

The 20th Meeting of Parties of the Congo Basin Forest Partnership

Kinshasa (DRC): June 03 – 06, 2024

Theme of the side event: A platform for useful information management and sharing for conservation and research.

Date: June 03, 2024;

Venue: Congo 3;

Time: 13:30 – 14:30

Presenter: Dr N'GORAN Kouamé Paul (Congo Basin Impact Monitoring Coordinator, WWF)

Organizer:

WWF Congo Basin (Impact Monitoring Programme), in collaboration with NGOs, Ministries and Agencies for Protected Area Management of the region.

Databases are essential for information storage and management in a structured way, allowing easy and quick access. With the evolution of technology, several web platforms are designed with databases facilitating visualization and access to certain information. Their use in the field of protected area management or in conservation in general is a huge support to management and policy decision-making. A platform named "**Congo Basin Monitoring and Evaluation Database**" combining several key sources of information has been developed by WWF to support the management and development of conservation and research projects. This tool has the advantage of being transversal to several possible topics and themes in the field of natural resource management.

The database (web platform and dashboard: *pictures and links below*) has been presented and explained during a side event. Participants appreciated the usefulness of the database and provided comments for improvement. It is organized by level (Congo Basin subregion, countries, landscapes and sites) and by pillars (type of data source), and it remains flexible to integrate additional topics. The database is still being improved and updated to provide access to reliable ecological and socio-economic data from WWF-supported programmes and other organizations in the Congo Basin. It is also a repository to facilitate information sharing, communication, and learning for all users. It particularly depicts the outcomes and impacts of different thematic issues of conservation and sustainable development at several geographic scopes. A new link will be provided when it will be included in other WWF platforms.



<https://cbmonitoringevaluationdb-ce2b73b792f5.herokuapp.com/>

<https://cbmonitoringdashboard-wwf2023.streamlit.app/>