



# Tracking changes in land governance to inform law reform in Cameroon: Methodology note

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# Outline

- I. Word on the land governance context in Cameroon
- II. What is LandCam?
- III. What is our land governance tracking tool?
  1. Local level participatory tracking
  2. Special theme
  3. National Policy Reform
- IV. How LandCam will use the tool

# I. Land Governance Context in Cameroon

Land Tenure Regulations date to 1970s

Rural Lands overwhelmingly fall in the 'National Domain'—communities with weak legal recognition of rights

Weak recognition of collective land rights of communities

Persistent use of expropriation for public purpose with inadequate compensation

## II. What is LANDCAM?



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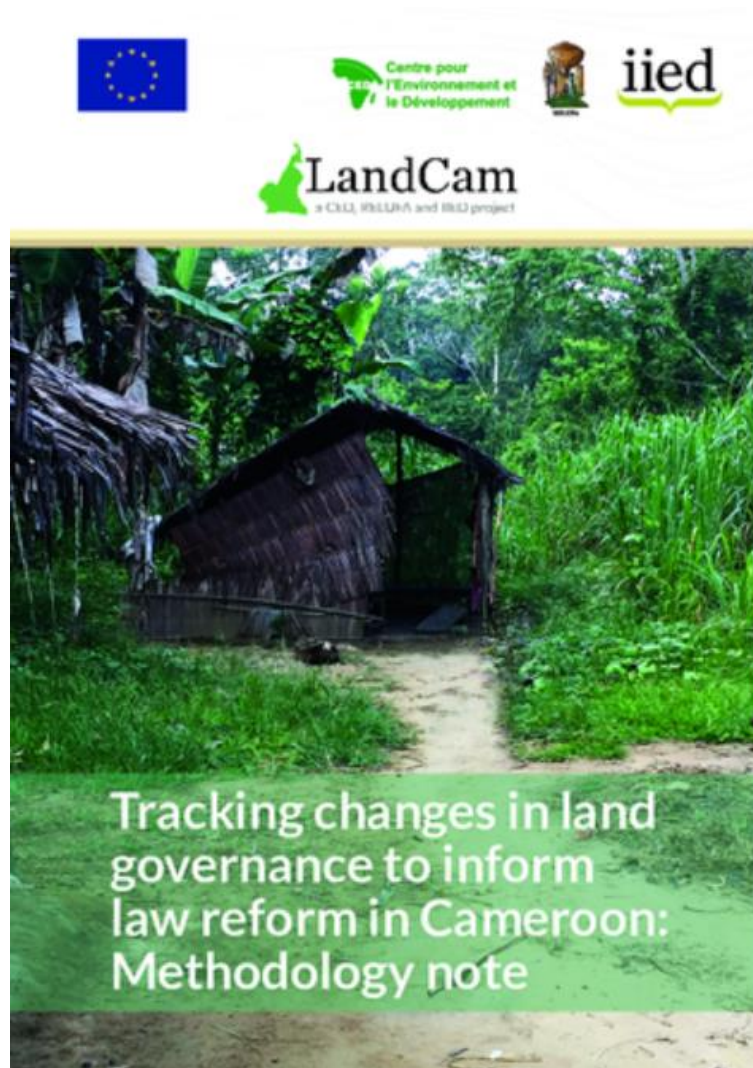
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### III. The tool

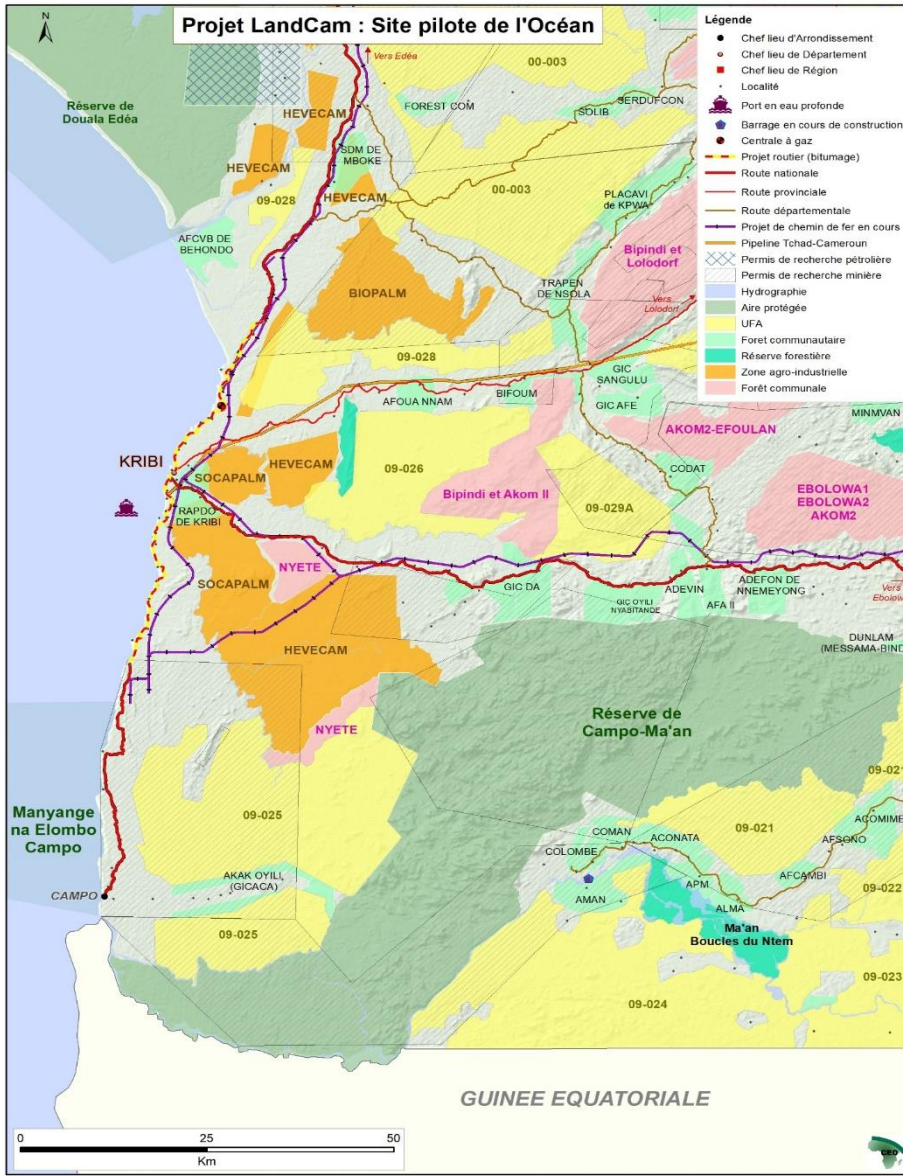
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## THREE COMPONENTS

- 1) Participatory land-use and land governance tracking in three sites in Cameroon where local land governance dialogues are taking place
  - 1) Ocean District
  - 2) Dja Reserve
  - 3) Far North
  
- 2) A 'Special Theme' of the year – changes each year
  
- 3) National level tracking on policy reforms



# Ocean District

- Land Pressure from infrastructure development, agro-industrial expansion, conservation areas and population expansion
- Expropriation for public purpose for many projects
- Questions about compensation

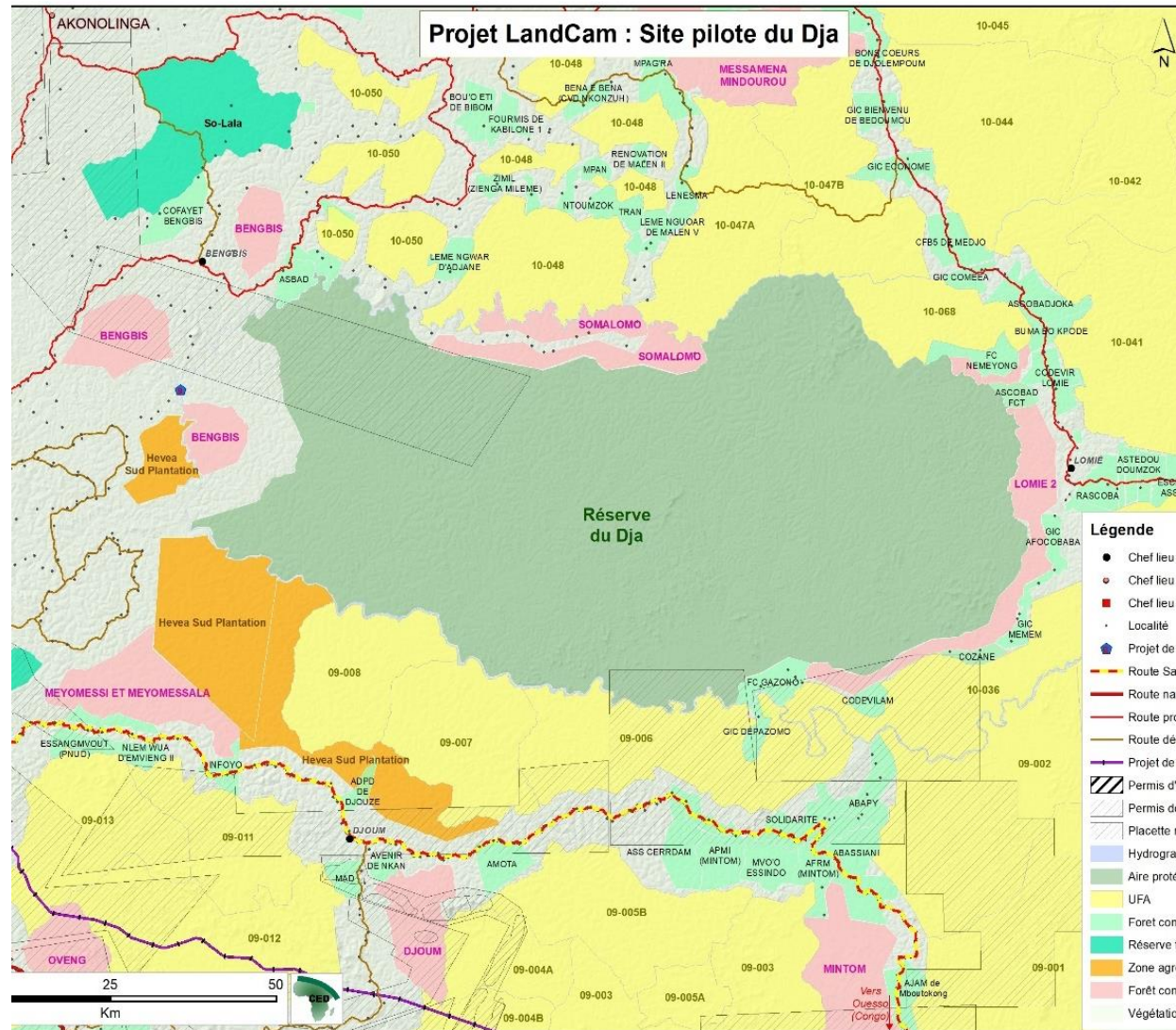


# Dja Reserve

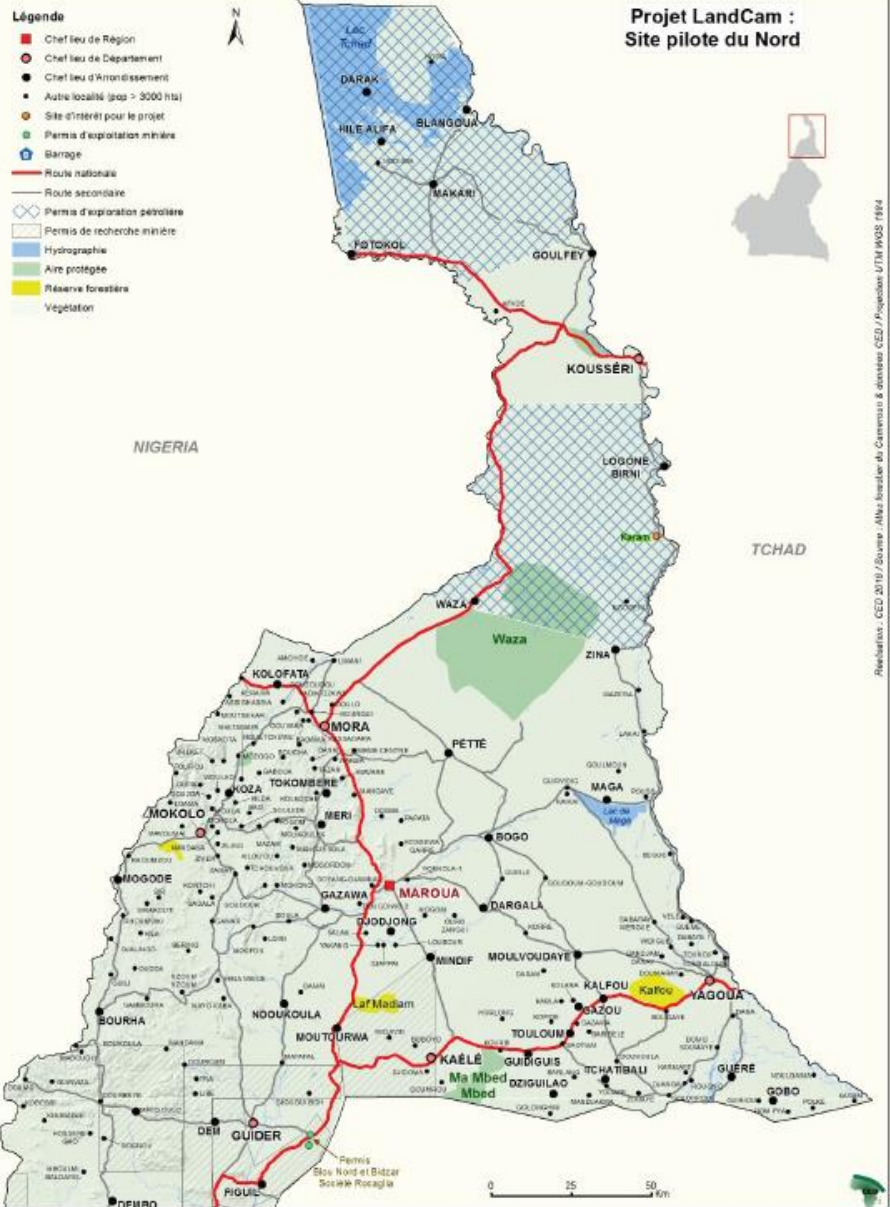
Conservation objectives from UNESCO World Heritage designation

Agro-industrial and infrastructure expansion

Land and resource access rights for communities?







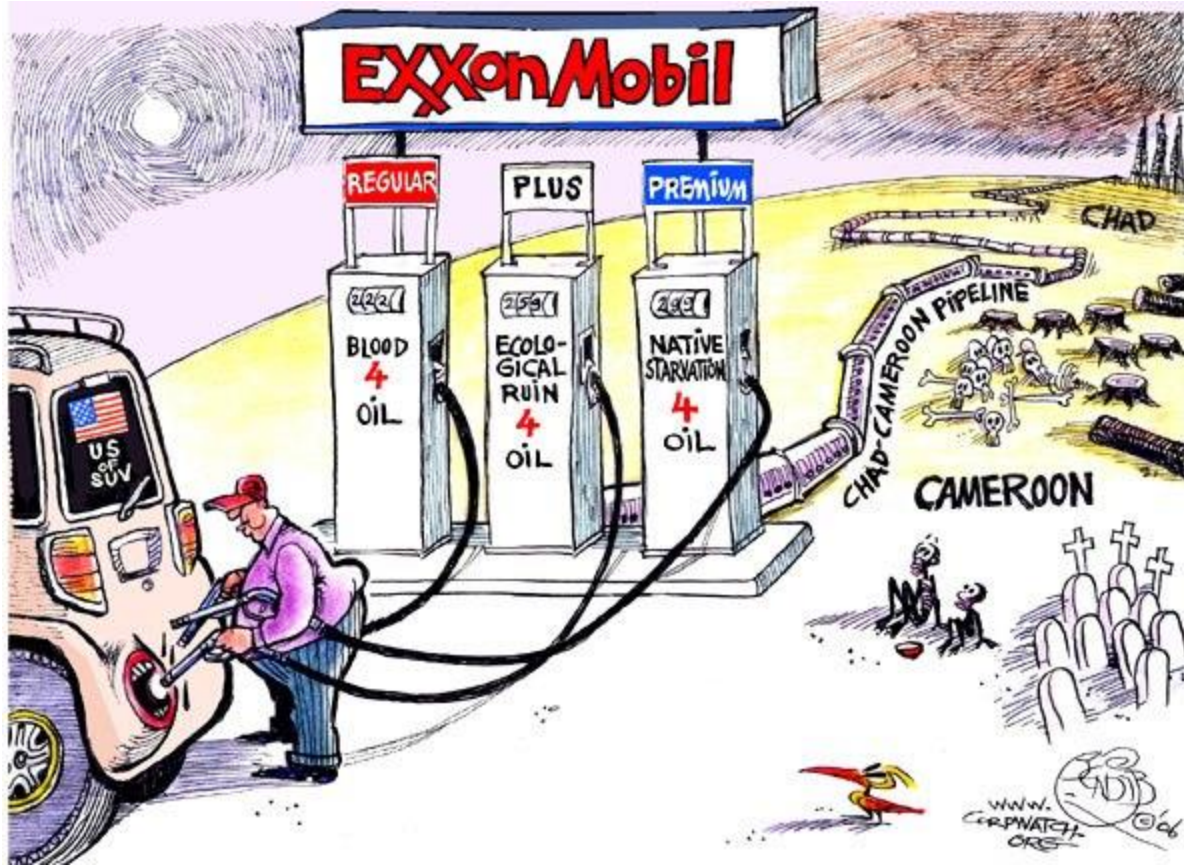
# Far North

Climate change and conflict causing large migration

Some localized farmer-herder conflicts

High population density and low agricultural productivity create food security challenges

# “SPECIAL THEME”



# National Policy

## Tracking...and practice

Provision for equal protection to “formal” vs “informal” land rights and collective vs individual land rights.

Requirements for non-State actors, including conservation groups, to respect and protect informal and formal, individual and collective land rights in the context of their operations.

# IV. Using Evidence for Reforms of Policy and Practice



- Raise awareness and create momentum for evidenced-based change in the land governance sphere