

GSEZ Nkok — Gabon's First Special Economic Zone and Post-Oil Diversification Engine

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Quality score: 71/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Gabon's first special economic zone at Nkok has grown to 144 companies from 16 countries since 2010, anchoring a shift from oil dependence toward value-added timber processing — though a 2023 probe into its wood-traceability system exposed real governance gaps.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	3/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-28

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[Oxford Business Group — Gabon's first special economic zone is scaling up](#) — accessed 2026-08-28

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