

Resource Extraction Monitoring

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Resource Extraction Monitoring

- Created in 2003 specifically to implement Independent Monitoring of Law Enforcement and Governance Projects
- Non-campaigning but pro-active in project implementation i.e. investigative in its approach to Independent Monitoring.
- REM is the official IM-FLEG in The Republic of Congo and the DRC

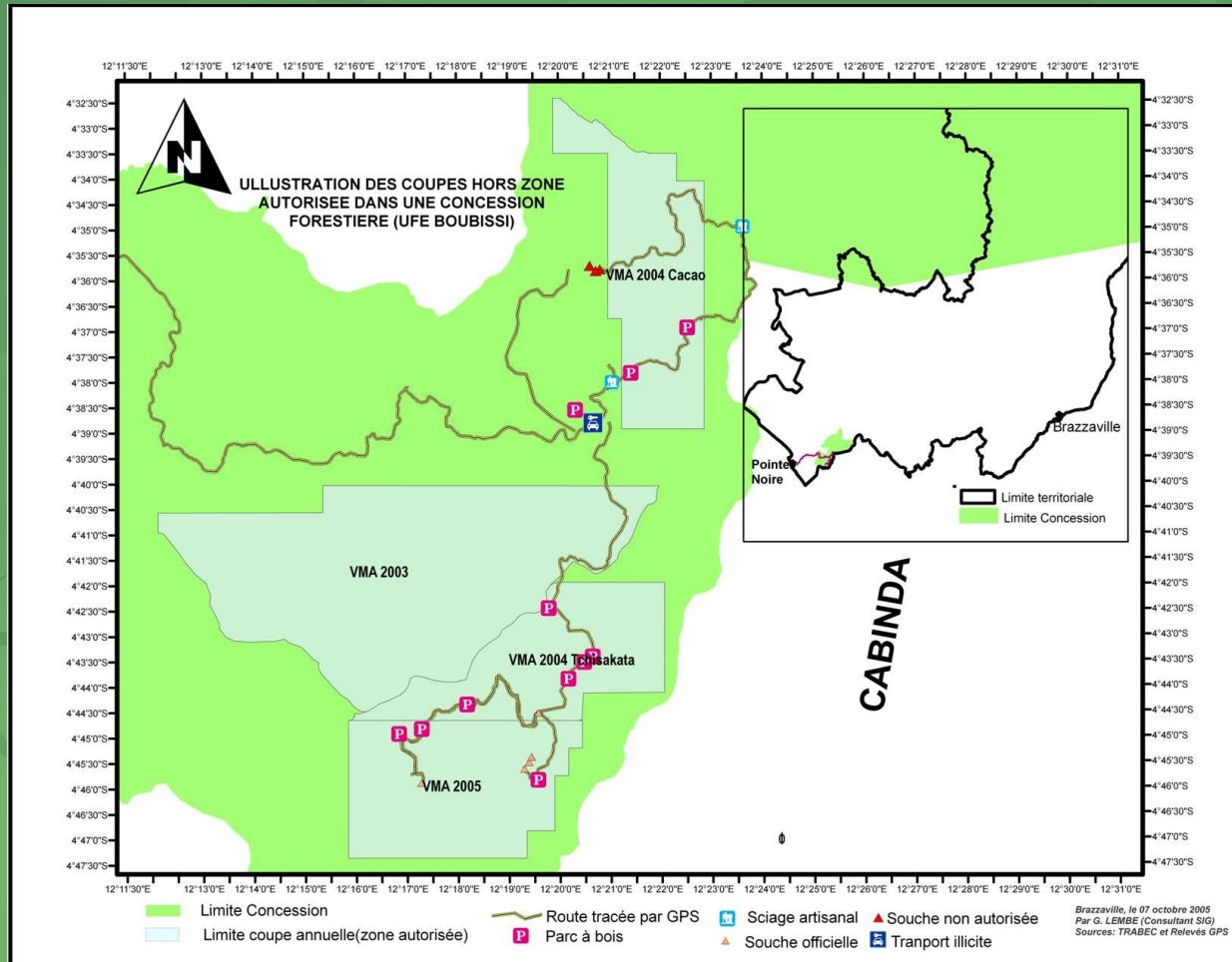


Objectives of Independent Monitoring

- Support the development of good policy
- Support Ministry to improve fisheries law enforcement



Field mission: Boubissi Concession



Joint field mission: Investigation

	Boubissi	Ipendja
Data collection, Departmental office / Vessel register	✓	
Verification of exploitation logbook / Catch register	✓	✓
Log pond inspection / Catch in the port	✓	✓
Logging road inspection / GPS track of boats	✓	
Tree stump inspection	✓	
Species identification and measuring of logs in logponds		✓
Evaluation of exploitation vs processing capacity		✓
Inspection of wood processing facilities		✓
Verification of concession limits	✓	✓
Verification of data at export control services	✓	✓

Joint field missions: Findings

	Boubissi	Ipendja
Poor maintenance of exploitation logbooks	✓	✓
No or poor log/stump marking	✓	✓
Cuts outside Annual Cutting Permit	✓	?
Violation of processing / exportation « 85/15 » quota		✓
New exploitation before end of previous permit		✓
Illegal exploitation by non-authorized persons	✓	
Illegal evacuation of timber by non-authorized persons	✓	
Maximum Annual Volume allocated outside norms		✓

Findings

Illegal artisanal felling and sawing



Infractions

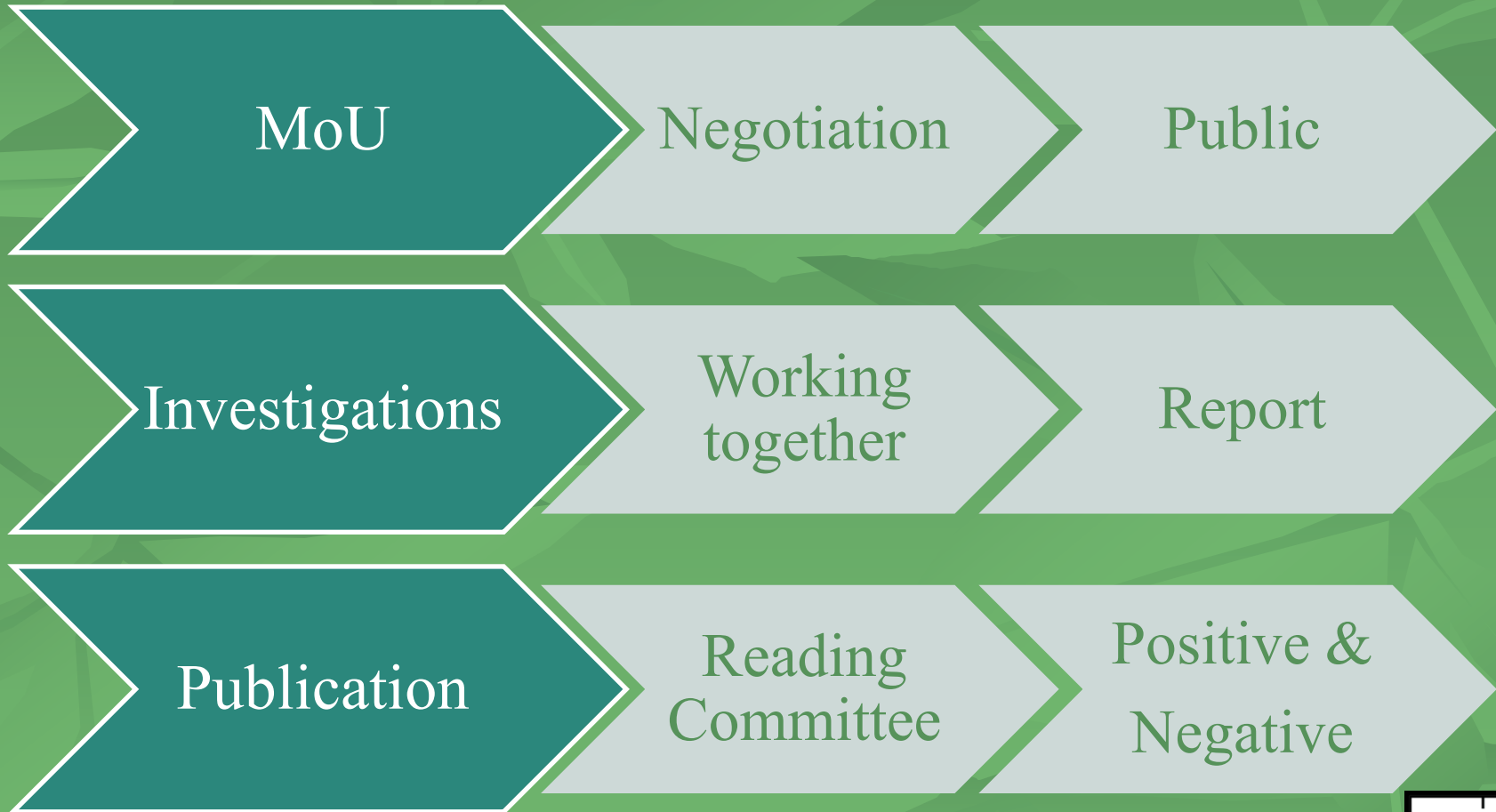
Illegal timber transport



Logistics difficulties



The IM Process



A way forward

- REM, together with RRI is exploring the adaptation of this approach to the fisheries sector.
- If there is agreement a project proposal could be developed but terms of reference need to be negotiated with the Ministry and CBOs.
- Proposal could include:
 - Support for improving procedures
 - Training for Ministry staff
 - Work nationally or in some districts...



**Thank you very much for your
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