

The Investment Plan of the National REDD+ Strategy of the Republic of Congo

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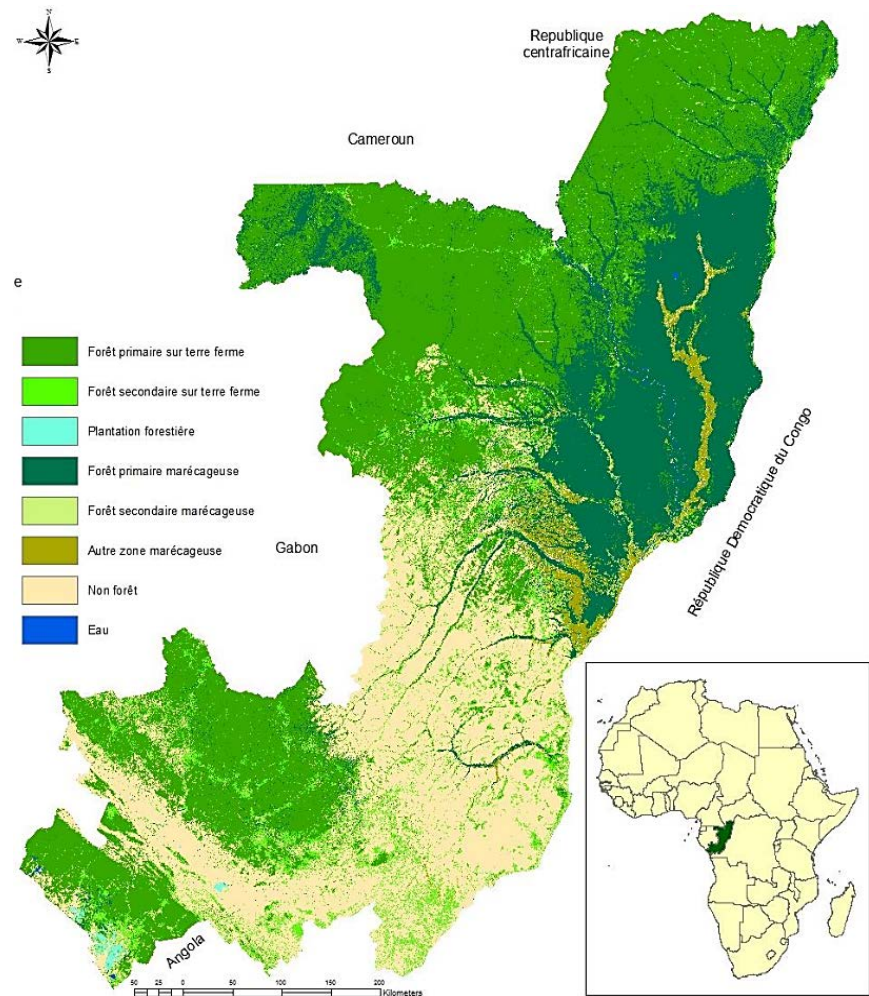
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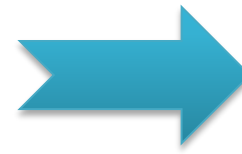
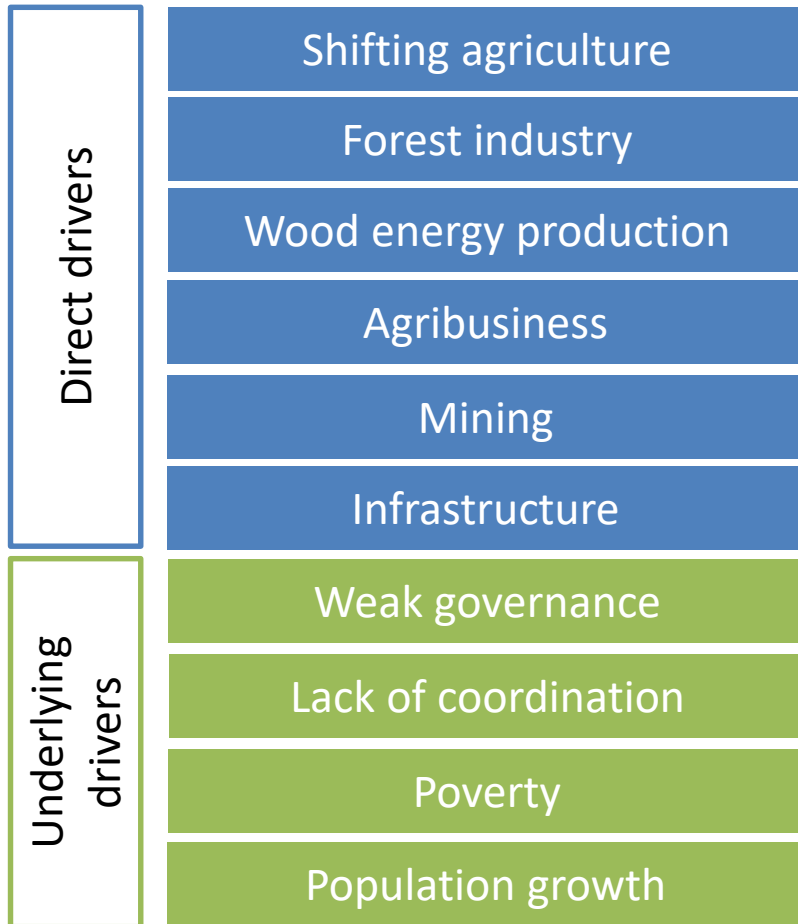
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Republic of Congo's Forests: A treasure of global importance

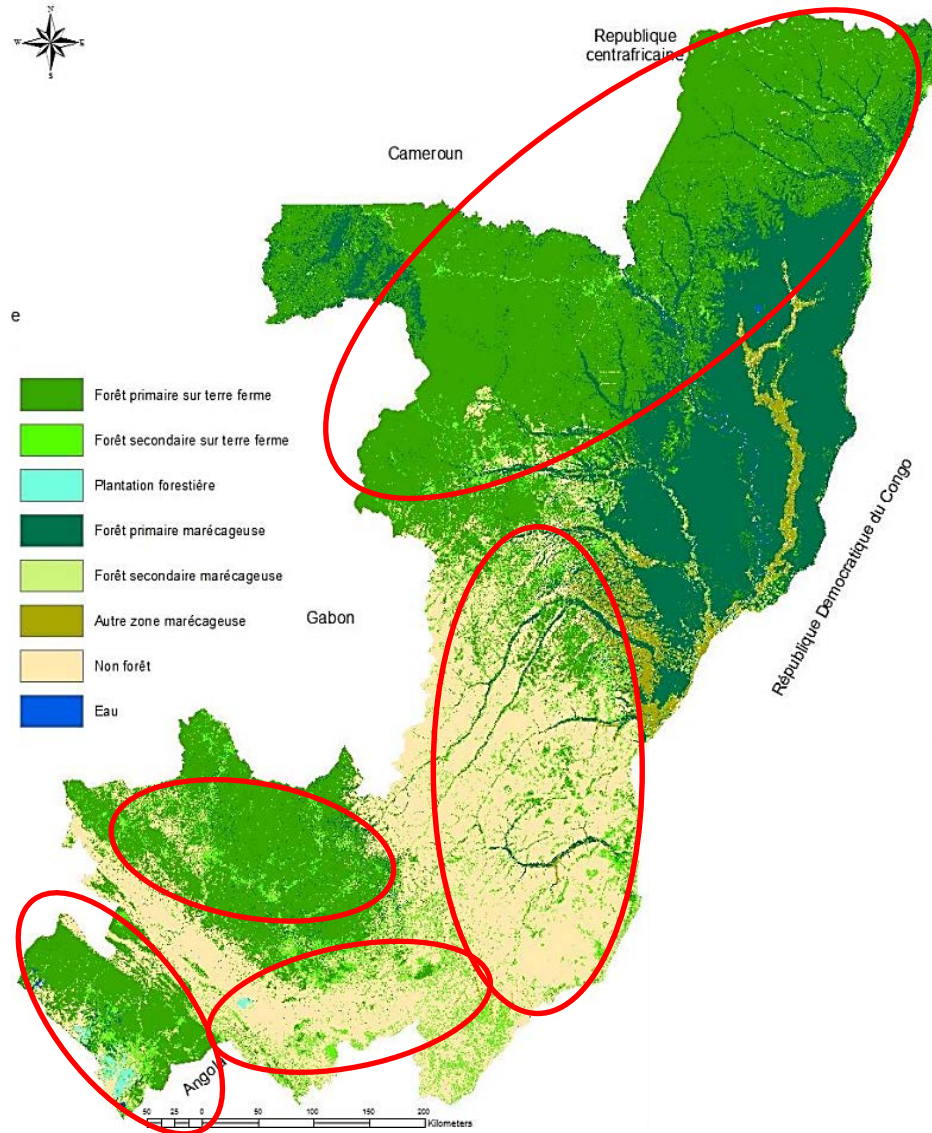
- 22,334,000 ha
- 65.4 % of national territory
- Contains part of second-largest peatland complex in the world
- REL :
 - 2000-2010: 19.2 MtCO₂/yr
 - 2015-2020: 35.5 MtCO₂/yr
- Deforestation rate 0.05%



The drivers of deforestation



Deforestation hotspots



Republic of Congo's Vision for its Investment Plan: Based on the National REDD+ Strategy

STRATEGIC OPTIONS

1: Strengthening governance

2: Sustainable forest management and utilization of forest resources

3: Improving agricultural systems

4: Rational production and use of wood energy, and promotion of clean energy sources

5: Green mining





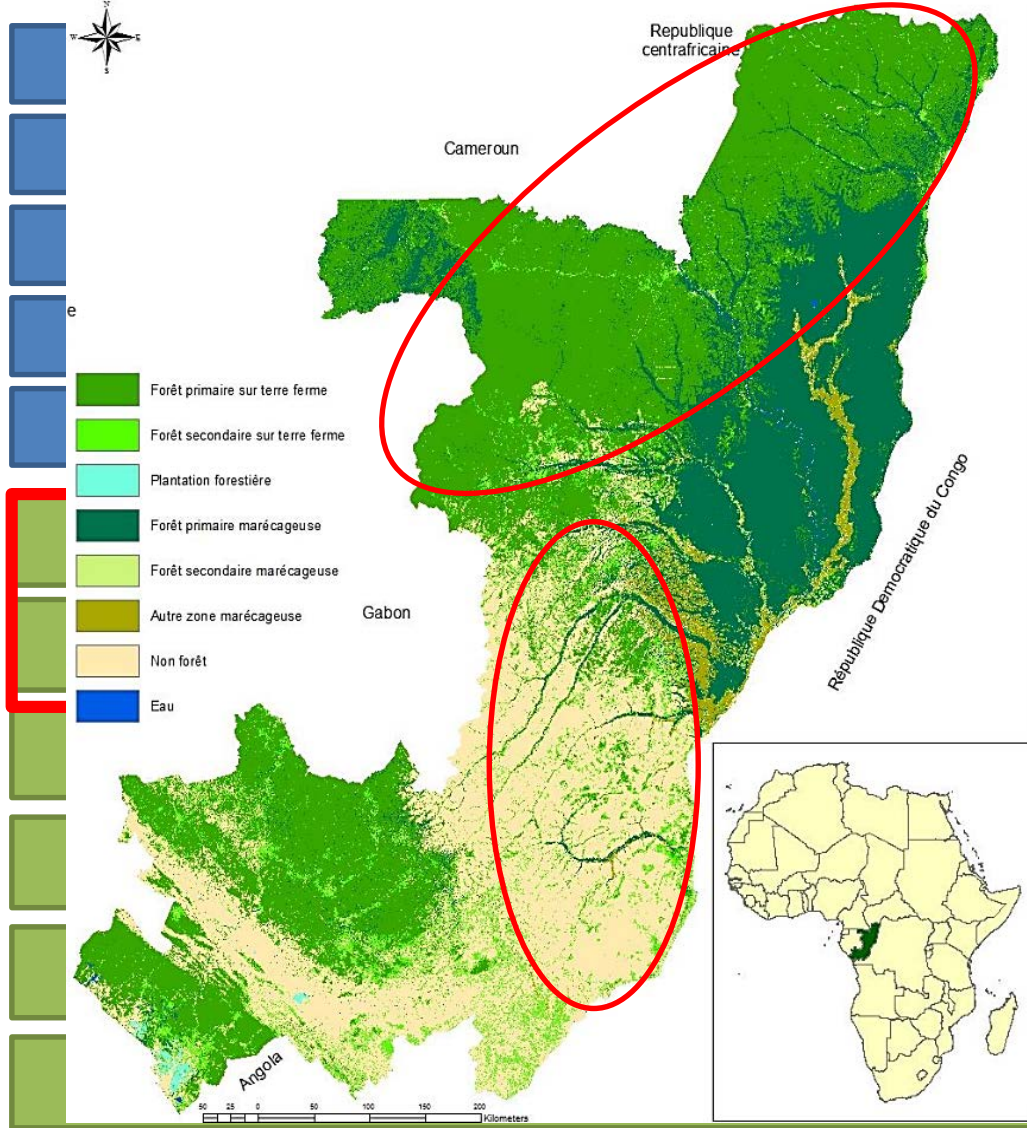
A Participatory Investment Planning Process

- December 2016 to September 2017:
33 workshops in 12 locations throughout the country, with a focus on the FIP investment areas
- 1026 participants, representing local communities, indigenous peoples, women, NGOs, local governments, private sector, development partners

Priority Programs

Enabling Programs

Geographically Integrated Programs



Building
or

Program
Energy Program

Management Program
Forestry Program

Program

Northern Congo Agroforestry Project

- Part of Sangha-Likouala Emission Reductions Program
- Driver addressed: Shifting agriculture
- Objectives: 1) Reduce deforestation and forest degradation and increase carbon stocks in heavily degraded areas (0-60% forest cover) of Community Development Zones, 2) Improve living conditions
- Activities: Climate-smart agroforestry systems based on fruit/cocoa and subsistence crops on 5,000 ha, conservation of 4,000 ha through agricultural intensification
- Enabling activities: Participatory land use planning, community lending schemes, farmer and community PES, agricultural value chain support
- Strict monitoring: Community monitoring, ER-Program Management Unit, Independent REDD+ Observer
- Gender aspects: Agroforestry, participatory land use planning
- Co-financing: FCPF, AFD, GEF/WB, IDA
- Support from the World Bank

Pool-Plateaux Community Agroforestry and Fuelwood Program

- Driver addressed: Wood energy production
- Objectives: 1) Improve agroforestry systems, 2) Improve sustainability of wood energy supply for Brazzaville, 3) Improve living conditions
- Activities: Fuel wood (4,000 ha) and agroforestry (2,000 ha) plantations, improved carbonization, improved cookstoves (20,000)
- Gender aspects: Agroforestry, fuel wood, cookstoves
- Enabling activities: Simple management plans, securing land tenure
- Co-financing targeted from GCF (with FAO), AfDB, AFD, EU
- Support from the AfDB

Financing Plan

Project	FIP (US\$)	Estimated Co-Financing (US\$)	Total (US\$)
Northern Congo Agroforestry	16,000,000	104,700,000 + IDA	≥ 120,700,000
Pool-Plateaux Fuelwood and Agroforestry	8,000,000	≥ 7,000,000 + GCF + AFD + EU	≥ 15,000,000
Total	24,000,000	≥ 114,700,000	≥ 135,700,000

The FIP proposal is integrated into the Investment Plan of the National REDD+ Strategy, with a budget of US\$ 295 million.



Transformational Impact

- Promotion of innovative models that can be replicated in other parts of the country
- Community approaches to sustainable forest landscape management
- Set the cacao sector on a sustainable growth path
- Potential for strong private sector involvement



Co-benefits

- Generation and diversification of income and employment for communities, including for women
- Increased agricultural productivity
- Improved health through diversified nutrition and reduced exposure to smoke, especially for women
- Skill and knowledge development
- Improved governance and institutional capacity
- Community participation in improved agricultural, forest and land management
- Biodiversity protection



Thank you for your attention

