

DEAL #3156

Location



Location #1

Spatial accuracy level
Location

Administrative region
Kachung, Uganda

Target country
Comment on location

Uganda
Kachung Central Forest Reserves

General info



Land area

Intended size (in ha)
Size under contract (leased or purchased area,
in ha)
Size in operation (production, in ha)

3199
[2007] 2669
[2011] 3199
[2008] 596
[2013] 2016

Comment on land area

2,050 ha are plantable with 546 ha set aside for conservation and 73 ha for infrastructure. Another report states 2099ha plantable. Oakland Institute report states that total hectares investor has in Uganda is 11864ha between #3020 and #3156. Further expansion of 530ha in 2011.

Intention of investment

Intention of the investment
Comment on intention of investment

Timber plantation (for wood and fibre), For carbon sequestration/REDD
CDM- project (Clean Development Mechanism).
Wood also sold as timber and charcoal.

Nature of the deal

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Lease

Negotiation status

Negotiation status
Comment on negotiation status

[2007] Concluded (Contract signed)
The 660 ha Kachung Forest is managed by the Norwegian Afforestation Group (U), which was acquired in 2007 by Green Resources. One report states that the company acquired the land in 1999, while another states that the company acquired rights to plant in 1996.

Implementation status

Implementation status
Comment on implementation status

In operation (production)
It is not clear when the project originally

became operational.

Contract farming

Contract farming No

Contracts

Contract #1

Duration of the agreement (in years) 50

Employment

Number of jobs for foreigners created

Jobs created (foreign) Yes

Number of domestic jobs created

Jobs created (domestic) Yes
Current number of jobs (domestic) [2012] 264
Comment on jobs created (domestic) A minority of those employed by the company are skilled workers earning incomes of \$41.70-\$46.90 per month. The majority are unskilled laborers earning around \$26.70 per month. Employees state that salary payments are late and they are forced to buy safety equipment for themselves.

Investor info

Operating company

Operating company Norwegian Afforestation Group Uganda (#37529)
Name of investment project Katchung Forest
Comment on investment chain Managed by the Norwegian Afforestation Group (U), which was acquired in 2007 by Green Resources. Also known as Lango Forestry Company. The project is financed by private and public investment funds along with international donors, including Sweden, NORFUND, the Norwegian investment fund for developing countries, its Finnish equivalent FINNFUND, and the World Bank's International Finance Corporation. carbon credit buyer - the state owned Swedish Energy Agency - withdrew its funding in 2015, decision will be made in 2018 whether the company will continue to fund the operations.

Network of parent companies and tertiary investors/lenders. Please right-click the nodes to get more details.


Legend

- ← Is parent company of
- ← Is tertiary investor/lender of
- Left-click to reveal related parent companies and tertiary investors/lenders.
- Right-click on investors to get more information.
- Left-click to hide related parent companies and tertiary investors/lenders.

Data sources


Data source #1

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File
Date
Comment on data source

Company sources
<http://www.greenresources.no/Plantations/Uganda/Kachung.aspx>

2014-01-07
company website

Data source #2


Data source type
URL
File
Comment on data source

Research Paper / Policy Report
http://www.oaklandinstitute.org/sites/oaklandinstitute.org/files/Report_Dark

The Oakland Institute- The Darker Side of Green: Plantation Forestry and Carbon Violence in Uganda, November 2014

Data source #3

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Date
Comment on data source

Company sources
<http://www.greenresources.no/News/tabid/93/articleType/ArticleView/articleGreen-GR-CEO-responds-to-report-The-Darker-Side-of-Green-12112104.aspx>

2014-11-12
Company website- News: Dark Green? GR CEO responds to report "The Darker Side of Green"

Data source #4

Data source type
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Date
Includes in-country-verified information
Comment on data source

Media report
<http://www.svd.se/sverige-finansierar-forodelse-och-miljoforstorelse/om/sverige>

2015-11-03
Yes
<http://www.svd.se/sverige-finansierar-forodelse-och-miljoforstorelse/om/sverige>

Data source #5

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File
Comment on data source

Media report
<http://hosted.verticalresponse.com/1782001/df3e10059e/548408035/a53b3>

Oakland Institute- Sweden Freezes Payments in Global Carbon Trade Deal After Exposé Reveals Green Resources Cheated Local Communities

Data source #6

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Date
Comment on data source

Crowdsourcing
2015-11-04
MSc student writing about land grabbing.
Added #4810 (duplicate, transferred all data over to this case)

Data source #7

Data source type
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Comment on data source


Research Paper / Policy Report
https://www.oaklandinstitute.org/sites/oaklandinstitute.org/files/uganda_car

CARBON COLONIALISM FAILURE OF GREEN RESOURCES' CARBON OFFSET PROJECT IN UGANDA

Data source #8

Data source type
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File
Comment on data source

Research Paper / Policy Report
<https://www.energimyndigheten.se/globalassets/klimat-miljo/cdmji/kachung/bfc-kachung-community-development-plan-audit---final-report-march-2017.pdf>

BUSOGA FORESTRY COMPANY LIMITED (BFC), KACHUNG FORESTRY PLANTATION: LIRA

Local communities / indigenous peoples


Consultation of local community

Community consultation
 Comment on consultation of local community

Not consulted
 Community members are not sure what is community land and what is company land. Members state they attend meetings when called upon but are not listened to.

How did the community react?

Community reaction
 Comment on community reaction

Rejection
 One report states that many of those evicted, as well as those seeking to use land now licensed to Green Resources, report being subjected to physical violence at the hands of the police. Another report confirms that villagers have been jailed and beaten.

Displacement of people

Displacement of people
 Comment on displacement of people

Yes
 One report states that 8,000 villagers face profound disruptions to their livelihoods, including many experiencing forced evictions between #3020 and #3156. Another report states that thousands of people in 14 villages lost their land when the pines were planted (around 3000). The CEO of Green Resources responded stating that: No person has been evicted, by force or any other means. Communities also suffer from the corporate pollution of land and waterways by agrochemicals used in forestry plantations, resulting in crop losses and livestock deaths. There are four villages that remain located within the license area, and at least 12 adjacent to the land licensed to the company. Cows are confiscated if they graze on community land.

Negative impacts for local communities

Negative impacts for local communities

Displacement

Promised benefits for local communities

Promised benefits for local communities

Health
 Productive infrastructure (e.g. irrigation, tractors, machinery...)
 Capacity Building
 The investor is put under pressure to provide benefits for local communities " take adequate measures which lead to livelihood improvements for residents" (Nov 2015).

Materialized benefits for local communities

Comment on materialized benefits for local communities

Green Resources engages in some community development activities, however these are largely disconnected from local villagers' needs and aspirations. Other sources state that no benefits have been documented.

Former use **Former land owner (not by constitution)**

Former land owner

State

Former land use

Former land use
Comment on former land use

Forestry
Villagers had access to grow food, graze animals, and engage in cultural practices.

Former land cover

Former land cover
Comment on former land cover

Forest land
Shrub land/Grassland (Rangeland)
Some of the land was part of the Kachung Central Forest Reserve, other land was grassland.

Produce info

Detailed crop, animal and mineral information

Crops area Eucalyptus, Pine

Use of produce

Has domestic use Yes
Has export Yes

In country processing of produce

In country processing of produce Yes
Comment on in country processing of produce Timber and charcoal

Overall Comment

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The Swedish Energy Agency—Green Resources' sole carbon credit purchaser—announced on November 3, 2015 it has frozen payments to Green Resources after the Swedish Minister for Climate and the Environment spoke out strongly against the company's conduct. The Swedish Energy Agency says they have paid out SEK 1.2 million (\$137,000) to the project. The remaining payments of up to about SEK 35 million (\$4 million) will be frozen until a number of significant changes are made to the project in order to address the concerns raised by local communities. Decision to be made in 2018. In 2017 Green Resources commissioned an audit of company activities (in data sources- BUSOGA FORESTRY COMPANY LIMITED (BFC), KACHUNG FORESTRY PLANTATION: LIRA REGION, UGANDA). Oakland Institute also undertook an audit of company activities (in data sources - "CARBON COLONIALISM FAILURE OF GREEN RESOURCES' CARBON OFFSET PROJECT IN UGANDA").

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