



## Log registers

Although log registers are compulsory for chain of custody and forest certification, and in variable ways for legality issues, these data could be further used for planning in the saw mill and for sales. Putting some extra investments in the accurate log registration (in the forest, at log landing, at saw mill), including digital solutions to provide as much as possible real and up to date figures, will enable the forestry enterprise to base its saw mill planning and sales on real figures and to plan further ahead. This will avoid any surprises at the saw mill and/or sales department. Very accurate registration and handling / processing of data will furthermore lead to less mistakes and provide efficiency information.

## Improved log registration resulted in less frustration

A company in South-East Asia is harvesting and processing a long list of species. Because of forest certification, they had to improve their log registration and therefore added two persons on the log landing for tagging, receiving and administration. The direct additional cost for the company is approximately US\$ 7000 per year.

In the past the sawmill could hardly plan ahead because of unreliable data on material in stock. This often caused frustrations at sales department as orders could not be met due to inaccurate log registers. With the addition of these two persons for log registration, the log register has become more reliable for the sawmill and the sales department. There are now far less issues with stocking quantities and delays in deliveries to clients.

Keeping the stock administration very accurate is great challenge for an African based company, often some trees or loading are overseen or wrong numbers are noted. An accurate and up-to-date overview is however extremely important for planning and sales. Therefore this company applies once in a few months a complete stocking survey to correct the administration for real stocks. Personnel that is responsible for registration and/or administration are sensitized on the outcome of the survey, and if needed, procedures are changed.

