



Survey of REDD projects in Central Africa Etude des projets REDD en Afrique Centrale

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1) General description / Description générale

Project name / Nom du projet:

“Enhancing Institutional Capacities on REDD issues for Sustainable Forest Management in the Congo Basin”

The project, currently under preparation will be articulated around three technical components (and one component on Project management and M&E) :

C1: Strengthening knowledge on REDD at local, national and regional levels

C2: Building Technical Capacities for measurement and monitoring of carbon stocks in the Congo Basin Forests

C3: Mainstreaming REDD concept in SFM projects

Domain of activity / Domaine d'activité

(n answers possible, if possible sorted by priority 1= highest priority
plusieurs réponses possibles, si possible par priorité 1= plus haute priorité)

The project is still at a very preliminary stage of preparation but it is expected to cover numerous domain activities and it is not easy to prioritize them. The following has been completed by indicating the component that will cover the different domain of activity, when the project is under implementation.

As part of the preparatory works, a modeling exercise is currently on-going to better define the potential future trends of deforestation: this exercise is conducted by the Austria-based research institute IIASA.

Monitoring of forest cover (deforestation and degradation) Suivi du couvert forestier (déforestation et dégradation)	C2
Assessment of carbon stocks Mesures des stocks de carbone	C2
Forest dynamics Dynamique forestière	C2
Modelling of forest dynamics (including reference scenario) Modélisation des dynamiques forestières (dont scénario de référence)	
Political and institutional context Contexte Institutionnel et Politique	C1
Capacity-building and technology transfer Renforcement des capacités nationales et transfert de technologie.	C1
Promotion of participation of local communities Promotion de la participation des communautés locales	C1

General objective / Objectif général

The Project Development Objective of the proposed project is to strengthen the capacities of the Congo Basin countries on REDD issues, and help prepare themselves to take advantage of a future, large-scale, system of positive carbon-based incentives for sustainable forest management.

Specific objectives / Objectifs spécifiques

Key Outcomes Indicators would include:

- REDD is mainstreamed in sectoral programs and strategies at the national level.
- Benefit sharing mechanisms are defined to manage carbon financing processes and to ensure an equitable share of REDD benefits to local forest communities.
- Forest Carbon stocks are measured, regularly monitored and fully integrated in national GHG inventories.
- Guidance has been elaborated to mainstream REDD concept within SFM projects in the Congo Basin.

Region of interest / Région d'intérêt

Countries which will be benefitting from the project: Cameroon, CAR, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Republic of Congo.

Budget

(order of magnitude if confidential / ordre de grandeur si confidentiel)

Those tables are part of the PIF (Project Information Form) that was submitted to the GEF Board on November 2008 and approved. The PIF is a public document.

	Project Preparation	Project	Agency Fee (10%)	Total
GEF Grant	500,000	13,000,000	1,500,000	15,000,000
Co-financing		13,180,000		13,580,000
Total				

Details on co-financing:

Co-financing Source	Name	Cash	In-kind	Total
Project Government Contribution	Six Congo Basin countries		1,500,000	1,500,000
Bilateral Aid Agency(ies)	AFD	1,900,000		1,900,000
Multilateral Agency(ies)	EU, WB-FCPF (tent.) UN-REDD	2,670,000 2,000,000 tbd		2,670,000 2,000,000
NGOs	WWF, WCS CI		800,000 750,000 800,000	800,000 750,000 800,000
Others	Research programs (consortium led by CIRAD) CASCADe CEEAC-Winrock		2,100,000 300,000 360,000	2,100,000 300,000 360,000
Total co-financing*		6,570,000	6,610,000	13,180,000

Details on Component (tentative)

Component 1: Strengthening knowledge on REDD at local, national and regional levels
(GEF financing US\$ 0.7 million, Total US\$ 3.58 million; Co-financing: FCPF, France, International NGOs, Governments)

Component 2: Building Technical Capacities for measurement and monitoring of carbon stocks in the Congo Basin Forests
(GEF financing US\$ 4.20 million, Total US\$ 9.81 million; Co-financing: FCPF, France, CIRAD & consortium, International NGOs, CEEAC, Governments)

Component 3: Mainstreaming REDD concept in SFM projects
(GEF financing US\$ 6.90 million, Total US\$ 10.24 million; Co-financing: France, UNEP, International NGOs, Governments)

Component 4: Project Coordination, Monitoring and Evaluation.
(GEF financing US\$ 1.2 million, Total US\$ 2.25 million; Co-financing: France, International NGOs, Governments)

2) Partners / Partenaires

(Institution, contact person, email)

Project leader / Leader du projet

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Technical and scientific partners / Partenaires techniques et scientifiques

These partnerships still have to be built as part of the preparation phase of this project but there are expected to be with the following organization

Technical & Scientific partners: Research institutes: CIRAD, OFAC, Winrock, WHRC, CIFOR & International NGOs (WWF, WCS, CI, IUCN, ...), ...

Institutional partners (COMIFAC countries) / Partenaires institutionnels (Pays COMIFAC)

COMIFAC Executive Secretariat and related regional organization (OFAC, CEFDHAC)

Ministries in charge of Forest and Environment in the six beneficiary countries (Cameroon, CAR, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Republic of Cong).

Financial partners / Partenaires financiers

FCPF – World Bank

AFD – international NGOs (WWF, WCS and CI)

Governments

Others to be determined, as part of the preparation phase

3) Earth Observation component / Composante d'Observation de la terre – N/A

This part aims at identifying the characteristics of the Earth observation component if there is one. Leave it blank if it not the case.

Cette partie veut identifier les caractéristiques de la composante d'observation de la terre, s'il y en a une. Ne remplissez pas cette partie si ce n'est pas le cas.

Data used / données utilisées

Dataset Données	Sensor / capteur Radar/optical/lidar...	Resolution	Coverage Couverture	Time & frequency Date et fréquence	Quality / qualité (good-medium- bad)	Accessibility (free access- with conditions – restricted)

Methods / Méthodes

(short description on sampling, classification methods... / description de l'échantillonnage, des méthodes de classification...)

Expected results / résultats attendus

(short description of products, parameters measured, frequency, expected accuracy..
Courte description des produits, paramètres mesurés, fréquence, précision attendue...))

Validation

(short description of validation protocols, reference data... / courte description des protocoles de validation et des données de référence)

4) Ground component / Composante sol

Parameters collected / paramètres collectés

(list of parameters with short description of collection method / liste des paramètres collectés avec une courte description des méthodes de collecte)

As part of the Component 2, the proposed project is expected to support the generation of allometric equations, based on field data collection and modelling exercise. It will carry out the development of a reliable methodology to measure and monitor carbon stocks in the Congo Basin forests, based on a combination of field surveys and monitoring through satellites images. Subsequently, a comprehensive vegetation/carbon stock map of the Congo Basin area will be produced.

Since technical and scientific capacity is very limited at the national level for the majority of countries participating in this project, the GEF project aims to provide technical assistance to national forest management and research institutions. Technical expertise needs to be built at the national level not only to ensure ownership, but also to develop adequate capacity in the national institutions to participate to the design and the application of tools and methodologies for monitoring forest carbon stocks.

Sampling strategy / Stratégie d'échantillonnage

To be determined during the preparation phase.

Statistical analysis / Analyse statistique

To be determined during the preparation phase.

5) Integration Earth Observation - ground / Intégration Télédétection-sol

Integration methods / Méthodes d'intégration

(assimilation models, statistical models...)

To be determined during the preparation phase.

Final products / Produits finaux

(estimation de biomasse, de flux de carbone, de flux financiers...)

Main outcomes expected from the Component 2 are (tentatively – need to be confirmed during the preparation phase):

- A reliable methodology to measure and monitor C stocks in Congo Basin forests is adopted, in compliance with the IPCC guidelines and is compatible the GEF standardized methodology.
- Forest Carbon stock baselines are established in all the Congo Basin countries according to the new methodology.
- Forest GHG fluxes are monitored and fully integrated in national GHG inventories.
- Scientific Partnership is reinforced at regional level.

Validation

(short description of validation protocols, reference data...)

6) Political component / Composante politique

Beneficiaries / Bénéficiaires

(REDD focal points, forest services, monitoring services, local communities... / points focaux REDD, services forestiers, services de suivi, communautés locales...)

The Component 1 of the proposed project aims at sensitizing/building capacities of all stakeholders on REDD issues. This Component will support the national dialogue on REDD issues and the necessary cross-sectoral coordination, as well as an active participation of the local populations (with a specific attention given to vulnerable stakeholders, incl. indigenous peoples) through extensive consultations at the local level. The GEF contribution will help countries in designing transparent mechanisms to manage carbon-related financing and ensure that REDD schemes support pro-poor and environmentally-sound policies. This Component will support the set up of a regional platform to create synergies and knowledge sharing through active exchanges of technical information and to reinforce the Congo Basin countries capacities to negotiate on REDD issues in the international fora.

Theme / thème

(Negotiation, reporting, monitoring, retrocession of payment... / négociation, reporting, suivi, distribution des bénéfices)

Type of action

(training, awareness-raising, field project, demonstration project, political study... / formation, sensibilisation, projet de terrain, projet de démonstration, étude politique)

Component 1 is likely to

- raise awareness on REDD issues at all different levels (local, national and regional)
- support strategic analytical works on drivers of deforestation and on potential impacts of sectoral policies on forest cover (cf. agricultural subsidies, fiscal policies, infrastructure investments...).

7) Capacity Building activities

Trainings delivered

(theme, beneficiaries, location, date, duration, frequency / thèmes, bénéficiaires, lieu, date, durée, fréquence)

To be defined during the preparation phase.

Component 1 will support the organization of many workshops to make the REDD better known and understood by all types of stakeholders. Moreover, it will support the regional platform (continuation of the Climate change/ REDD platform).

Component 2 will support training by doing.

Component 3 will support the operationalisation of the REDD concept at the ground level . It will develop methodologies and technical guidelines to mainstream REDD concept in future SFM programs and projects in the Congo Basin: those methodologies and guidelines will be developed in close coordination with all stakeholders involved in the Congo Basin and then widely disseminated, thereby contributing to strengthen partnerships on REDD and its operationalisation on the ground.

Workshop organized

(theme, beneficiaries, location, date, duration, frequency / thèmes, bénéficiaires, lieu, date, durée, fréquence)

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Potential support in training/capacity building activities organized by others

8) Publications

List of publications or reports available in or relevant for the project – please send a digital copy of the public documents for publication on the OFAC web site

Liste des publications ou rapports disponibles dans le projet – envoyez une copie digitale des documents publics pour mise à disposition sur le site de OFAC)

I am attaching the Project Concept Note for this project that briefly describes the proposed activities. The preparation of the project has just started (preparation grant just approved).

9) Free comments / Commentaires libres

(including what you expect from this survey / incluant ce que vous attendez de cette enquête)

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The WB team seeks a close collaboration with COMIFAC and specifically with OFAC to better define the scope of the Component2.

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