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- ◆ The Global Environment Facility
- ◆ GEF, Sustainable Forest Management & REDD
- ◆ The Strategic Program for the Congo Basin

# The nature and the role of the GEF

- ◆ The official financial tool for International Conventions for Global Environment Benefits
- ◆ The largest funder of projects for conserving global biodiversity and for climate change mitigation and adaptation.
- ◆ 18 yr - \$8B – 1:4 - 790 projects - 155 countries - 26 trust funds with \$300 million -1600 protected areas – 360Mha -100 Mha of productive lands.
- ◆ A Unique Network Organization based on partnerships and cofinancing



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# GEF, Sustainable Forest Management, and REDD

- ◆ REDD as a part of Sustainable Management Forest approach
- ◆ Maintaining the triple benefits of forests: CC-BD-LD
- ◆ From GEB to local benefits
- ◆ Cofinancing and partnerships with FCPF and the WB

Ex: Global Project on Capacity Building with FCPF

Ex: Regional project with the WB for the Congo Basin



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# Congo Basin Strategic Program

- ◆ 3 main orientations: Conservation of key areas - Sustainable management and mainstreaming – Capacities
- ◆ A Process based on concertation
- ◆ GEF: \$54,7M ; cofinancing: \$145,9M
- ◆ 13 projects: 5 regional, 7 national, 1 transboundary

# Examples of Projects

- ◆ Catalyzing Sustainable Forest management in the Lake Tele-Lake Tumba Transboundary Wetland landscape, \$2.5M, DRC & Congo, UNDP
- ◆ Enhancing Institutional Capacities on REDD issues for SFM in the Congo Basin, \$15M, 6 countries, WB
- ◆ Regional Initiative on Sustainable Management of Bushmeat trade, \$5M, FAO
- ◆ Sustainable management of the Mbe River Watershed through the development of a Payment for Ecosystem Services Mechanism (PES), Gabon, UNDP, \$1M

Program Document & PIFs: [www.thegef.org](http://www.thegef.org)