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
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
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

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