Madagascar Stockpile Audit Mechanism and Business Plan

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### ForestBased Works Globally

- Currently work in over 15 countries
- Large scale industrial forests
- Community forests
- Manufacturers / Suppliers
- Mills
- Supply Chain Mgt



## **ForestBased Solutions**

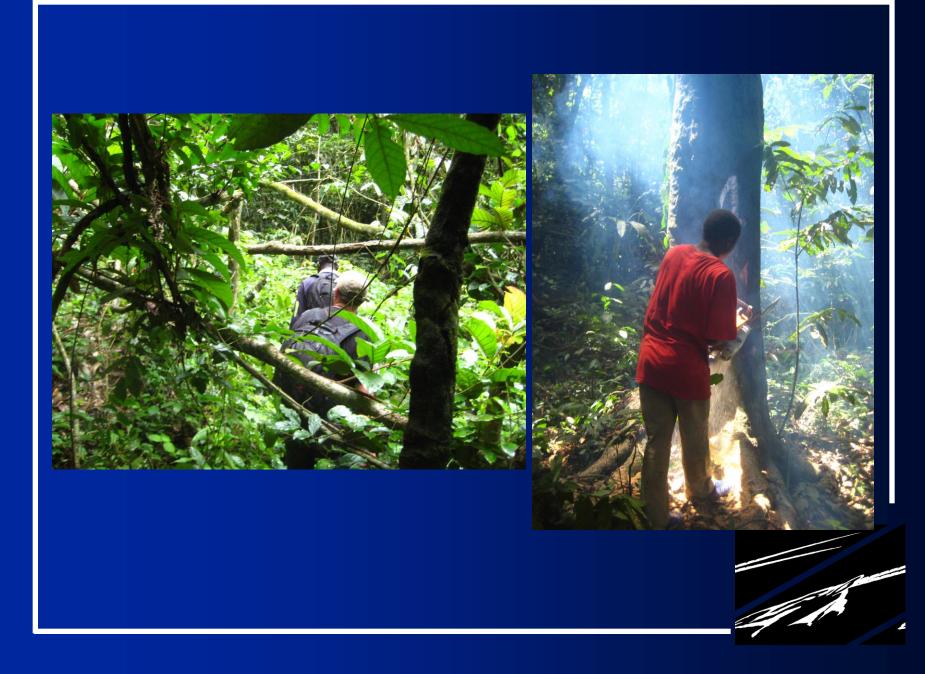
- Promote market-based incentives to Private Sector that merge the triple bottom line social, economic and environmental objectives;
- Promote and develop sourcing initiatives for high quality timber from responsibly managed forests;
- Provide due diligence and technical expertise for investment in sustainable forestry
- We work from Global Policy all the way to the ground with forest managers and forest dependent people.
- Clients include governments, private sector, NGOs.



## **Pioneered Species Specific Programs**

- Sustainable Forest Management
- Private Sector and NGOs
- Key Economic Indicators
- Ebony Cameroon
- Rosewood India, Tanzania, Madagascar, Central America
- Mahogany Brazil
- Whole forest needs to be managed for species specific issues to be addressed

















## Madagascar





















## Rosewood (Dalbergia spp.)



- Over 300 species
- 10-15 are commercial
- Indian
- Central and South America
- Madagascar
- Entire Genus is CITES App II



### India







## Dalbergia latifolia



- Most widely used
- Southern India
- Mix from Coffee estates and Gov forests
- Gov Auctions











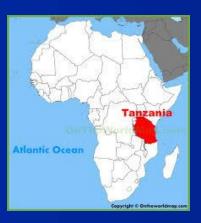








#### Tanzania





## Dalbergia melanoxylon



- African Blackwood
- East Africa
- Tanzania and Mozambique
- Woodwinds







#### Brazil





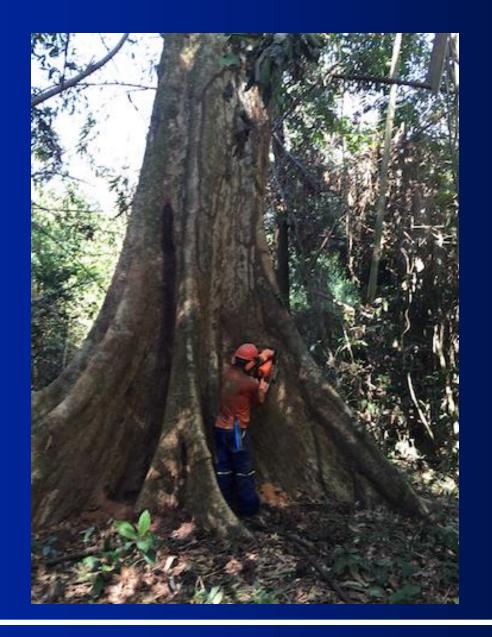
### **Brazilian Rosewood**



- Dalbergia nigra
- Atlantic Forest
- 400 years of use and exploitation
- 1992 CITES APP I
- Most desired guitar wood











# Central America Dalbergia spp.





### Guatemala





## Nicaragua









### **Business** Plan Overview

- Practical solutions to complex problems
- Step-wise process
- Rapid but Realistic Timelines
- Transparent Management Systems
- International Partnership

- Phase 1 and Phase 2
- Based on Madagascar Legal Framework
- Goal dispose of stockpiles to move towards sustainable forest management regime
- CITES Mandate

### First Step – Define Stockpiles

 2015 Law – Key word and Position – It is illegal to possess Rosewood, Ebony, Palisander

 Only one type of Stockpile – Officially Controlled by the Government



### **Stockpile Definitions**

- Officially Controlled
- Uncontrolled Declared Wood
- Non-Conforming Wood

- Many Decrees over the years
- 2011 Required Declarations
- Still illegal to possess
- Business Plan Legal Mandate based 2015 law



## Imminent Domain / Benefit Civil Society

Government must act to benefit all Civil Society

Adhere to CITES Mandate

- RW crisis has destabilized regions
- Prevented viable commercial forest sector



#### **Uncontrolled** Declared Wood

- 2011 Declarations
- This is 90% of wood reported to CITES
- 290,000 logs / forms
- 165 Declarations
- Potentially 400 Sites
- Ten regions

 Controlling this large volume of wood is Key to completing CITES Mandate



#### Phase 1 Strategy

- Institute Governance
  MEEF / SE
- Institute International Oversight Committee
- Implement 4 Step process to Control and Officially Audit

- Step 1 Re Audit Seized Stocks – create systems
- Step 2 Inventory and code all Declared wood in place
- Step 3 Transfer wood to Official Depots
- Step 4 Audit and report to CITES

- Implement Biz Plan audit procedures
- Test system on current seized stocks
- Designate Official Depots for intake

- Re-audit 2015 SGS
- Code and Mark
- Institute procedures
  based on Biz Plan
- Secure facilities
- Report

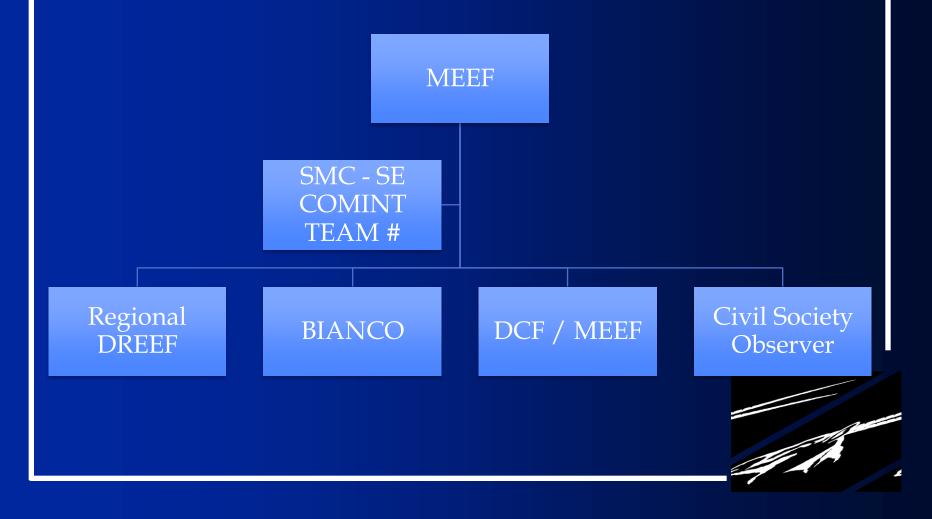


- Inventory Declared Wood
- SAVA Test add markers to inventory from 2017
- Continue inventory by region

- Official Authorizations
- Institute SMC procedures
- Code, GPS, Mark and Grade
- Issue official receipts to owners
- Report



## Phase 1 – Step 2 Operations Management

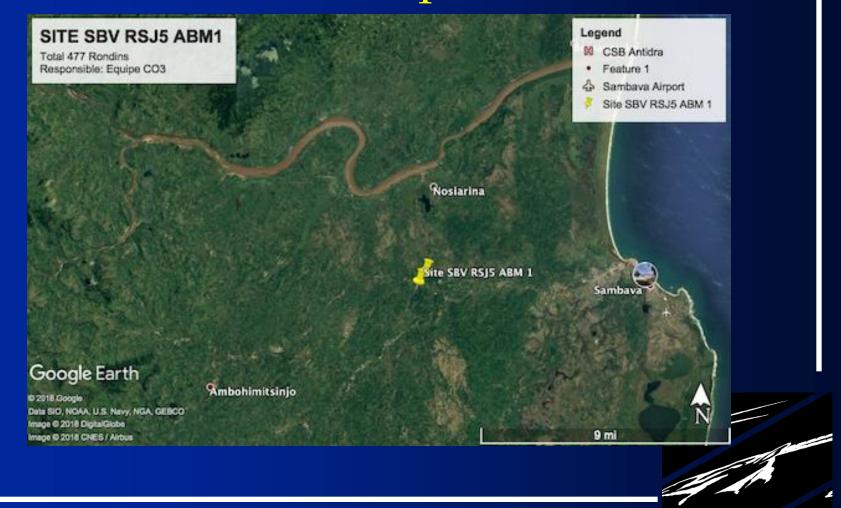


# Phase 1 – Step 2 Example

Minutes Form	Description
Location (Site)	Foret, Village, Fokontany, Commune, District – GPS coordinates
Team Number	Agents, Organization, Function, Grade -
Name of Owner	Location of Stock, Declaration #, Products, Number declared / actual



## Phase 1 – Step 2 Example



- Limited Open Door
- Implement Compensation program –
- Imminent Domain Concept
- Transfer Declared wood to official depots

- Verify Markers
- Code, Mark and Grade
- Report to Oversight
  Committee



#### **Reasons for Moving Wood**

- Government is taking the risk
- Present an Audited total of marked, coded and secured
   Official Stockpiles to complete the CITES mandate
- Prevent further laundering of illegal wood

Security for people and locations where Step 2 inventories have been completed

- Create a controlled system for valuing the wood
- Simplifying logistics for any potential sales of wood



- Repeat Step 1
- Officially Audit all systems for controlling wood
- Report to CITES

- The total volume verified at Step 4 are the only Officially Controlled Stockpiles
- All other wood is illegal and subject enforcement



### **Risk Management**

- Practical Verification
- Rapid Progress
- Oversight / Monitoring
- Funding
- Partnership / Shared global responsibility
- Clear Legal Mandates

Goal

- Stabilization
- Break Chain of Illegal Transactions
- Systematically inventory, control and audit
- Dispose through
  PHASE 2



## Phase 2 Business Plan – Sales

- Requires all systems from Phase 1 be completed
- Official Sites
- Requires enterprise systems be in place
- Business management

- Key aspects:
- Complete Audit and inventory
- Grade evaluation for valuation
- Logistics for transport after sales



#### **Indian Auction Model**

- All rosewood from private or government forests required to be auctioned
- Now online
- Buyers can physically visit and inspect lots of logs

• All logs are officially graded and marked







#### Phase 2

- Step –wise or by region
- Test Business Management systems
- The 1/3 issue can be addressed based on completion of Phase 1 systems

- Risk Management:
- Requires expert business management
- Clear legal framework
- Market Expertise
- Timing

