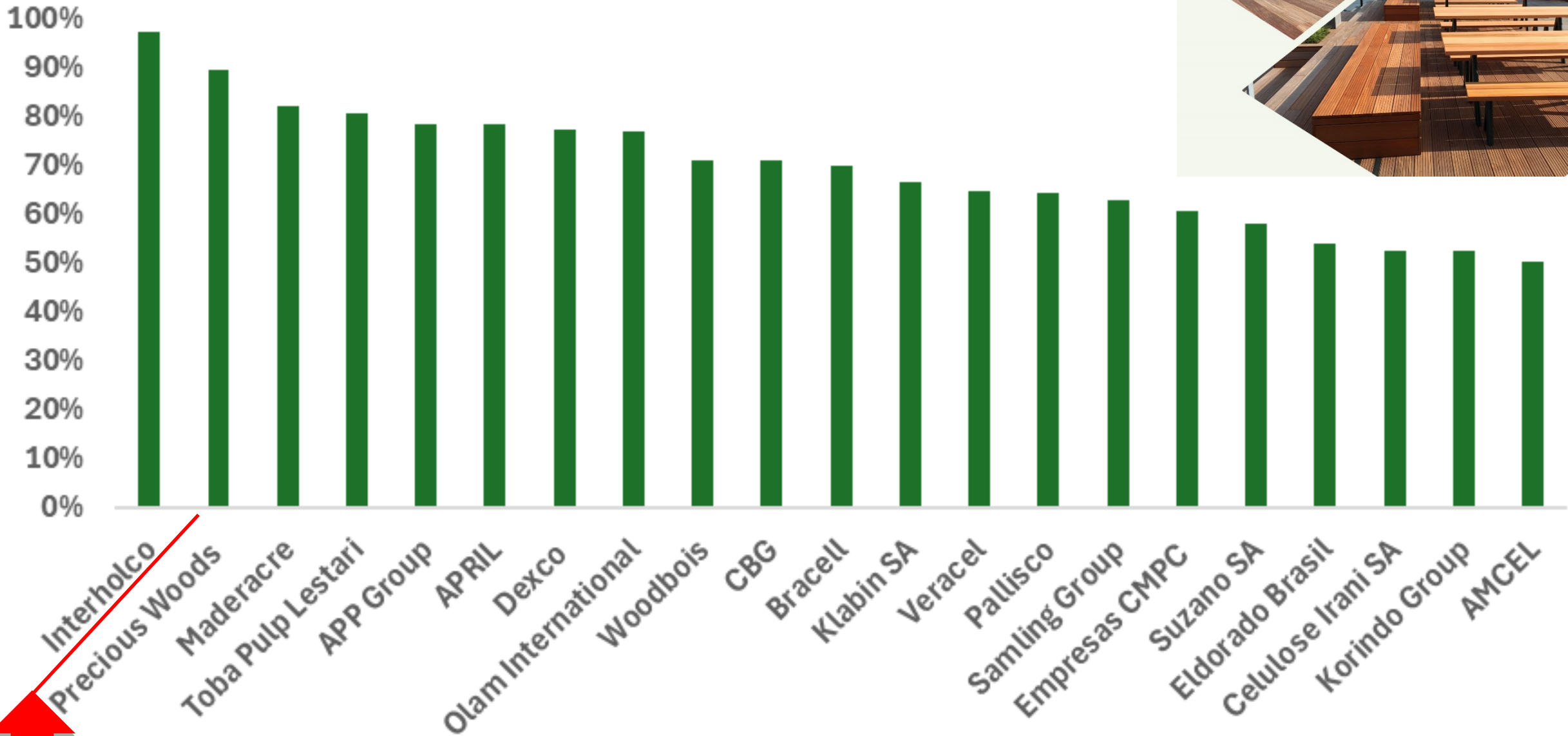
= carbon

High quality is linked to expectations

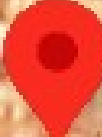
<https://www.spott.org/timber-pulp-paper/>



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Top 20 Highest-Scoring Companies





 Industrie Forestière
de Ouesso (IFO)

**Village of
Ngombé**



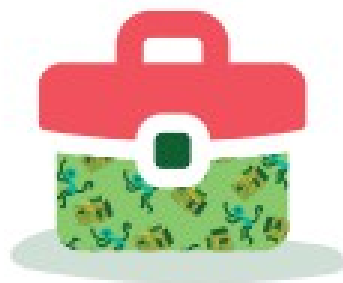
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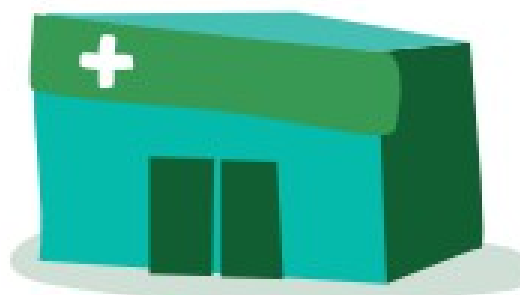
Ecosystem care starts from people

INTERHOLCO offers the following to employees living in the village of Ngombé in RoC:

- **An entry-level wage** of 173 €/month, 210% higher than the starting wage in RoC (82€/month)³³



- **Safety** equipment adapted to the tasks/duties of the employee



- **Medical insurance** covered by the company for the benefit of the employee's family, including the husband/wife, children and close relatives living in Ngombé



The Medical and Social Centre (CMS), managed by INTERHOLCO and situated in the village of Ngombé, aims to ensure access for the local population as a whole, in particular for the

10 000
residents of the village and the

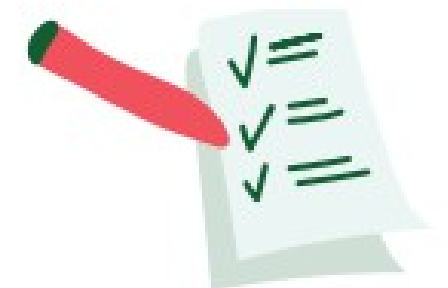
6 000
inhabitants of the forest, including indigenous peoples, to essential health services.

- **Social security contributions** and a **pension plan**



- **A three-room property** in the village of Ngombé, or by default a housing allowance

- Free access to **drinking water** and **electricity**³⁴

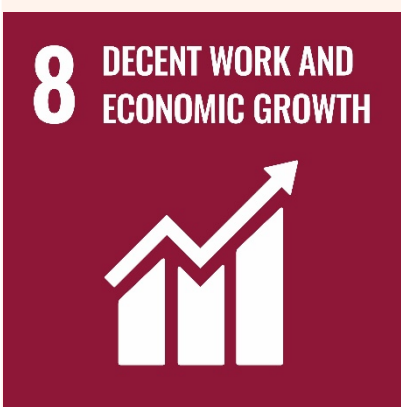


- **Production bonuses** for employees and **performance bonuses** for managers

- **Vocational training** to develop an employee's skills, enabling him or her to gain access to a position with better pay.

Innovation for the people

- When wood is harvested for the common good, it becomes an **agent of innovation**. **Social innovations** emerge from **interactions among stakeholders** to construct **solutions to social needs**.



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION
AND INFRASTRUCTURE



3 GOOD HEALTH
AND WELL-BEING

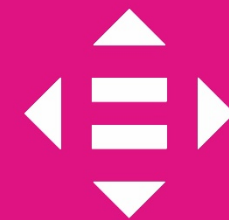


Innovation for the future

- **Social innovation contributes to global goals,** driving sustainable development as described by the United Nations (UN SDGs).



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



5 GENDER EQUALITY



1 NO POVERTY



A forest of opportunity



Three milestones

**“Protecting,
and Managing
are **cost-effective**
to provide multiple
for both people and
planet.”**

Dr. Qu
Director
FAO of the United
Nations

**Halt
Restore degraded
Promote sustainable forest
management**

From 'corporate' action to 'global' contribution



Sustainable Hardwood –Made in Africa



Ovation Hub ;
USA
Hardwood: **Tali**



United Nations City ;
Denmark
Hardwood: **Tali**



Summer residence ;
New Zealand
Hardwood: **Kanda**

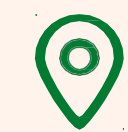
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**Sustainability Report
2024**

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