

REDD & WCS in Congo Basin

main themes

- **Capacity building:** policy/negotiations, reference scenarios
- **Measurement and methods:** Ground truth RS
- **Developing models on ground** by which interventions can reduce deforestation, support poverty alleviation, biodiversity
- **Financial mechanisms** and equitable benefit sharing



Democratic Republic of Congo

- Ituri carbon CBNRM project (pending CBFF, USAID Translinks).
- Mt. Hoyo corridor CBNRM project. (Proposed for CBFF with ZSL et al.)
- Itombwe and Kabogo: potential future sites under discussion with government (USAID funding pending).

Cameroon

- Mone: UNEP funding, in partnership with CIFOR, CIRAD et al.
- Mamfe direct payments for carbon sequestration (CBFF pending).
- Mbam-Djerem as future site to be developed when funding is available.

Gabon

- Saatchi/Lewis/White study “Measuring the Carbon Balance of the Congo Basin Forests.”
- Potential extension of Bateke Plateau A/R project from neighboring Congo, and/or application of similar methodology to other savanna areas in Gabon (e.g. Lopé).

Congo

- Bateke Plateau A/R project looking at accelerated natural regeneration.
- Study of carbon emissions caused by commercial logging. *Results would be applicable to commercial forestry operations across the Congo Basin.*

Regional

- Explore/develop use of standardized, ranger-based MIST technology for ground-truthing remote sensing data on forest cover change regionally.
- Synthesize and broadcast results of Congo and Gabon to inform national and regional strategies, policy initiatives, sub-national projects, etc.