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We are very much interested for establishing the partnership with China –Africa Initiative in the Congo basin. IUCN China had been working with Chinese companies and State Forestry Administration on timber trade and forest management in the past years. It will be good if we could work together to further explore the collaboration opportunities.

We are interested in the following three areas for the future collaboration:

1.   Based on the success examples/experiences, to test and facilitate the implementation of the Chinese Guidelines on forest management and timber legality verification in Congo basin in cooperation with Chinese companies and local stakeholders. To provide training on SFM, legality verification for both Chinese companies and local stakeholders and develop technical guidelines according to local conditions to promote legal comply and SFM. Also we could provide training on CSR for both Chinese and local companies to meet the requirements of the international timber market.

2.   In collaboration with research institutions in the Congo basin to analyse related law and regulations on forest management and timber trade in the Congo basin, to develop policy recommendations to Congo basin countries to comply with international market requirements on timber legality (Chinese Guidelines, Lacey Act and FLEGT etc.).

3.   To establish information sharing platform/mechanism between China and Africa (Congo basin). To establish a platform/mechanism to share "Best Practices" of SFM, forest landscape restoration, supply chain management and share information on forest management/protection, timber harvesting, transportation, manufacture, trade and customs control etc..