



Congo: Forest and Economic Diversification Project (P124085)

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IBRD/IDA | Investment Project Financing | FY 2012 | Seq No: 12 | ARCHIVED on 02-Apr-2018 | ISR31521 |

Implementing Agencies: Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Forest Economy

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date:24-May-2012

Effectiveness Date:27-Mar-2013

Planned Mid Term Review Date:31-Aug-2016

Actual Mid-Term Review Date:24-Jun-2015

Original Closing Date:30-Nov-2017

Revised Closing Date:31-Mar-2018

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The project development objective is to increase the capacity of the Republic of Congo to: (i) promote better implementation of its forestry legislation; and (ii) enhance the policy environment for participation of local communities and the private sector in sustainable forest management and reforestation.

Has the Project Development Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project Objective?

Yes

Board Approved Revised Project Development Objective (If project is formally restructured)

To increase the capacity of the forest administration, local communities, and indigenous peoples to co-manage forests.

Components

Name

Capacity building of the forest administration:(Cost \$18.11 M)

Involvement of local communities and indigenous people in forest resource management.:(Cost \$13.82 M)

Prospective work and communications:(Cost \$3.00 M)

Habitat and biodiversity protection:(Cost \$3.85 M)

Project management:(Cost \$0.33 M)

Overall Ratings

| Name | Previous Rating | Current Rating |
|------|-----------------|----------------|
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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Progress towards achievement of PDO | ● Moderately Satisfactory | ● Moderately Satisfactory |
| Overall Implementation Progress (IP) | ● Moderately Satisfactory | ● Moderately Satisfactory |
| Overall Risk Rating | ● Substantial | ● Substantial |

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

Key activities to be finalized with IDA financing have been completed. Some highlights include that, with support from the Project, the Ministry of Forest Economy has conducted 4,256 additional control missions, exceeding its target by 42%. The project also provided training to 79% of Ministry staff, exceeding its target by 58%. The project's microprojects have provided income-generating activities to 1,195 households in forest areas. The Project developed simplified management plans covering some 117,000 ha with communities, and supported the formation of 24 functional local governance structures to oversee their implementation.

In the meantime, delays in the ratification of the GEF grant agreement by parliament have not yet allowed associated activities to commence. Simultaneously, preparation for the activities has not been completed and will need to be accelerated. That said, the Ministry of Forest Economy has signed a co-management agreement with WWF for Ntokou-Pikounda National Park, laying the groundwork for the Project to contribute to establishing a management structure for the park.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

| Risk Category | Rating at Approval | Previous Rating | Current Rating |
|--|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Political and Governance | -- | ● Substantial | ● Substantial |
| Macroeconomic | -- | ● Substantial | ● Substantial |
| Sector Strategies and Policies | -- | ● Substantial | ● Substantial |
| Technical Design of Project or Program | -- | ● Moderate | ● Moderate |
| Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability | -- | ● Substantial | ● Substantial |
| Fiduciary | -- | ● Moderate | ● Moderate |
| Environment and Social | -- | ● Moderate | ● Moderate |
| Stakeholders | -- | ● Substantial | ● Substantial |
| Other | -- | -- | -- |
| Overall | -- | ● Substantial | ● Substantial |

Results

Project Development Objective Indicators

► Percentage of agents of the decentralized forest administration with access to up-to-date information and data (Percentage, Custom)

Baseline

Actual (Previous)

Actual (Current)

End Target



| | | | | |
|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 91.00 | 91.00 | 75.00 |
| Date | 27-Mar-2013 | 30-Jun-2017 | 06-Mar-2018 | 31-Mar-2018 |

► Forest area with simplified management plans under implementation (Hectare(Ha), Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 117,196.00 | 117,196.00 | 15,000.00 |
| Date | 27-Mar-2013 | 30-Jun-2017 | 06-Mar-2018 | 31-Mar-2018 |

► Increase in field missions for control and sensitization purposes by the departmental forestry directorates, including by brigades (Number, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 300.00 | 3,765.00 | 4,256.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Date | 31-Dec-2011 | 30-Jun-2017 | 06-Mar-2018 | 31-Mar-2018 |

► Direct project beneficiaries (Number, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 12,768.00 | 15,281.00 | 16,000.00 |
| Date | 31-Dec-2011 | 30-Jun-2017 | 06-Mar-2018 | 26-Jul-2021 |

▲ Female beneficiaries (Percentage, Custom Supplement)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|----------|-------------------|------------------|------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 30.00 | 30.00 | 40.00 |



► Area brought under enhanced biodiversity protection (Hectare(Ha), Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | -- | 0.00 | 427,000.00 |
| Date | 23-Jun-2017 | -- | 28-Mar-2018 | 21-Jul-2021 |

Overall Comments

Intermediate Results Indicators

► Percentage of MEF staff and managers trained (Percentage, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 78.00 | 79.00 | 50.00 |
| Date | 31-Dec-2011 | 30-Jun-2017 | 06-Mar-2018 | 31-Mar-2018 |

► Share of MEF activities in the ministry's annual work plan that are planned in the monitoring and evaluation system (Percentage, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 50.00 |
| Date | 31-Dec-2011 | 30-Jun-2017 | 06-Mar-2018 | 31-Mar-2018 |

Comments

Figure reported is the latest available. No work plan for 2018 exists in the ministry, such that the figure for 2018 is still pending.



► Share of referrals in new forestry law for which application texts have been drafted (Percentage, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Date | 31-Dec-2011 | 30-Jun-2017 | 06-Mar-2018 | 31-Mar-2018 |

Comments

The project delivered the final product, and the Ministry now has to finalize it to ensure consistency with its principles and policies.

► Households that benefited from micro-projects (Number, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 1,001.00 | 1,195.00 | 1,200.00 |
| Date | 31-Dec-2011 | 30-Jun-2017 | 06-Mar-2018 | 26-Jul-2021 |

► Functioning local governance structures established to oversee simplified management plans (Number, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 24.00 | 24.00 | 30.00 |
| Date | 31-Dec-2011 | 30-Jun-2017 | 06-Mar-2018 | 31-Mar-2018 |

Comments

48 governance structures (CGDCs) received support, but only 24 have been evaluated as being functional following the shortfall in counterpart funds, which reduced the project's ability to provide continuous capacity building.



► Visits to MEF website (Number, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 218,917.00 | 298,505.00 | 60,000.00 |
| Date | 31-Dec-2011 | 30-Jun-2017 | 06-Mar-2018 | 31-Mar-2018 |

► People sensitized during information campaigns (Number, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 100.00 | 100,000.00 | 163,307.00 | 200,000.00 |
| Date | 31-Dec-2011 | 28-Jul-2015 | 06-Mar-2018 | 31-Mar-2018 |

► Validated prospective studies including recommendations (Number, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 12.00 | 13.00 | 12.00 |
| Date | 31-Dec-2011 | 11-Jan-2017 | 06-Mar-2017 | 31-Mar-2018 |

► Tools deployed to combat wildlife crime (Number, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2.00 |
| Date | 03-Oct-2016 | 17-Jan-2018 | 17-Jan-2018 | 26-Jul-2021 |

Comments

Project activities have not yet commenced.



▶ Wildlife/wildlife product seizures at program sites (Number, Custom)

| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Value | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| Date | 03-Oct-2016 | 17-Jan-2018 | 17-Jan-2018 | 26-Jul-2021 |

Comments

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Overall Comments

Data on Financial Performance

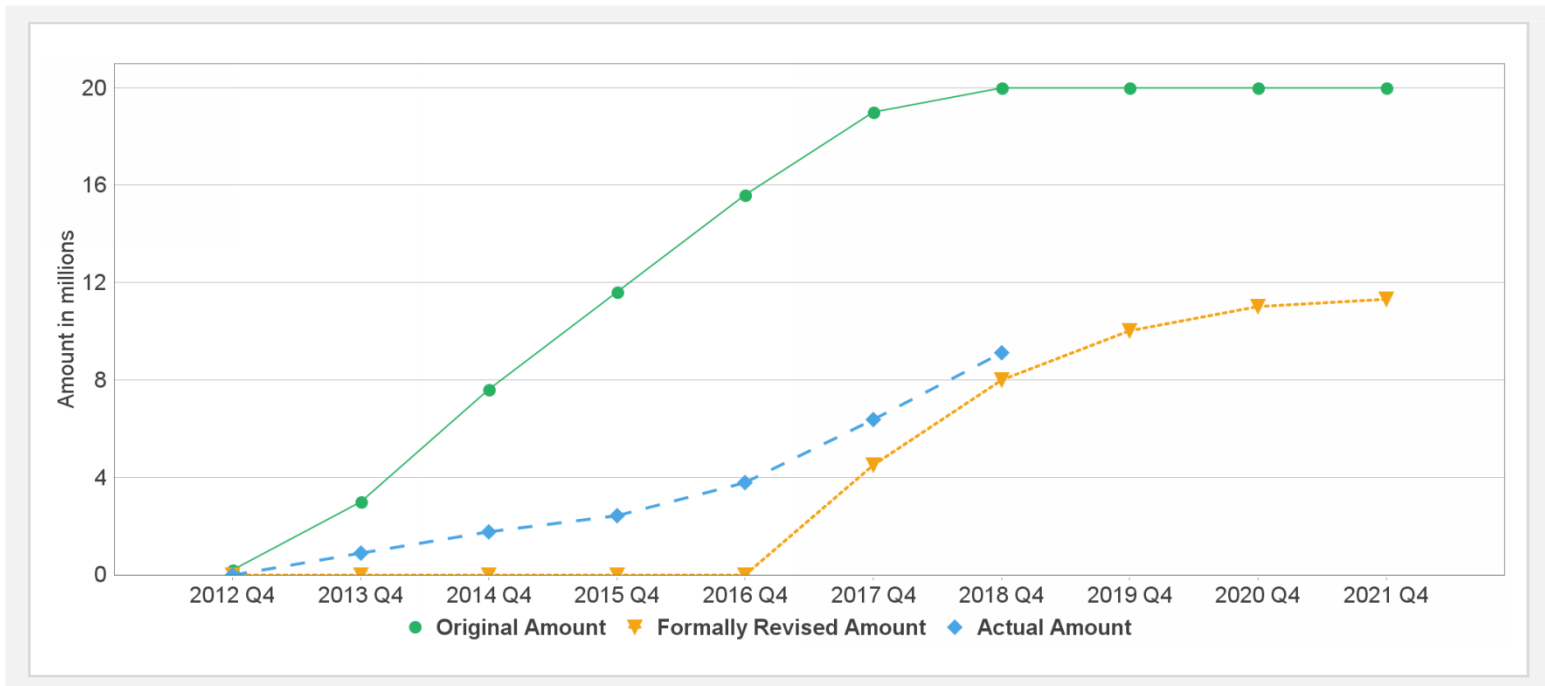
Disbursements (by loan)

| Project | Loan/Credit/TF | Status | Currency | Original | Revised | Cancelled | Disbursed | Undisbursed | Disbursed |
|---------|----------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| P124085 | IDA-51210 | Effective | USD | 10.00 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 9.11 | 0.12 | 99% |
| P124085 | TF-A4666 | Effective | USD | 6.51 | 6.51 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 6.51 | 0% |

Key Dates (by loan)

| Project | Loan/Credit/TF | Status | Approval Date | Signing Date | Effectiveness Date | Orig. Closing Date | Rev. Closing Date |
|---------|----------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| P124085 | IDA-51210 | Effective | 24-May-2012 | 13-Jun-2012 | 27-Mar-2013 | 30-Nov-2017 | 31-Mar-2018 |
| P124085 | TF-A4666 | Effective | 05-May-2017 | 23-Jun-2017 | 23-Jun-2017 | 26-Jul-2021 | 26-Jul-2021 |

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

Level 1 Approved on 02-Oct-2015 ,Level 2 Approved on 17-Nov-2017

Related Project(s)

P158604-Congo: Additional Financing for Forest and Econ. Diversification Proj.