THE OPEN TIMBER PORTAL

Incentivizing **legal timber** by improving access to information

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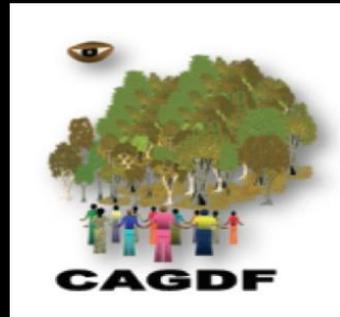
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OBJECTIVE

The Open Timber Portal (OTP) is an independent platform that promotes trade in legally harvested forest products by compiling information about forest sector compliance from government, private sector and third party actors in producer countries

THE NEED FOR THE OPEN TIMBER PORTAL

- Geospatial vs. contextual
- Company-level information
- 100% of registered operators
- Bringing more documents into the public sphere

GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE

CAMEROON

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

GABON

REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Implementing in 2017

Implementing in 2018

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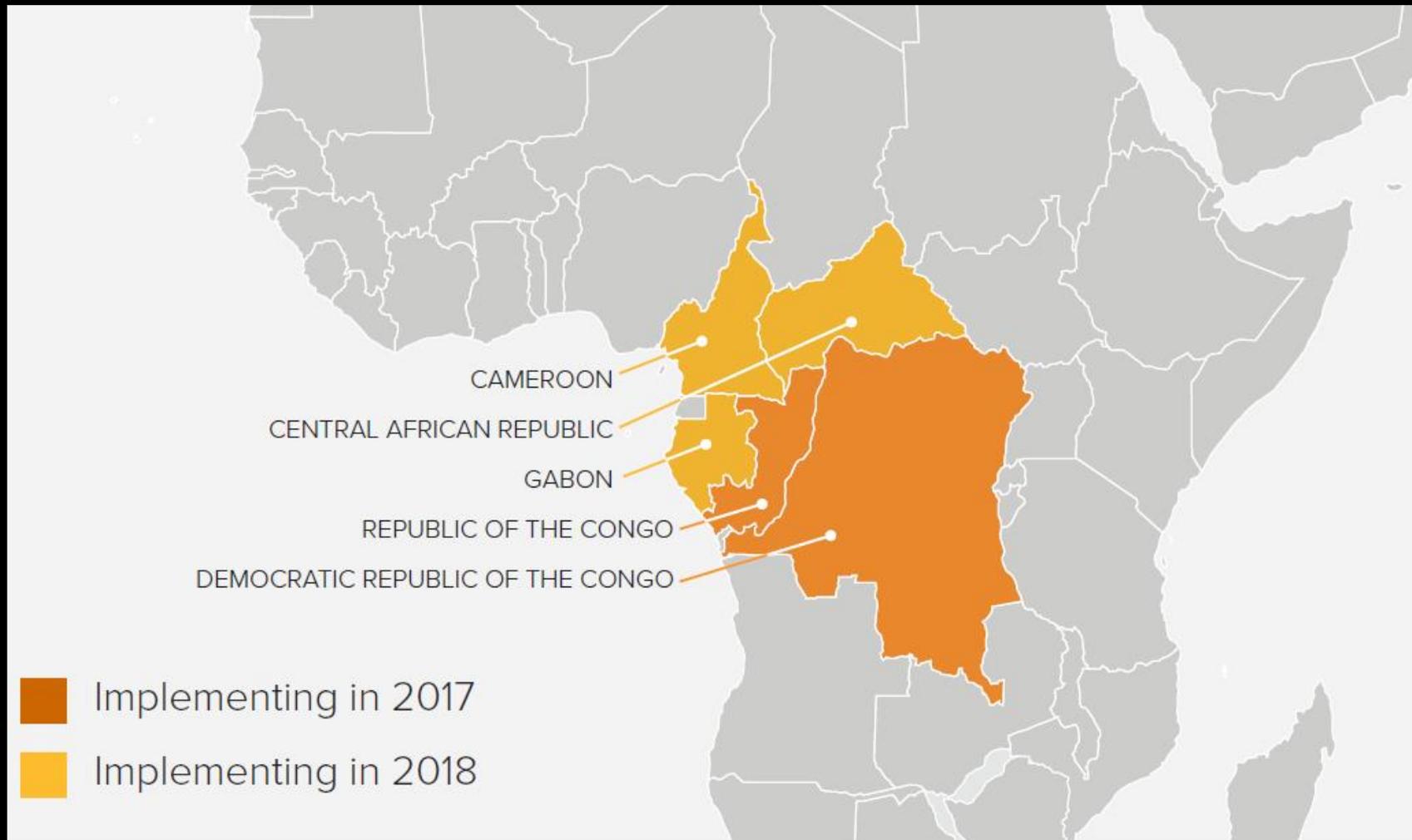
OTP SOURCES OF INFORMATION

GLOBAL FOREST WATCH

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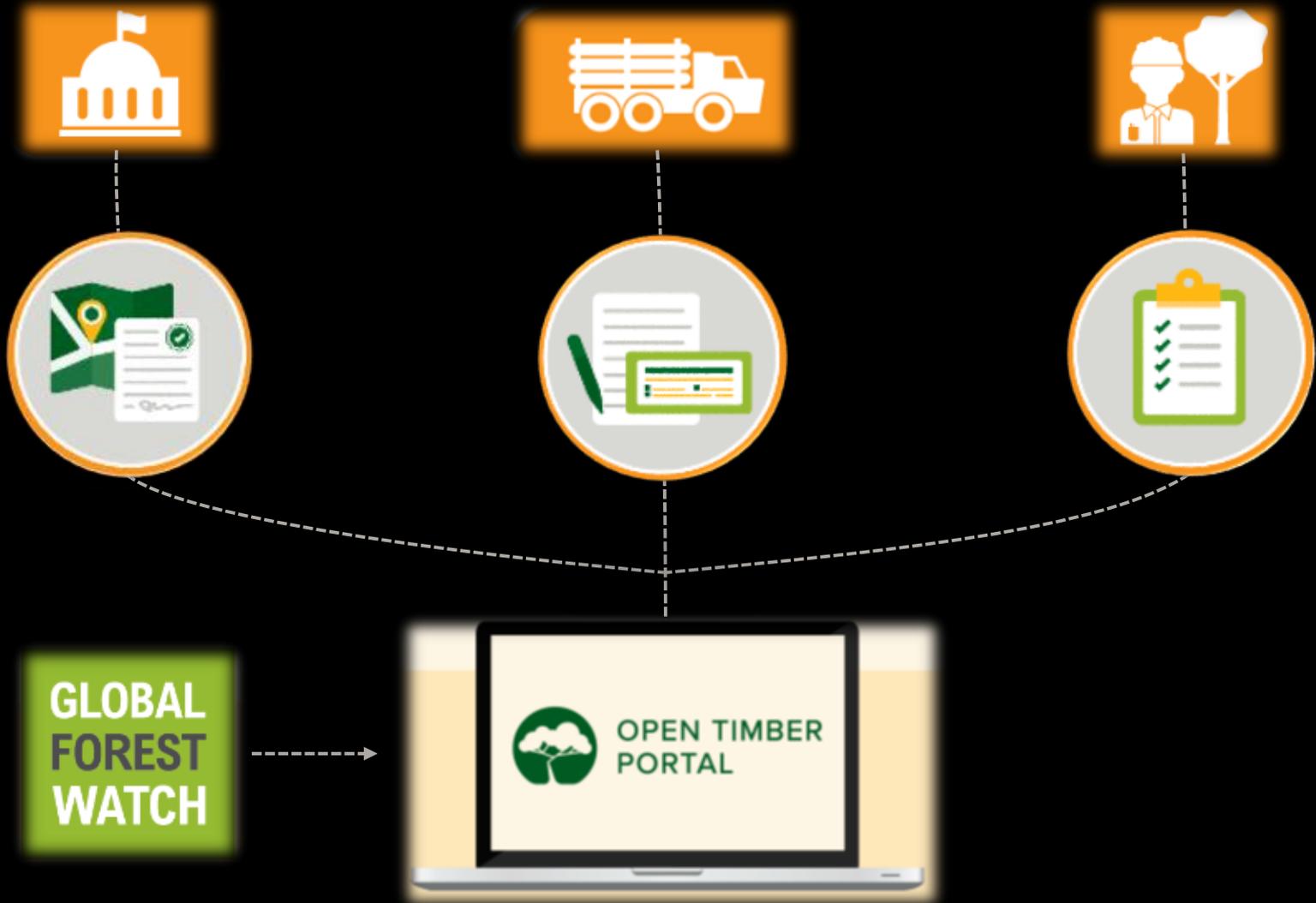
DISCLAIMER

This site is a beta version built to gather feedback from stakeholders. As such it may contain bugs. In addition, we cannot guarantee that data is complete or up-to-date. We will work to complete the data available in the coming months.

Companies have not been given the opportunity to update their documents yet. As a result, the current ranking doesn't reflect the actual level of transparency of the companies. No conclusion on company transparency can be drawn using the figures displayed at this point.

SNEAK PREVIEW

3. OBSERVATIONS: COMPILED

Country	# Obs. Companies	# Obs. Governance	Total Obs.
Congo	395	295	690
DRC	102	65	167
Cameroon	147	13	160
Indonesia	67	9	76
Ivory Coast	18	7	25
Gabon	17	2	19
CAR	16	2	18
Brazil	15	1	16
Cambodia	8	8	16
Madagascar	3	4	7
Liberia	5	0	5
Laos	0	1	1
Malaysia	1	0	1
Grand Total	**794**	**407**	**1201**

KEY AUDIENCES

- **Timber companies** concerned about reputation and market access

- **Government agencies** in producer countries

- **Timber buyers** across the supply chain

- **Enforcement agencies** in importing countries

- **Third-party forest monitors** in producer countries

- **Civil society organizations and NGOs**

- **Donors** supporting forest legality

TIMELINE

- Previous alpha version from 2010 (alpha.foresttranparencyinitiative.org)
- New website currently under development:

Alpha site → Online from 2010-2016

Beta site → Oct. 2017

Live site → Dec. 2017

Scaling up → 2018 onwards

CONSULTATION PHASE

Limited data → **Test with pilot IM & company data** → **Full outreach campaign**
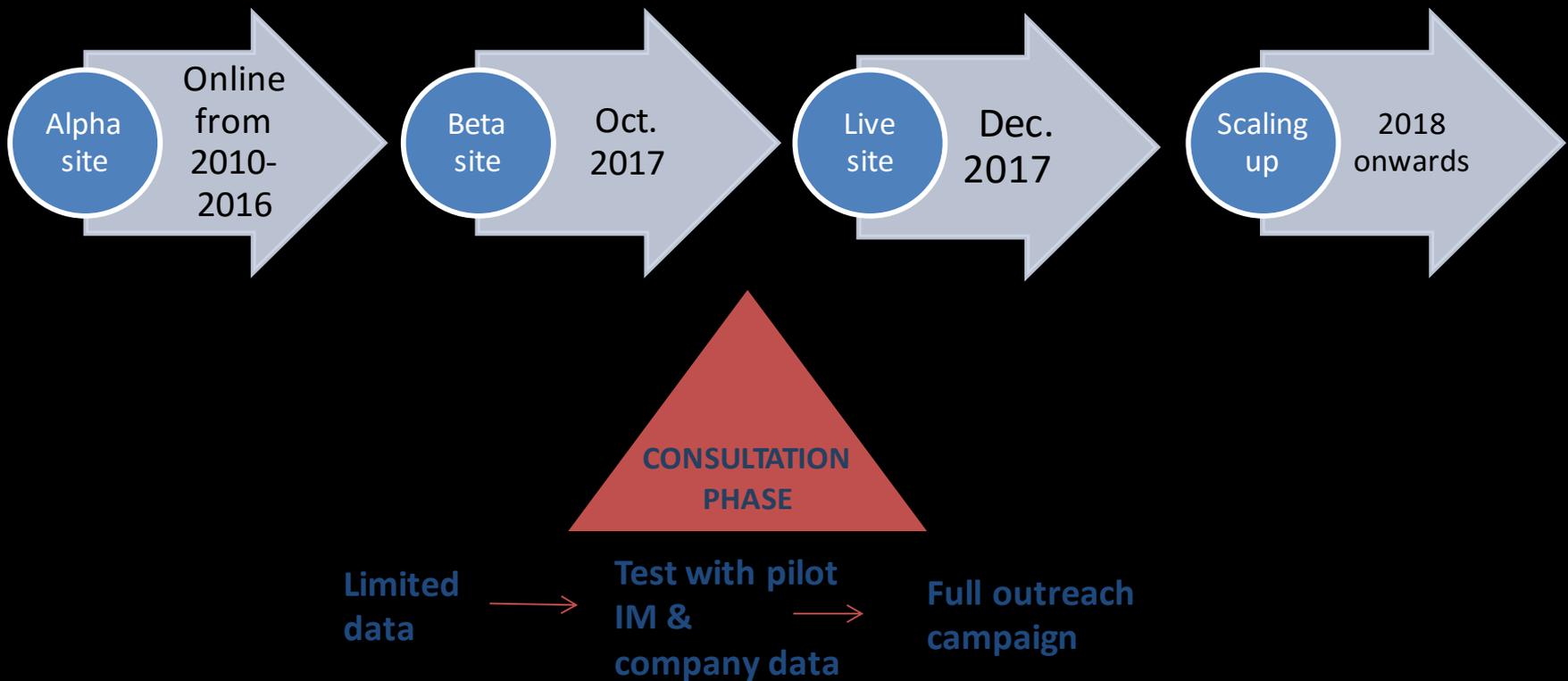
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Thank you!

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