

Promoting forest certification in the Congo Basin

German Development Cooperation support to COMIFAC through KfW

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75 millions €

Protected areas (4 CMR, 1 CAR, 1 COG, 6 DRC)

35 millions €

Support to the National Forest and Environmental programme in Cameroon

12 millions €

Sustainable forest exploitation via certification

Regional Programme with COMIFAC with the objective: Increase of certified forest exploitation in the Congo Basin



Result 1

Conceptual and institutional conditions for certification are created

Result 2

The quality of commercial forest exploitation has improved

Result 3

The communication about commercial forest exploitation in the Congo Basin has improved

Objective: Increase of certified forest exploitation in the Congo Basin

Indicator 1

Certification of 10 million ha. of forest until end of 2014 according to FSC or comparable standard

Indicator 2

90 % of certified enterprises are able to maintain their certification

Indicator 3

Local communities and forest enterprises consider the specific interests of autochthonous population

Indicator 4

Improvement of socio-economic living conditions and income of the local population

Conceptual and institutional conditions



- High value conservation Forests
- Regional Standards
- Support of governmental institutions
- Sensibilisation and training
- Support to FSC activities

Quality of exploitation



beyond legal obligation

- Organisation of local population
- Local development plans
- Income generation activities (agriculture, NWFP)
- Socio-economic infrastructure
- Training low impact logging
- Fauna management
- HIV/AIDS

Communication



- Comparative Research of different forms of forest management
- Publications and other information material
- Support for local radios

- Management Unit with Consultant
- Management Unit is not implementing, but (after elaborating selection criteria and operating procedures)
 - Analysing financing proposals
 - Conclusion of contracts
 - Financing, monitoring and evaluating the implementation
- Piloting of project by a committee
- Demand orientation, therefore open programme depending on the financing proposals
- Cooperation with NGO, government and private sector
- Coordination with other main actors in certification (Ecoforaf, IDH, AFD)
- Installation of an „Ombudsman“ to independently investigate complaints
- Tender for consultant ongoing, project will start first semester 2012

Industrial Forest exploitation, the problem or part of the solution? (1)

- Performance of industrial forest exploitation has to be improved! (flora and fauna biodiversity and benefit sharing)
- Sticking to all rules remains a challenge in an environment with lack of governance
- Industrial Forest exploitation is not the main driver of deforestation and degradation (but improved access increases threats)
- Protection does not mean less poaching
- Artisanal logging and charcoal → degradation
- Mining, Plantations and agriculture → deforestation

Industrial Forest exploitation, the problem or part of the solution? (2)

Where are realistic alternatives?

- Forest land will be valorised
- Community Forestry in the Congo Basin?
- Realistic business case for REDD?
- Conservation Concessions?
- Protected areas?
- Uncertified and illegal logging, mining, plantations!

Thank you for your attention!

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