

WWF CONGO BASIN REDD STRATEGY

Objectives:

1. **Build institutional and technical capacity on regional, national and local landscape levels** FOR IMPROVED ACCOUNTING AND MONITORING OF STANDING CARBON STOCKS AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM DEFORESTATION AND FOREST DEGRADATION.
2. **Strengthen public awareness and understanding at regional, national and local landscape** LEVELS OF UNFCCC LINKED PROCESSES AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS THAT ARE BEING ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION FOR REDUCED EMISSIONS FROM DEFORESTATION AND DEGRADATION (REDD), AND CARBON SEQUESTRATION THROUGH AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND LAND USE (AFOLU) ACTIVITIES
3. **Support the COMIFAC countries in their engagement with the UNFCCC and related international processes** TO CLEARLY IDENTIFY AND TO ARTICULATE, DEFEND AND SUCCESSFULLY ADVOCATE THEIR COMMON AND INDIVIDUAL INTERESTS IN LINE WITH THEIR PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES, GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ASPIRATIONS.
4. **Support the capacity to identify and develop and the actual development of “early action” projects**, AS CALLED FOR IN THE UNFCCC’S SO-CALLED BALI ACTION PLAN, AT NATIONAL LEVEL THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLICIES AND MEASURES AND THE LOCAL LEVEL THROUGH PILOT PROJECTS THAT SEEK TO IMPROVE KNOWLEDGE AND BUILD CONCRETE EXPERIENCE OF PROJECT DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION AND ENGAGEMENT WITH VOLUNTARY MARKETS AND PUBLIC FINANCE MECHANISMS TO SECURE THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO DO SO AND TO DEVELOP MECHANISMS FOR TRANSPARENT AND EQUITABLE BENEFIT SHARING.

Representative activities:

- **Review and revision of legal and regulatory frameworks** TO ELIMINATE “PERVERSE INCENTIVES” THAT WORK AGAINST MAINTENANCE OF HIGH CONSERVATION VALUE FORESTS. FOSTER BROAD PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF PUBLIC POLICY AND REGULATIONS THE EFFECT FORESTS AND THOSE WHO DEPEND ON THEM FOR THEIR LIVELIHOODS. PROVIDE TECHNICAL INPUT FOR ANALYSIS AND FORMULATION OF POLICY AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS. INPUTS: ANALYTICAL STUDIES TO IDENTIFY OPTIONS AND IDENTIFY INVESTMENTS IN CAPACITY NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIRED MEASURES; WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, TRAINING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES TO FOSTER THE NECESSARY DIALOGUE AMONG KEY STAKEHOLDERS TO ACHIEVE NECESSARY AGREEMENTS; PUBLICITY WORK TO GENERATE PUBLIC WILL TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT NECESSARY REFORMS; CONVENING OF FORA FOR POLICY DIALOGUE WITH INPUT FROM INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL EXPERTS. THIS WILL DRAW ON EXPERTISE FROM EXISTING WWF NETWORK PROGRAMMES SUCH AS THE MACROECONOMICS POLICY OFFICE (MPO) AND THE EUROPEAN POLICY OFFICE (EPO).
- **Evaluate “drivers” of forest conversion and degradation** AND DEVELOP STRATEGIES TO MITIGATE OR REDUCE THEIR NEGATIVE IMPACTS ON THE LANDSCAPE INCLUDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS BY ENGAGEMENT WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR. INPUTS: ANALYTICAL WORK ON ANTICIPATED FUTURE LOCAL AND GLOBAL MARKET DEMANDS FOR AGRICULTURAL AND NATURAL RESOURCE COMMODITIES AND ON NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND PRIORITIES TO ADDRESS ANTICIPATED NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS; ANALYSIS OF PROJECTED INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS AND INVESTMENTS AND THEIR PROBABLE IMPACT ON MARKETABILITY AND ANTICIPATED FUTURE EXPANSION TRENDS FOR AGRO-FORESTRY PRODUCTS SUCH AS TIMBER, COFFEE, COCOA, OIL PALM; DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION OF VOLUNTARY ADOPTION OF CERTIFICATION SCHEMES AND RELEVANT FORA FOR STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE SUCH AS ROUNDTABLES FOR SELECTED AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES. THIS WOULD DRAW ON EXISTING PROGRAMMES AND EXPERTISE WITHIN THE WWF NETWORK AND ELSEWHERE SUCH AS THE MPO, THE MARKET TRANSFORMATIONS NETWORK INITIATIVE, AND, IN PARTICULAR, WORK UNDERWAY IN THE REGION BY THE GLOBAL FOREST AND TRADE NETWORK, AND THE PROPOSED CONGO BASIN PROSPECTIVE STUDY TO BE CONDUCTED BY CIRAD WITH FUNDING FROM FRANCE, GERMAN AND USAID.
- **Develop community-focused mechanisms for sharing of benefits and revenues** FROM COMPENSATED REDUCTION OF FOREST-BASED EMISSIONS OR MAINTENANCE OF HIGH CONSERVATION VALUE STANDING CARBON STOCKS. INPUTS: DEVELOPMENT OF TRUST FUND(S) FOR REVENUE BANKING AND DISTRIBUTION; INITIATE PILOT PROGRAMS WITHIN PRIORITY LANDSCAPES FOR COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN REDD, CBFM,

MAINTENANCE OF HIGH CONSERVATION VALUE NATURAL FOREST CARBON STOCKS, AGRO-FORESTRY, AND RELATED ACTIVITIES TO GENERATE MARKETABLE OR FUND-COMPENSATED GHG REDUCTION BENEFITS. THIS WILL DRAW ON INTERNATIONAL EXPERTISE FROM THE EXISTING WWF PROGRAMME FOR SUSTAINABLE FINANCE AND THE EC FUNDED AND WWF IMPLEMENTED COMMUNITY-BASED FOREST MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME THAT ARE ALREADY OPERATING IN THE CONGO BASIN AS WELL AS REGIONAL EXPERTS IN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ISSUES FROM WWF AND COLLABORATING PARTNERS.