



Observatoire des Forêts d'Afrique Centrale



- Follow-up of the State of the Forests
 - 150 co-authors from 50 institutions
 - Perennial structure for SOF 2008, 2010...
- OFAC started in 2007 with the support of EU-funded FORAF project
- Information needs are driven by policies
 - Climate (REDD, MDP), biodiversity (Target 2010), forest management (FLEGT), biofuels
- Axis 2 of the "Plan de convergence"
- OFAC concept promoted by EU

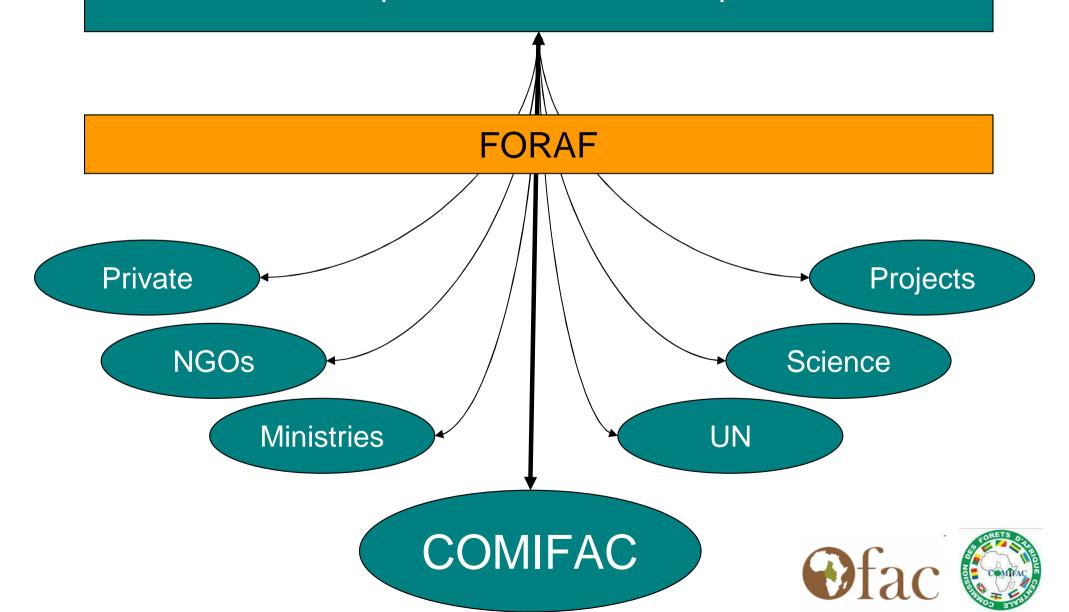






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FORAF project

OFAC, COP-15 side-event, Copenhagen, 7th December 2009

- European contribution to the installation and the facilitation of OFAC
- Managed by the Joint Research Centre and the EC delegation in Kinshasa
- Achieved by a consortium of scientific institutions







EUROPEAN COMMISSION

 Regional centre in Kinshasa (7 scientific staff) with contact points in the different Congo Basin countries





Partners of the Observatory

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Institutional partners

 COMIFAC & Ministries in charge of Forests, RAPAC, IFFIA, ERAIFT



Funding partners

- European Commission
- USAid
- Germany
- France
- United Kingdom







Technical Partners of the Observatory

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Forest Cover and Carbon

JRC, UCL, Un. Of Maryland, South Dakota State Univ., OSFAC, FAO

Forest Management

CIRAD, CIFOR, FRM, WRI, Ministries

Forest Biodiversity

CIRAD, CIFOR, JRC, RAPAC, WWF, AWF, CI, WCS, UNEP, UNESCO, UNEP

Regional mechanism of Observatory

All partners + COMIFAC, GTZ, AFD, EC, CARPE









Regional centre in Kinshasa

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Human resources

- 2 senior experts, 4 highly qualified young experts, 3 support staff
- Strong link with OSFAC and WRI (total of 20 persons)

Production of reference material

- Geospatial data
- Databases of indicators

Creation of a regional mechanism

- Link with national focal points
- Workshops for definition, collection and validation of indicators





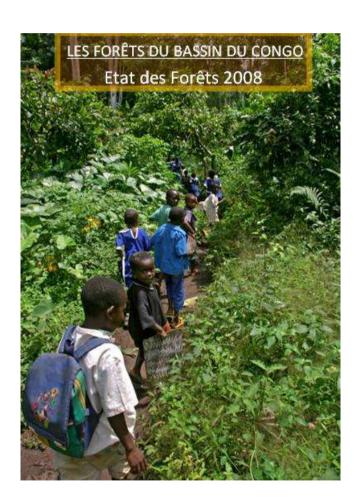




Outputs

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Reports, studies



State of the Forests

Web site with exhaustive information http://www.observatoire-comifac.net



Congo



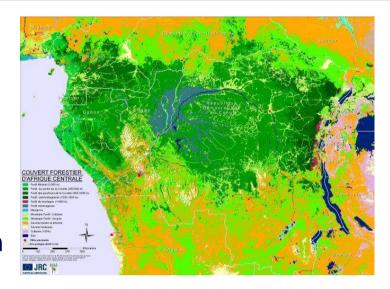






Reference centre on Central Africa forests

- Reference centre on Central Africa Forests with the contribution of best teams
- Biophysical context
 - soil, terrain, hydrography, climate, vegetation types, fauna, tree species...
- Socio-economic information
 - population, development, export, transformation, economic parameters and social impact, infrastructures
- Institutional dimension
 - laws, training and management institutions, projects







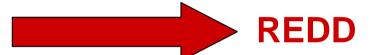


Monitoring Systems

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3 thematic monitoring systems

Forest cover & change



- Forest management
- Forest biodiversity

Data collection and analysis

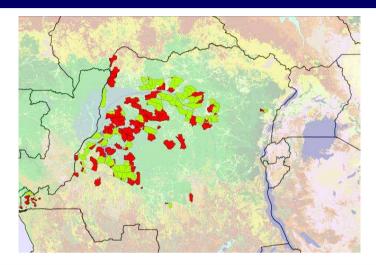
- By country and by management unit
 (logging concession, protected area, transformation unit, game area, ecological, landscape...)
- Quantitative indicators in the formal sector specific studies in the informal market





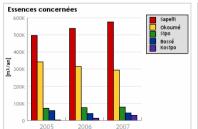
Forest management indicators

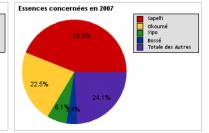
- Data on logging, transformation and trade
- Economic, social and ecological dimensions
- Developed with WRI
- Link with forest companies and national administrations
- On-line forms for data input directly by local teams
- On-line full reports + paper short copy



Essences concernées	(secteur	formel
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Essence (Nom Pilot)	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007 (m³/an)
Sapelli	-	-	496 547 Source: Rapports DDEF	539 264 Source: Rapports des DDEF	575 591 Source: Rapports DDEF
Okoumé	-	-	343 632 Source: Rapports DDEF	316 098 Source: Rapports des DDEF	295 221 Source: Rapports DDEF
Sipo	-	-	72 906 Source: Rapports DDEF	75 971 Source: Rapports des DDEF	80 076 Source: Rapports DDEF
Bossé	-	-	59 229 Source: Rapports DDEF	41 214 Source: Rapports des DDEF	45 146 Source: Rapports DDE
Kosipo	-	-	4 320 Source: Rapports DDEF	12 177 Source: Rapports des DDEF	29 641 Source: Rapports DDE
Wengé	-	-	16 604 Source: Rapports DDEF	16 594 Source: Rapports des DDEF	25 862 Source: Rapports DDE
Acajou d'Afrique	-	-	14 840 Source: Rapports DDEF	11 874 Source: Rapports des DDEF	24 633 Source: Rapports DDE
Iroko (kambala)	-	-	42 014 Source: Rapports DDEF	30 601 Source: Rapports des DDEF	16 983 Source: Rapports DDE
Moabi	-	-	5 417 Source: Rapports DDEF	4 266 Source: Rapports des DDEF	5 167 Source: Rapports DDE
Aniégré	-	-	331 Source: Rapports DDEF	5 545 Source: Rapports des DDEF	2 199 Source: Rapports DDE
Total des autres essences	-	-	313 371 Source: Rapports DDEF	276 355 Source: Rapports des DDEF	211 386 Source: Rapports DDEF









Regional mechanism of Observatory

- Strong involvement of COMIFAC countries and CBFP partners
 - in the choice of indicators, data collection and analysis, and in the validation of indicators
 - in the deforestation estimates (workshop in Kinshasa)
- Legal framework is in place
 - License for exchanging information (Creative Commons)
 - Study on the institutionalisation with COMIFAC
- Capacity-building
 - for data collection and validation
 - for use of environmental information







OFAC specific actions for REDD

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Two Chapters of the State of the Forests 2008

- A First Look at Carbon Stocks and their Variation in Congo Basin Forests
- Congo Basin Countries and the REDD Process

Coordination of REDD projects

- Request by COMIFAC for a better coordination
- Information about objectives, partners, funding, results, methods, coverage

Scientific workshop

- Organisation of a workshop in February 2010 in Brazzaville "Monitoring Carbon Stocks and Fluxes in the Congo Basin" with OFAC, OSFAC, FAO, WRI, WWF, NASA, JRC
- Information on http://osfac.net/workshop/COMIFACworkshop.html





Survey of REDD-related projects

- Objectives
- Partners: funding, technical, institutional
- Earth Observation Component
- Ground Component
- Integration of EO and Groundcomponent
- Political component
- Capacity-building component
- Coverage









Regional projects

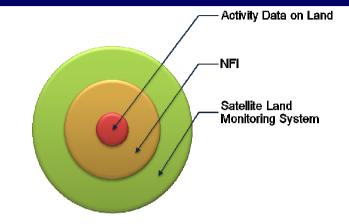
- Enhancing Institutional Capacities on REDD issues (WB)
 - Carbon stock and flux estimates (areas, ground); Capacity-building;
 link with Sustainable Forest Management
 - 15 M\$: GEF (AFD, EU, FCPF) + various co-financing partners
- Prospective scenarios for establishing the baseline (IIASA)
 - Modeling of deforestation (Douala workshop and report)
- Ensuring community participation in REDD (FERN)
 - Involvement of local communities, 1.6 MEUR (CBFF)
- Making REDD work for the Congo Basin (CODELT)
 - Capacity-building of Parliamentarians and civil society (<100 K\$)
- Forest cover changes (FORAF, CARPE)
 - UCL / JRC + local partners: detailed sampling with 6 classes
 - SDSU/OSFAC: wall-to-wall forest/non forest
- Others?





National Projects

- UN-REDD DRC (FAO, UNDP, UNEP)
 - Comprehensive project: MRV + C-B
 - Link with National Forest Inventory
 - 2 M\$ (pilot phase) + 10 M\$ (operational)



- REDD Cameroon Pilot Project (GAF, ESA, GTZ)
 - Comprehensive project MRV + C-B
 - <1MEUR, future extension to Gabon and Congo (with other partners)
 - More detail on Friday 11th Dec / side-event
- Quantifying carbon stocks and emissions in the forests of Cameroon and the Republic of Congo (WRI, CBFF)
 - WRI (CBFF), no detail available





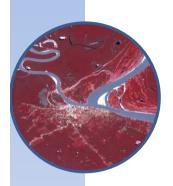
Local projects

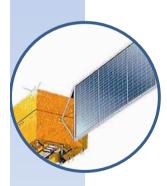
- A Carbon Credit Project for 2 Community Nature Reserves in Eastern DRC (Conservation International)
 - Tayna and Kisimba-Ikobo Community Nature Reserves (North Kivu)
 - Project at local level for getting carbon credits (~250 K\$)
- EcoMakala (World Wildlife Fund)
 - Supply of fuel wood for city of Goma and link with CDM and REDD
 - Deforestation estimates by EO
 - 3 MEUR (EU & WWF-Belgium)
- Sustainable Opportunities for Improving Livelihoods (African Wildlife Foundation)
 - Carbon ground-based estimates and microzoning
 - Prototype for National Forest Inventory
- Stabilizing carbon emissions in the Sangha Tri-National forest complex

Satellite receiving station in

















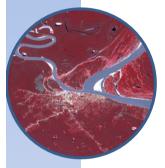




Coopération INPE - IRD



23 décembre 2008: Signature du Protocole d'Accord entre l'IRD et l'INPE, en présence des Présidents Nicolas Sarkozy et Luis Inacio Lula da Silva. L'accord porte sur:



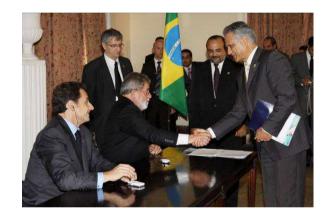
- Promouvoir le libre accès aux données satellitaires
- Mise en place de mesures de mobilité pour les étudiants, chercheurs ...



Coopérer pour solutionner les problèmes liées à l'utilisation de la télédétection pour le développement durable et pacifique



Approfondir la compréhension mutuelle des questions scientifiques sur... suivi et évaluation des changements d'occupation des sols, gestion de ressources naturelles et de la diversité biologique, gestion durable des forêts, création de bases de données pour l'appui aux conventions internationales sur l'environnement, et l'impact des activités humaines sur le climat...













Challenges and perspectives

- Monitoring of multiple ecosystem services
 - carbon, timber, biodiversity, water regulation, food...
 - competition for Land for different uses
- Integrate different thematic and geographic levels
 - EO, Ground-based, communities, political dimension
 - national (monitoring reporting), regional (verification)
- Link between satellite receiving stations, addedvalue centres and UNFCCC reports
- Ensure the permanence of OFAC after 2013 (EU continues a second phase)



