

ATTACHMENT 2: LIST OF AGREED KEY ISSUES

STREAM 2 – CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES, INCLUDING THE FIGHT AGAINST WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING

Stream leaders and coach

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Relevant COMIFAC and EU Facilitation references

- Axis 3 of the revised COMIFAC Convergence Plan 2015-2025: *Conservation et utilisation durable de la diversité biologique*
- EU Facilitation Roadmap 4.2.1: Combatting poaching and wildlife trafficking

Key Issues to be addressed

- Conclusions to be drawn from the evolution of the conservation paradigm from strict conservation models towards frameworks taking more into account the socio-economic and political interest of Central African countries.
- How to integrate conservation investments in national economic planning perspectives.
- Prospects and constraints for developing successful eco-tourism in Central Africa, including lessons learned by Rwanda and other parts of the Great Lakes Region.
- Given that IWT is a major source of illicit finance for armed groups destabilising the region, how to successfully link IWT to state security/defence concerns and the fight against organized crime.
- Review of best practice and lessons learned regarding the coordination between various actors (military, law enforcement agencies, intelligence services, park authorities etc) in the fight against IWT.
- Explore the possibilities of developing a "rapid response mechanism" which would allow for the rapid mobilisation of resources and actions in response to poaching events.