SanghaTri-National Foundation

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Context

1999: «Yaoundé Declaration» stipulating the need for sustainable financing for conservation and sustainable use

2000: «TNS Agreement» signed by Cameroon, CAR and Congo

28000 Km²: protected areas and peripheral zones
FTNS – Objectives

- Contribute to the *specific priority financial needs to manage each of the three parks* as defined and approved in the management and business plans.

- Provide support to a number of well-defined *trans-border activities* linked to coordination, trans-boundary planning and information exchange, joint activities implementation.
FTNS – Governance Structure

- One independent Board of Directors with a majority of members from the private sector
- 11 Board members ensuring representativity of the three countries:
  - Category A: GoCam, GoC, GoRCA, KfW, AFD, Rainforest Foundation, WCS, WWF
  - Category B: représentatives from the subregional civil society
- Meetings twice a year always in one of the TNS countries
- Having expertise in the relevant areas

- Consultative role of local consultative committees existing around the three Parks

- Executive Director in charge of daily management and implementation of the Board’s decisions.
FTNS – Current level of Funding

- Regenwald Stiftung: 3,2 M Euros for Dzangha Sangha
- KfW: 5 M Euros (90% for Lobeke and 10% for transboundary activities)
- AFD: 3 M Euros

33 M Euros – 11,2 M Euros = 21,8 M Euros to raise

0.5 M Euros Start up funds
Achievements and next steps

- Charity status granted in the UK at the end of March 2008, (tax-exempt status)
- Cooperation Agreement signed with Government of Cameroon (May 2008)
- Initial grants discussed with beneficiaries (to be allocated with KfW start up fund in June 2008)

Next steps

- Finalization of legal recognition in Cameroon
- Recruitment of Assets Manager
- Funding agreements with KfW, AFD and Regenwald Stiftung
- Fundraising efforts