

Socfin publishes four additional independent Proforest verification reports

The new assessments cover Socapalm Mbambou and Mbongo in Cameroon, SOGB in Côte d'Ivoire and Socfin Cambodia, bringing the number of publicly available Proforest verification reports to ten.

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Socfin has published 4 additional independent verification reports prepared by Proforest, following assessments conducted at **Socapalm Mbambou** and **Socapalm Mbongo** in Cameroon, **SOGB** in Côte d'Ivoire, and in Cambodia with **Socfin-KCD** and **Coviphama**.

The reports assess the implementation and alignment of measures introduced in response to recommendations formulated by Earthworm Foundation (EF) following its previous independent investigations into allegations concerning these operations.

Across the 4 new assessments, Proforest reviewed **105 measures**, of which **103 were found to be fully aligned** with EF's recommendations and 2 partially aligned. No measure was classified as not aligned.

Four additional operations independently assessed

At **Socapalm Mbambou**, Proforest verified **22 measures, all of which were found to be fully aligned** with the original recommendations. 20 were classified as subject to continuous implementation, while 2 components were assessed as partially implemented.

At **Socapalm Mbongo**, Proforest reviewed **24 measures**. 23, or 96%, were found to be fully aligned and 1 partially aligned. 21 measures were classified as subject to continuous implementation, while 3 components were assessed as partially implemented.

At **SOGB**, **32 measures** were assessed. 31, or 97%, were found to be fully aligned and one partially aligned. 8 measures were classified as implemented, 22 as subject to continuous implementation and 2 as partially implemented.

At **Socfin Cambodia**, covering the operations of **Socfin-KCD** and **Coviphama**, Proforest verified **27 measures, all of which were found to be fully aligned** with the recommendations. 12 were classified as implemented, 13 as subject to continuous implementation and 2 as partially implemented.

As in the previous assessments, the verification process combined document reviews, field observations and consultations with relevant stakeholders. The missions at Mbambou and Mbongo were conducted in April 2026, at SOGB in May 2026 and at Socfin Cambodia in June 2026.

Independent verification as part of a continuous-improvement process

The assessments address a range of social, environmental and community-related issues specific to each operation. These include community dialogue, land-related matters, grievance management, working conditions, gender-based violence and harassment prevention, environmental monitoring, access to water and local livelihoods.

In Cambodia, the assessment also covers issues relating to Indigenous Peoples' rights, stakeholder engagement and Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC). Proforest confirmed full alignment of all 27 measures reviewed, while identifying areas where implementation and monitoring should continue over time.

The reports distinguish between the **alignment** of measures with EF's recommendations and their **implementation status**. A measure classified as being under "continuous implementation" reflects the ongoing nature of the action concerned rather than an absence of implementation. This applies, for example, to stakeholder dialogue, monitoring, training and grievance-management mechanisms.

"With this third series of reports, 10 of our operations have now undergone independent verification by Proforest. These assessments provide us with a valuable external view of both the progress achieved and the areas where sustained attention remains necessary. It is important to keep in mind that the objective goes beyond completing individual actions. It is about identifying areas of risk, embedding effective practices over time, and continuously strengthening our approach through dialogue, monitoring and experience on the ground." said Céline Schmitz, Head of Sustainability at Socfin.

Ten Proforest verification reports now publicly available

These 4 publications follow 2 earlier series of Proforest reports released by Socfin in July 2026.

On **13 July 2026**, Socfin published the first 3 assessments, covering **Okomu Oil Palm Company** in Nigeria, **Socfin Agricultural Company (SAC)** in Sierra Leone and the **Liberian Agricultural Company (LAC)** in Liberia. Proforest reviewed 107 measures across these operations, 106 of which were found to be fully aligned with the original recommendations.

A second series, published on **21 July 2026**, covered **Socapalm Dibombari**, **Socapalm Edéa** and **Safacam** in Cameroon. All 75 measures assessed across these 3 operations were found to be fully aligned.

With this third publication series, **10 Proforest verification reports are now publicly available**, covering **287 measures in total**. Of these, **284 have been found to be fully aligned with EFs recommendations**, 3 partially aligned and none not aligned.

From 2023 to the end of 2025, Socfin mandated EF to conduct independent investigations, including field missions, into allegations raised in relation to several of its operations. Following the publication of EF's findings and recommendations, [Socfin developed site-specific action plans and regularly reported on their implementation](#).

In January 2026, Socfin appointed Proforest to independently verify, through field visits, document reviews and stakeholder consultations, the implementation of the measures set out in these action plans and their alignment with the original recommendations.

The publication of the verification reports forms part of Socfin's approach to **independent scrutiny, transparency and continuous improvement**.

The 4 new reports are available on the Socfin website:

- [Socapalm Mbambou – Proforest verification, April 2026](#)
- [Socapalm Mbongo – Proforest verification, April 2026](#)
- [SOGB – Proforest verification, May 2026](#)
- [Socfin Cambodia – Proforest verification, June 2026](#)

The 6 previously published reports cover:

- [Okomu – Proforest verification, February 2026](#)
- [SAC – Proforest verification, March 2026](#)
- [LAC – Proforest verification, March 2026](#)
- [Socapalm Dibombari – Proforest verification, April 2026](#)
- [Socapalm Edéa – Proforest verification, April 2026](#)
- [Safacam – Proforest verification, April 2026](#)

About Socfin

Founded in 1905, Socfin is an **international agro-industrial group active in tropical agriculture**, whose activities focus primarily on the production of natural rubber and palm oil. Operating in 10 countries across Africa and Asia, the Group draws on long-term experience in agricultural development. Its approach is based on the gradual strengthening of environmental and social practices, constructive stakeholder engagement and a continuous-improvement process, in line with internationally recognised standards.

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