

Socfin publishes independent Proforest verification reports on action-plan implementation at Okomu, SAC and LAC.

The assessments confirm that 106 of the 107 measures reviewed are fully aligned with the recommendations arising from the previous independent investigations.

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Socfin has published 3 independent verification reports prepared by Proforest following assessments conducted at the Liberian Agricultural Company (LAC) in Liberia, Socfin Agricultural Company (SAC) in Sierra Leone and Okomu Oil Palm Company in Nigeria.

The assessments form part of Socfin's continuing process of independent review, transparent reporting and improvement across its operations. They examine the measures introduced in response to recommendations made following investigations conducted by Earthworm Foundation between 2023 and 2025.

After those investigations, Socfin developed [site-specific action plans](#) addressing the issues identified and regularly published updates on their implementation.

In January 2026, Socfin appointed Proforest to independently assess whether the measures reported by the companies had been implemented and whether they were aligned with the original recommendations.

Proforest's assessments combined document reviews with field observations and interviews involving company representatives, employees, contractors, community members, public authorities, civil-society organizations and other relevant stakeholders.

Strong overall alignment confirmed

Across the three operations, Proforest reviewed a total of 107 measures:

- At **SAC**, all 48 measures were found to be fully aligned with the recommendations. 29 were classified as implemented and 19 as subject to continuous implementation.
- At **Okomu**, all 23 measures were found to be fully aligned. 12 were classified as implemented, 11 as subject to continuous implementation, while 1 measure had not yet started because the relevant impact assessment is scheduled for 2029.
- At **LAC**, 35 of the 36 measures reviewed, i.e. 97%, were found to be fully aligned, with 1 measure classified as partially aligned. 15 measures were classified as implemented and 25 as subject to continuous implementation. 1 measure was divided into separate components carrying different implementation statuses.

The findings reflect progress in areas including stakeholder and community engagement, grievance management, land-related dialogue, working conditions, gender-based violence and harassment prevention, environmental management, community development and relations with public authorities.

“The publication of these reports is an important step in our approach to accountability. Independent verification allows us not only to confirm the progress achieved, but also to identify where systems and practices must continue to be strengthened. Several of the measures assessed are, by their nature, ongoing commitments rather than one-off actions. We will therefore continue to monitor their implementation and engage with the stakeholders concerned,” said Céline Schmitz, Head of Sustainability at Socfin.

From investigation to independent verification

From 2023 to the end of 2025, Socfin mandated Earthworm Foundation to investigate allegations raised in relation to several of its operations. The resulting reports distinguished between founded, partially founded, unfounded and undetermined allegations, as well as matters for which the companies were not responsible.

Socfin subsequently translated the recommendations into publicly available action plans, updated them regularly and introduced measures adapted to the circumstances of each operation. The Proforest reviews provide an additional, independent assessment of the alignment and implementation of those measures.

The reports also make clear that “continuous implementation” does not mean that a measure has been left incomplete. It applies to measures that require sustained implementation over time, such as stakeholder engagement, grievance management, monitoring, training and community dialogue.

The publication of the three assessments reflects Socfin’s commitment to making both the progress achieved and the areas requiring continued attention publicly accessible.

The full Proforest verification reports are available on the Socfin website:

- Okomu – [Proforest verification, February 2026](#)
- SAC – [Proforest verification, March 2026](#)
- LAC – [Proforest verification, March 2026](#)

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