



## The palm oil company at the centre of a bitter land rights struggle in Cameroon

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**Local residents complain expansion plans by Socapalm, Cameroon's biggest palm oil company, will take over land that belongs to them**

[...]We are not far from Mbonjo II, one of the villages inside the Dibombari region, in west Cameroon that is also a concession area of the private oil palm company Socapalm. Currently the country's biggest producer, Socapalm is trying to further expand production and help Cameroon become a net exporter of palm oil.

Life in and around a palm oil plantation in Cameroon – in pictures

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However, the plans have struggled to overcome objections from the local population in Cameroon, including Elong, who are opposed to the development of land they consider to belong to them. Unless companies such as Socapalm can resolve these issues, expectations of a boom in palm oil production in the country are likely to be misplaced.

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