

# Cameroon United Forests (CUF)

Timber and pulp assessment

Total score:

18.0%

Latest update: July 2019

Next scheduled: July 2020

<b>About this company:</b>	Founded in 1991, Cameroon United Forests (CUF) is headquartered and operates in Cameroon. The company is engaged in timber production, processing and manufacturing, and trading and distribution.
<b>Landbank</b>	352,534 hectares
<b>Thomson Reuters ticker:</b>	Private company
<b>Bloomberg ticker:</b>	Private company
<b>Activities:</b>	Timber production, timber processing and manufacturing, trading and distribution
<b>Locations:</b>	Cameroon (South Cameroon)
<b>Headquarters:</b>	Cameroon
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.cufcm.co">http://www.cufcm.co</a>

Total:

20.5 / 114

18%



## > Sustainability policy and leadership

15 / 9 16.7%

### 1. Sustainable forestry policy or commitment for all its operations?

The company has both a social policy and an environmental charter

✓

1 / 1 [Source](#)

### 2. Sustainability policy or commitment applies to all sourcing?

✗

0 / 1 [Source](#)

### 3. High-level position of responsibility for sustainability?

✗

0 / 1 [Source](#)

### 4. One or more board members have responsibility for sustainability?

This indicator is disabled as the company is not publicly listed. Please note that ZSL has been unable to confirm this

### 5. Percentage or number of women board members?

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### 6. Percentage or number of women in senior management team?

✗

0 / 1 [Source](#)

### 7. Sustainability report published within last two years?

✗

0 / 1 [Source](#)

### 8. Member of multiple industry schemes or other external initiatives to improve forest management or transparency?

The company is a member of GFBC. No further schemes or initiatives could be identified

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0.5 / 1 [Source](#)

### 9. Activities with government, NGOs or academic institutions to improve the sustainability of forest

products?	✗	0 / 1	Source
10. Climate risks assessment available?	✗	0 / 1	Source
11. Natural capital assessment available?	✗	0 / 1	Source



> Landbank, mills and traceability

8 / 21	38.1%		
12. Lists countries and operations? The company only operates in Cameroon	✓	1 / 1	Source
13. Total area of natural forest designated for wood/wood fibre production (ha)? 352,534 - The figure (352,534 ha) on the company's website is not dated, for this reason no points were awarded	✗	0 / 1	Source
14. Total area of forest plantation (ha)? This indicator is disabled as the company has informed ZSL that it does not produce wood/wood fibre from plantation forests			
15. Area of plantation/natural forest within outgrower schemes (ha)?	✗	0 / 1	Source
16. Unplanted (areas designated for future development as plantation forest) (ha)? This indicator is disabled as the company has informed ZSL that it does not produce wood/wood fibre from plantation forests			
17. Conservation set-aside and/or HCV area (ha)?	✗	0 / 1	Source
18. Area of Intact Forest Landscape (ha)? This indicator is disabled as the company has informed ZSL that it does not have Intact Forest Landscape within its landbank			
19. Number of Forest Management Units (FMUs)? 8 - A map of the company's operations (and that of its partners) on the company's website shows seven FMUs. A previous newsletter stated that the company acquired a communal forest in September 2017 but the document could not be found again. Half points were awarded because ZSL is not able to ascertain all of the company's FMUs are listed	P	0.5 / 1	Source
20. Maps of forest management units (FMUs)? The company only provides names and a static map of some/all of its FMUs which is more than two years old	P	0.5 / 1	Source
21. Forest management plans available for all FMUs?	✗	0 / 1	Source
22. Monitoring of forest management plan implementation?	✗	0 / 1	Source

<p><b>23. Company has provided valid legal documents to Open Timber Portal on use rights (at the time of SPOTT assessments)?</b>  0% - Average score of CUF and CAMTRANS in this OTP category.  Company scores on Open Timber Portal are updated daily. Visit the OTP website to review the company's current performance by clicking on the source link</p>	<p>✘ 0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a></p>
<p><b>24. Company has provided valid legal documents to Open Timber Portal on forest management (at the time of SPOTT assessments)?</b>  62.5% - Average score of CUF and CAMTRANS in this OTP category.  Company scores on Open Timber Portal are updated daily. Visit the OTP website to review the company's current performance by clicking on the source link</p>	<p>✓ 1 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a></p>
<p><b>25. Company has provided valid legal documents to Open Timber Portal on timber harvesting (at the time of SPOTT assessments)?</b>  0% - Average score of CUF and CAMTRANS in this OTP category.  Company scores on Open Timber Portal are updated daily. Visit the OTP website to review the company's current performance by clicking on the source link</p>	<p>✘ 0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a></p>
<p><b>26. Number of company owned pulp and paper mills?</b>  This indicator is disabled as the company does not own pulp or paper mills</p>	
<p><b>27. Maps or addresses of company owned pulp and paper mills?</b>  This indicator is disabled as the company does not own pulp or paper mills</p>	
<p><b>28. Number of company owned sawmills?</b>  1 - The company only has one sawmill</p>	<p>✓ 1 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a></p>
<p><b>29. Maps or addresses of company owned sawmills?</b>  The company only provides the name of the city where its sawmill is located (Ebolowa, Cameroon)</p>	<p>P 0.5 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a></p>
<p><b>30. Number of supplier mills?</b></p>	<p>✘ 0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a></p>
<p><b>31. Maps or addresses of supplier mills?</b></p>	<p>✘ 0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a></p>
<p><b>32. Procedures to trace raw materials to country of harvest?</b>  The company only sources from its own and co-managed FMUs, all of which are in Cameroon</p>	<p>✓ 1 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a></p>
<p><b>33. Procedures to trace raw materials to FMU level?</b>  The company has OLB CoC certification for its sawmill which covers traceability for the certified portion of all sourcing</p>	<p>P 0.5 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a></p>
<p><b>34. Percentage of supply traceable to country level (above 80%)?</b>  100% - The company only sources from its own and co-managed FMUs, all of which are in Cameroon</p>	<p>✓ 2 / 2 <a href="#">Source</a></p>
<p><b>35. Percentage of supply traceable to FMU level (above 75%)?</b>  The company has some CoC certification which counts as the procedure for the certified portion of all raw materials the</p>	<p>✘ 0 / 2 <a href="#">Source</a></p>

company sources. However the percentage of certified sourcing cannot be calculated



## > Deforestation and biodiversity

25 / 11 22.7%

⚠️ 1 media report

<b>36. Commitment to zero conversion of natural forest?</b>	✗	0 / 1	Source
<b>37. Zero conversion commitment applies to all sourcing?</b>	✗	0 / 1	Source
<b>38. Commitment to minimise the impact of logging roads?</b>	✓	1 / 1	Source
<b>39. Commitment to protect forest areas from illegal activities?</b> The company has a commitment to prevent poaching. It does not have a full commitment to protect forest areas from unauthorised or illegal resource use, settlement and other illegal activities	P	0.5 / 1	Source
<b>40. Evidence of monitoring deforestation?</b>	✗	0 / 1	Source
<b>41. Amount of deforestation recorded?</b> The company only reports logging rates (trees/ha)	✗	0 / 1	Source
<b>42. Commitment to biodiversity conservation?</b>	✗	0 / 1	Source
<b>43. Examples of species and/or habitat conservation management?</b>	✗	0 / 1	Source
<b>44. Implementing a landscape-level approach to biodiversity conservation?</b>	✗	0 / 1	Source
<b>45. Identified species of conservation concern referencing international or national system of species classification?</b> The company states that it commits to protect vulnerable species through the use of the HCV approach, but no species are identified and no mention is made of a system of species classification	✗	0 / 1	Source
<b>46. Commitment to sustainably manage the use of non-timber forest products (NTFPs)?</b> The company states that it commits to preserve species of socio-economic economic relevance to communities by taking them into account in forest management plans	✓	1 / 1	Source
<b>47. Commitment not to use genetically modified organisms?</b> This indicator is disabled as the company has informed ZSL that it does not produce wood/wood fibre from plantation forests			



## > HCV, HCS and impact assessments

<p><b>48. Commitment to conduct High Conservation Value (HCV) assessments?</b> The company states that it commits to protecting HCV areas</p>	<p>P 0.5 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a></p>
<p><b>49. HCV commitment applies to all sourcing?</b></p>	<p>✘ 0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a></p>
<p><b>50. Commitment to only use licensed High Conservation Value (HCV) assessors accredited by the HCV Resource Network's Assessor Licensing Scheme (ALS)?</b> This indicator is disabled until sufficient number of HCV ALS licensed assessors are available for the location where the company operates</p>	
<p><b>51. High Conservation Value (HCV) assessments available?</b></p>	<p>✘ 0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a></p>
<p><b>52. High Conservation Value (HCV) management and monitoring plans available?</b></p>	<p>✘ 0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a></p>
<p><b>53. Commitment to the High Carbon Stock (HCS) Approach?</b> This indicator is disabled as the company has informed ZSL that it does not produce wood/wood fibre from plantation forests</p>	
<p><b>54. High Carbon Stock (HCS) assessments available?</b> This indicator is disabled as the company has informed ZSL that it does not produce wood/wood fibre from plantation forests</p>	
<p><b>55. Commitment to conduct social and environmental impact assessments (SEIAs)?</b></p>	<p>✘ 0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a></p>
<p><b>56. Social and environmental impact assessments (SEIAs) available?</b></p>	<p>✘ 0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a></p>
<p><b>57. Company has provided valid legal documents to Open Timber Portal on impact assessments (at the time of SPOTT assessments)?</b> 0% - Average score of CUF and CAMTRANS in this OTP category. Company scores on Open Timber Portal are updated daily. Visit the OTP website to review the company's current performance by clicking on the source link</p>	<p>✘ 0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a></p>



> Soils, fire and GHGs

<p><b>58. Commitment to best management practices for soils and/or peat?</b></p>	<p>✘ 0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a></p>
<p><b>59. Commitment to reduced impact logging?</b></p>	<p>✓ 1 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a></p>
<p><b>60. Commitment to no planting on peat of any depth?</b> This indicator is disabled as the company has informed ZSL that it does not produce wood/wood fibre from plantation</p>	

forests		
<b>61. Commitment on peatland planting applies to all sourcing?</b> This indicator is disabled as the company has informed ZSL that it does not produce wood/wood fibre from plantation forests		
<b>62. Landbank or planted area on peat (ha)?</b> This indicator is disabled as the company has informed ZSL that it does not have landbank on peat		
<b>63. Evidence of best management practices for soils and/or peat?</b>	✘	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<b>64. Commitment to zero burning?</b> This indicator is disabled as the company has informed ZSL that it does not produce wood/wood fibre from plantation forests		
<b>65. Commitment to zero burning applies to all sourcing?</b> This indicator is disabled as the company has informed ZSL that it does not produce wood/wood fibre from plantation forests		
<b>66. Evidence of management and monitoring fires?</b>	✘	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<b>67. Details/number of hotspots/fires in FMUs controlled by the company?</b>	✘	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<b>68. Time-bound commitment to reduce GHG emissions intensity?</b>	✘	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<b>69. Progress towards reducing GHG emission intensity?</b>	✘	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<b>70. Report GHG emissions from land use change?</b> This indicator is disabled as the company has informed ZSL that it does not produce wood/wood fibre from plantation forests		
<b>71. Methodology used to calculate GHG emissions?</b>	✘	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>



> Water, chemical and waste management

05/9 56%		
<b>72. Time-bound commitment to improve water quality (BOD and COD)?</b>	✘	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<b>73. Progress towards commitment on water quality (BOD and COD)?</b>	✘	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<b>74. Commitment to protection of natural waterways through buffer zones?</b>	✘	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>

<b>75. Evidence of treatment of pulp and paper mill effluent?</b> This indicator is disabled as the company has informed ZSL that it does not own pulp or paper mills		
	✘	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<b>76. Evidence of sawmill run-off containment and wastewater treatment?</b>		
<b>77. Time-bound commitment to improve water use intensity?</b> This indicator is disabled as the company has informed ZSL that it does not own pulp or paper mills		
<b>78. Progress towards commitment on water use intensity?</b> This indicator is disabled as the company has informed ZSL that it does not own pulp or paper mills		
<b>79. Commitment to eliminate chlorine and chlorine compounds for bleaching?</b> This indicator is disabled as the company has informed ZSL that it does not own pulp or paper mills		
	P	0.5 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<b>80. Commitment to minimise the use of chemicals, including pesticides and chemical fertilisers?</b> The company has a commitment to reduce the use of polluting substances across its operations		
	✘	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<b>81. No use of World Health Organisation (WHO) Class 1A and 1B pesticides?</b>		
	✘	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<b>82. No use of chemicals listed under the Stockholm Convention and Rotterdam Convention?</b>		
	✘	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<b>83. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach?</b>		
	✘	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<b>84. Chemical usage per ha or list of chemicals used?</b>		
	✘	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>



<b>&gt; Community, land and labour rights</b>		
<b>4 / 23</b>	<b>17.4%</b>	
<b>⚠ 2 media reports</b>		
	✘	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<b>85. Commitment to human rights, referencing the UN Declaration on Human Rights or UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?</b>		
	✘	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<b>86. Commitment to human rights applies to all sourcing?</b>		
	✘	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<b>87. Commitment to respect indigenous and local communities' rights?</b>		
	✘	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<b>88. Commitment to respect legal and customary property rights?</b>		
	✘	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<b>89. Commitment to free, prior and informed consent (FPIC)?</b>		
	✘	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>

<b>90. FPIC commitment applies to independent suppliers?</b> This indicator is disabled as the company has informed ZSL that it does not source wood/wood fibre from independent suppliers		
	✘	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<b>91. Details of free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) process available?</b>		
	P	0.5 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<b>92. Examples of local stakeholder engagement to prevent conflicts?</b> The company has set up farmer/forests committees to involve neighbouring communities into a participative approach forest management		
	P	0.5 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<b>93. Details of process for addressing land conflicts available?</b> The company has set up farmer/forests committees to involve neighbouring communities into a participative approach forest management		
	✘	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<b>94. Commitment to support the inclusion of women across forestry operations, including addressing barriers faced?</b>		
	✓	1 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<b>95. Commitment to provide essential community services and facilities?</b> The company states that it provides its employees with security equipment and training, accommodation, food and healthcare		
	✘	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<b>96. Company has provided valid legal documents to Open Timber Portal on population rights (at the time of SPOTT assessments)?</b> 0% - Average score of CUF and CAMTRANS in this OTP category. Company scores on Open Timber Portal are updated daily. Visit the OTP website to review the company's current performance by clicking on the source link		
	✘	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<b>97. Commitment to respect all workers' rights?</b>		
	✘	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<b>98. Reference to Fundamental ILO Conventions?</b>		
	✘	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<b>99. Commitment to eliminate gender related discrimination with regards to employment and occupation?</b>		
	✘	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<b>100. Company has provided valid legal documents to Open Timber Portal on labour regulations (at the time of SPOTT assessments)?</b> 0% - Average score of CUF and CAMTRANS in this OTP category. Company scores on Open Timber Portal are updated daily. Visit the OTP website to review the company's current performance by clicking on the source link		
	✘	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<b>101. Percentage or number of temporary employees?</b>		
	P	0.5 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<b>102. Percentage or number of women employees?</b> 25 - The company mentioned 25 women employees in March 2018. Half a point has been awarded as the figure is more than two years old		



<b>103. Payment of minimum wage?</b>	✘	0 / 1	Source
<b>104. Reporting of salary by gender?</b>	✘	0 / 1	Source
<b>105. Commitment to address occupational health and safety, referencing the ILO Code of Practice on Safety and Health in Forestry Work?</b> The company's statement on ensuring the health and safety of its employees does not refer to ILO guidelines	P	0.5 / 1	Source
<b>106. Time lost due to work-based injuries?</b>	✘	0 / 1	Source
<b>107. Number of fatalities as a result of work-based accidents?</b>	✘	0 / 1	Source
<b>108. Provision of personal protective equipment and related training?</b> The company provides PPE and related training and internal committees are in charge of the implementation of safety best practice	✓	1 / 1	Source



## > Certification standards

1 / 12 83%

<b>109. Time-bound plan for achieving 100% third-party legality verification of FMUs or achieved?</b>	✘	0 / 1	Source
<b>110. Time-bound plan to source only wood/wood fibre that is in legal compliance verified by a third party?</b>	✘	0 / 1	Source
<b>111. Percentage area (ha) verified as being in legal compliance by a third party?</b> 100% - OLB certified	✓	1 / 1	Source
<b>112. Percentage of all wood/wood fibre supply traded/processed verified as being in legal compliance by a third party?</b>	✘	0 / 1	Source
<b>113. Time-bound plan for achieving 100% FSC FM certification of FMUs or achieved 100% FSC-certification of FMUs?</b>	✘	0 / 1	Source
<b>114. Commitment to source only wood/wood fibre that meets FSC Controlled Wood requirements?</b>	✘	0 / 1	Source
<b>115. Percentage area (ha) FSC FM certified?</b>	✘	0 / 2	Source
<b>116. Percentage of wood/wood fibre supply from outgrower scheme and/or independent suppliers that is FSC FM certified?</b>	✘	0 / 2	Source
<b>117. Percentage of all wood/wood fibre supply traded/processed that are FSC certified (above 75%)?</b>	✘	0 / 2	Source

### 118. Percentage area (ha) PEFC certified (excluding FSC certified area)?

This indicator is disabled as the company reports that it doesn't operate in a country with a PEFC-endorsed SFM standard



#### > Smallholders and suppliers

0 5 / 6 8 3%

119. Programme to support outgrower scheme smallholders? ✘ 0 / 1 [Source](#)

120. Percentage of outgrower scheme smallholders involved in programme? ✘ 0 / 1 [Source](#)

121. Process used to prioritise, assess and/or engage suppliers on compliance with company's policy and/or legal requirements? P 0.5 / 1 [Source](#)  
The company's environmental charter refers to measures to ensure that subcontractors and partners respect the company's environmental values, to the implementation of a procurement policy with high standards (including wood of legal and known origin). This document also refers to outreach efforts to ensure that stakeholders are aware of environmental management

122. The company has a Due Diligence System (DDS)? ✘ 0 / 1 [Source](#)

123. Suspension or exclusion criteria for suppliers? ✘ 0 / 1 [Source](#)

124. Percentage of suppliers assessed and/or engaged on compliance with company requirements? ✘ 0 / 1 [Source](#)



#### > Governance and grievances

1 / 8 12 5%

1 media report

125. Commitment to ethical conduct and prohibition of corruption? ✘ 0 / 1 [Source](#)

126. Company has provided valid legal documents to Open Timber Portal on legal registration (at the time of SPOTT assessments)? ✓ 1 / 1 [Source](#)  
50% - Average score of CUF and CAMTRANS in this OTP category.  
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127. Disclosure of the company's management approach to tax and payments to governments? ✘ 0 / 1 [Source](#)

128. Company has provided valid legal documents to Open Timber Portal on taxes, fees and royalties (at the time of SPOTT assessments)? ✘ 0 / 1 [Source](#)  
0% - Average score of CUF and CAMTRANS in this OTP category.  
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<b>129. Whistleblowing procedure?</b>	<b>×</b>	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<b>130. Own grievance or complaints system open to all stakeholders?</b>	<b>×</b>	0 / 1 <a href="#">Source</a>
<b>131. Details of grievances disclosed?</b>	<b>×</b>	0 / 2 <a href="#">Source</a>