

GEF - PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT (PIR)

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1 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Project Details

GEF ID: 5537	Umoja WBS:GFL-11207-14AC0003-SB-00628			
SMA IPMR ID:30109	Grant ID:S1-32GFL-000617			
Project Short Title:				
Creation of Conkouati-Dimonika PA Complex				
Project Title:				
Creation of Conkouati Dimonika PA Complex and Development of Community Private Se	ctor Participation Model to Enhance PA Management Effectiveness CDC&CPSPM			
Duration months planned:	60			
Duration months age:	86			
Project Type:	Full Sized Project (FSP)			
Parent Programme if child project:				
Project Scope:	National			
Region:	Africa			
Countries:	Congo, Republic of the			
GEF Focal Area(s):	Biodiversity			
GEF financing amount:	\$ 2,889,434.00			
Co-financing amount:	\$ 15,300,000.00			
Date of CEO Endorsement/Approval:	2016-06-21			
UNEP Project Approval Date:	2017-04-10			
Start of Implementation (PCA entering into force):	2017-04-25			
Date of Inception Workshop, if available:	2018-03-26			
Date of First Disbursement:	2017-12-18			
Total disbursement as of 30 June 2024:	\$ 2,332,346.00			
Total expenditure as of 30 June:	\$ 2,240,297.00			

Midterm undertaken?:	Yes
Actual Mid-Term Date, if taken:	2021-06-30
Expected Mid-Term Date, if not taken:	
Completion Date Planned - Original PCA:	2022-04-30
Completion Date Revised - Current PCA:	2025-12-31
Expected Terminal Evaluation Date:	2025-06-30
Expected Financial Closure Date:	2025-12-31

1.2 Project Description

The objective of the project is to ensure the effectiveness of biodiversity conservation and management through the creation of a complex of protected areas and the implementation of a model of participation of communities and the private sector. The project will achieve these objectives through the following components: Component 1: Establishment of protected areas and biodiversity corridors Through this component, the project will build on the national efforts to strengthen biodiversity conservation since the adoption of Law 37 in 2008 that covers wildlife and protected areas, and will benefit from the fact that the three countries (Congo, DRC and Gabon) that share the Mayombe forest ecosystems are signatories to the Central African Forest Commission (COMIFAC) and that the Mayombe Forest was proposed as one of 11 existing transfrontier conservation areas among the signatory countries of COMIFAC. Activities under Component 1 will be achieved through the following outputs: - A protected area (Ntombo Forest Reserve) created and its management plan developed and validated - A biological corridor (Dimonika-Ntombo-Tchimpounga forest) created and a land use and use plan developed - A complex of protected areas (Conkouati-Dimonika-Tchimpounga) created. Component 2: Participation of local communities and the private sector The primary outcome of Component 2 will be an "Increase in sustainably managed landscapes that integrate biodiversity conservation". As described in the barrier analysis, the lack of participation of local communities and private sector players in protected areas in the region has been a critical weakness that has limited the management effectiveness of PA units and increased local resentment and non-compliance with PA regulations on resource use and exploitation. Activities under Component 2 will be achieved through the following outputs: - A model for the participation of local communities and the private sector is implemented in the new complex of protected areas - Anti-Poaching Monitoring and Control Units (USLABs) established for the Conkouati-Dimonika-Tchimpounga complex - A Community Conservation Committee (CCC) and a Community Management and Conservation Council (GCCC) established in each of the four targeted protected areas - Increased awareness of conservation issues among local communities and the private sector in the Mayombe Forest with a view to reducing conflict and increasing support for conservation objectives - Local development initiatives to promote biodiversity conservation in the Mayombe forest - Strengthened capacities and skills of rangers, local communities and opinion leaders in the project area in sustainable management approaches Component 3: Policy, regulatory and institutional environment to support conservation in the Mayombe The primary outcome of Component 3 will be "Good management practices adopted in the Conkouati – Dimonika – Tchimpounga PA landscape". In order to reduce serious threats to biodiversity, ecosystem services and human well-being in both protected areas and productive landscapes within the Mayombe forest area, including agricultural expansion and related deforestation, forest fires, illegal hunting, and pollution, enhanced institutional capacities and

information systems and strengthened legal and policy frameworks must be established to enable more effective management. Activities under Component 2 will be achieved through the following outputs: - Capacity strengthened for the management of protected areas, corridors and the PAs complex - A Biodiversity Observatory and environmental monitoring system established to improve the scientific understanding of the value of biodiversity in the PAs of the Mayombe forest; - National policies and regulations relating to the conservation and management of biodiversity in the PAs of the Mayombe forest reviewed, revised and applied in order to avoid illegal and unsustainable use - A Mechanism established for cross-border cooperation to support law enforcement and build the capacity of national stakeholders to combat illegal activities UNEP is the Implementing Agency for the Project. The main general partners concerned are the Ministry of Forest Economy and the Ministry in charge of the Environment and Sustainable Development. Decentralized technical services, regional and local authorities, local communities, private sector operators operating in the area and NGOs (WCS, Noé, Jane Goodall Institute) are among the partners contributing to the achievement of the project's objectives.

1.3 Project Contacts

Division(s) Implementing the project	Ecosystems Division
Name of co-implementing Agency	
Executing Agency (ies)	Ministry of Forest Economy
names of Other Project Partners	ESI (Endangered Species International) Congo Association, NGO Noé, Institut Jane Goodall Congo, NGO WCS
	CongoAssociation, NGO Noé, Institut Jane Goodall Congo, NGO WCS Congo
UNEP Portfolio Manager(s)	Johan Robinson
UNEP Task Manager(s)	Andre Toham
UNEP Budget/Finance Officer	Paul Vrontamitis
UNEP Support Assistants	Eric Mugo
Manager/Representative	Pierre TATY
Project Manager	Jean-Claude Alain BALENDE
Finance Manager	Reine Justine MABEKE MONZOULA
Communications Lead, if relevant	

2 Overview of Project Status

2.1 UNEP PoW & UN

UNEP Current Subprogramme(s):	Thematic: Nature action subprogramme, Foundational: Environmental governance	
UNEP previous	Subprogramme 3: Healthy and productive ecosystems and Subprogramme 4 Environmental governance	
Subprogramme(s):		
PoW Indicator(s):	 Nature: (i) Number of national or subnational entities that, with UNEP support, adopt integrated approaches to address environmental and social issues and/or tools for valuing, monitoring and sustainably managing biodiversity. Nature: (iii) Number of countries and national, regional and subnational authorities and entities that incorporate, with UNEP support, biodiversity and ecosystem-based approaches into development and sectoral plans, policies and processes for the sustainable management and/or restoration of terrestrial, freshwater and marine areas Nature: (iv) Increase in territory of land- and seascapes that is under improved ecosystem conservation and restoration Governance: (iii) Number of plans, approaches, strategies, policies, action plans or budgeting processes of entities at the national, regional and global levels that include environmental goals as a result of UNEP support Governance: (iv)Number of entities at the national, regional or global levels that UNEP has supported in developing integrated approaches and tools for enhanced coordination, cooperation and synergies for the coherent implementation of multilateral environmental agreements 	
UNSDCF/UNDAF linkages	Strategic objective 3 "Diversification of the Economy based on growth-promoting sectors" and output 4.4 "National institutions and populations are embracing sustainable biodiversity management practices and development of adaptation and mitigation measures to the effects of climate change" of the UNDAF 2020-2024 of the Republic of Congo	
Link to relevant SDG Goals	Goal 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss	
Link to relevant SDG Targets:	 15.1 By 2020, ensure the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial and inland freshwater ecosystems and their services, in particular forests, wetlands, mountains and drylands, in line with obligations under international agreements 15.9 By 2020, integrate ecosystem and biodiversity values into national and local planning, development processes, poverty reduction strategies and accounts 	

2.2. GEF Core and Sub Indicators

GEF core or sub indicators targeted by the project as defined at CEO Endorsement/Approval, as well as results

Targets - Expected Value

Indicators	Mid-term	End-of-project	Total Target	Materialized to date

Implementation Status 2024: 7th PIR

2.3. Implementation Status and Risks

	PIR#	Rating towards outcomes (section 3.1)	Rating towards outputs (section 3.2)	Risk rating (section 4.2)
FY 2024	7th PIR	S	S	L
FY 2023	6th PIR	S	S	L
FY 2022	5th PIR	S	S	L
FY 2021	4th PIR	S	S	L
FY 2020	3rd PIR	S	MS	M
FY 2019	2nd PIR	MS	MS	M
FY 2018	1st PIR	MS	MS	M
FY 2017				
FY 2016				
FY 2015				

Summary of status

Rating towards outcomes: The rating is S because since the previous reporting period, progress has been made towards achieving the majority of outcomes. In terms of progress and main achievements as aligned in section 3.1. We can note that:

- For Outcome 1: establishment and enhanced connectivity of protected: This outcome is achieved at 70%. Because to date the new Ntombo PA and the biological Corridor boundaries delineation scheme is established, validated and agreed by communities and other stakeholders at the local level. Also, the proposal for legal status and the draft decree for the creation of the PA have been developed, reviewed and validated by communities and other stakeholders at the local. It remains to submit these proposals to institutional endorsement by technical commission of the Ministry of Forest Economy and the national classification commission. In addition, 2 of the 3 indicators of this outcome are achieved at 80%.
- For Outcome 2: Increase in sustainably managed landscapes that integrate biodiversity conservation: This outcome is achieved at 60%. 6 of the indicators of this outcome are achieved between 50 and 90%. Significant efforts have been made to implement micro projects on livelihood and conservation, develop alternative incomegenerating activities for the benefit of local communities and reduce poverty which is the main cause of the great pressure on resources. communication and awareness raising tools have been developed and disseminated. Progress is being made to improve the surveillance and anti-Poaching system for the PA complex through the

recruitment of 48 eco-guards for the Conkouati-Douli park which is one of the main IPs of the commplex. A departmental forum on the commitment of the private sector (mining, forestry, etc.) to the future protected area of Ntombo and the issues related to the protection and conservation of biodiversity was organized.

• For Outcome 3: Good management practices adopted in the Conkouati – Dimonika – Tchimpounga PA landscape: To date this outcome is achieved at 35% and the indicators associated with it are achieved between 20 and 100%. A draft of the revised Law N° 37-2008 on Wildlife and Protected Areas and eight (8) draft implementing texts (decrees and orders) have been produced to improve the legal framework related to biodiversity conservation and the enhance enforcement of environmental regulations that prohibit illegal and unsustainable resource uses. A joint initiative is also underway with the managers of cross border PAs (Republican Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Angola) to set up mechanisms for trans-border cooperation to act against illegal activities in the Mayombe forest area.

Rating towards outputs: Globally the rating is S because the implementation of the project made significant progress and changes have been made in the execution of activities and the achievement of certain outputs. In detail, as aligned in section 3.2 we cannot that: 2 of the 3 outputs under component 1 are achieved between at 80 % the other one is at 45 %. Under component 2, 5 of the 6 outputs are achieved between 50 and 80 %. Under component 3, the level of achievement of the outputs is at 20% expected of the one relating to the improvement of national policies and regulations related to biodiversity conservation. Some activities at this component 3 were not achieved mainly due to unforeseen delays and extraneous circumstances, limited financial capacity of the project

Overall risk rating: The project remains at an overall low risk level (L) as presented in section 3.3. Several measures and initiatives for the mitigation of the risks identified at CEO ED have been implemented.

2.4 Co Finance

Planned Co-	\$ 15,000,000	
finance:		
Actual to date:	521,394	
Progress	Justify progress in terms of materialization of expected co-finance. State any relevant challenges:	
	Compared to the overall budget of the Project, the expected co-financing from the Government and partners amounts to 15 000 000 USD or 84% of the	
	total project budget. As can be seen, with only 3,48% of the co-financing received to date, it's the mobilization is one of the most important constrains	
	impeding the implementation of the project. The amount mobilized and assessed has thus increased from USD 405822 as of June 30, 2023 to USD	
	521394, an increase of USD 115,572. This variation is largely due to the initiatives taken by the project team to explore alternative sources of funding by	
	shifting its strategy for mobilizing additional resources towards more partnership with NGOs such as Endangered Species International) Congo Association	
	- Rainforest trust (21626 USD) Jane Goodall Institut (73865 USD) supporting project activities. To address challenge the highest authorities of the two	
	strategic partners, namely the Government of the Congo and UNEP/GEF, must consult each other and take strong and courageous decisions to improve	
	the situation	

2.5. Stakeholder

Date of project steering	
committee meeting	
Stakeholder engagement (will be	In line with the stakeholder engagement plan, local communities, local administrative and political authorities, private sector and civil
uploaded to GEF Portal)	society are effectively involve and facilitating the implementation of the project's fields operations and momentum was created around
	the project. The social mobilization of actors in the framework of the project's activities is supported. For example, during the period
	covered by this report, 501 people from all categories, including Indigenous peoples participated in the meetings and workshops
	organized by the project. Local authorities and communities provide co-financing in kind through the provision of rooms and equipment
	for holding meetings organized by the project in the districts. The partner NGOs such as ESI, Jane Goodall Institute and Noé operating in
	the protected areas of the complex provide technical and financial support for the implementation of the project's activities. During the
	forum held on the commitment of the private sector (mining, forestry, etc.) on the future protected area of Ntombo, they showed their
	willingness to support actions to protect biodiversity and the rehabilitation of degraded ecosystems. The recent withdrawal by the
	Ministry of Forest Economy of the logging permit in the Ntombo Forest Reserve is an important decision facilitating the process of the
	project implementing the transformation of this reserve into a protected areat. However this commitment needs to be strengthened
	particularly with regard to co-financing. During the coming months, the project intends to enhance awareness of more stakeholders.,
	through utilization of channels such as radio, social media.

2.6. Gender

Does the project have a gender	Yes
action plan?	
linloaded to GFF Portal).	With regard to gender mainstreaming, particular attention was paid to gender equality issues in the conduct of project activities and particularly access for women and youth to the socio-economic services, benefits and other opportunities offered by the project's intervention and those arising from the management of protected Areas. Gender mainstreaming achievement during the current exercise can be summarized as follows:
	(i) 501 people including 196 women and 305 men participated in the meeting and consultations organized by the project during the reporting period,
	(ii) As part of the first three microprojects income-generating activities under implementation 143 people including 21 women from the communities have been trained for the use of biodiversity in fish farming, beekeeping and artisanal fisheries during the reporting period.
	During this reporting period, female participation in relevant training related to income generation activities (Beekeeping, aquaculture) was guarantee, with quotas set for women participants in this training.

2.7. ESSM

Moderate/High risk projects (in	Was the project classified as moderate/high risk CEO Endorsement/Approval Stage?	
terms of Environmental and	Yes	
social safeguards)	If yes, what specific safeguard risks were identified in the SRIF/ESERN?	
	Ecosystems related to project fragile or degraded (Presence of critical habitats, presence of biodiversity with threatened status) ;the	
	project cause social problems and conflicts related to land tenure and access to resources (Possible risk of frustration felt by some who	
	are (unintentionally) not involved enough by the project	
New social and/or	Have any new social and/or environmental risks been identified during the reporting period?	
environmental risks	No	
	If yes, describe the new risks or changes?	
Complaints and grievances	Has the project received complaints related to social and/or environmental impacts (actual or potential) during the reporting period?	
related to social and/or	No	
environmental impacts	If yes, please describe the complaint(s) or grievance(s) in detail, including the status, significance, who was involved and what actions	

were taken? Environmental and social The Environmental and Social Safeguards Checklist as documented at CEO approval is the subject of attention and follow-up. Indeed, the safeguards management activities are conducted in a participatory and inclusive manner through an approach based on a dynamic CLIP (free informed and prior consent) allowing the involvement of stakeholders and the taking into account of their opinions as well as their socio-economic and environmental interests at each key stage of the processes developed and in case of negative impact mitigation or accompanying measures are identified with the parties. By way of illustration, the proposals for options for delimiting the boundaries of the new protected area of Ntombo and the biological corridor of the Conkouati-Dimonika-Tchimpounga forest have been defined taking into account the various socio-economic issues, the occupation of the space, the overlapping uses related in particular to the activities of mining and forestry companies, bioecological potentialities and key conservation objectives where protection efforts should be concentrated, current and potential threats to biodiversity, the needs expressed by the population in terms of eco-development areas and the legislative framework governing land ownership issues. There are no major changes at this stage of implementation. However, in accordance with national environmental and protected area legislation which stipulates that all development projects as well as the creation/classification of a protected area have an obligation to carry out an environmental and social impact assessment, the project has initiated the process of carrying out an environmental and social impact study that will propose in case of negative impact on the environment or local communities, alternative measures and mitigation solutions. The results of this study will also be used to update the checklist of environmental and social guarantees for completion. The report of this environmental and social impact assessment study has been examined by the interministerial technical commission and its observations and recommendations are being integrated for its final validation.

2.8. KM/Learning

Knowledge activities and	With regard to knowledge management the project carried out several studies and produced technical reports that strengthening the knowledge on the capital of natural resources. A
products	database of useful and updated information on the potentialities and challenges related to biodiversity conservation in the area has been created. On the basis of these data, some tools and accounting sheets have also been produced including:
	• Two illustrated and descriptive catalogues of representative species of wild terrestrial mammals, flying mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and some fishery and floristic species identified in the Ntombo forest concession and the Dimonika-Ntombo-Tchimpounga forest biological corridor;
	• A set of thematic maps on species distribution, migration corridors used by large mammals, vegetation and eco-forest stratifications, areas of high conservation value, land cover,
	tourist and cultural sites, hydrography, geology, areas of land occupied by indigenous peoples and families holding customary land rights, concessions and permits granted to mining and forestry companies. gold panning sites, areas of high pressure
	Some of this information is already posted on the project's website and a national workshop to validate and share these results is planned with a view to making them available to the
	public including research institutions, relevant administration structures, NGOs and associations working in the field of conservation as well as private sector operators operating in
	the area. In addition, during this reporting period, 400 copies of 2 illustrated educational booklets highlighting the potentialities, threats and challenges of biodiversity conservation
	and ecosystem protection were published and disseminated within communities, civil society, public authorities and services, research and training institutes, etc.

, g g g	As in previous periods, the main lesson learned during this period is the careful and regular review of co-financing arrangements and commitments in order to prevent any partial achievement of project results. Another lesson learned is that community participation in biodiversity conservation is a major challenge in a context of poverty. The various processes that the project conducts with local communities have highlighted this reality and the need to establish strong links between conservation and local development by creating alternative economic opportunities for the benefit of the riparian communities. Indeed, whether it is the creation of the new protected area or the ongoing biological corridors, the local communities are fully committed to it but are asking the authorities to put in place support measures and alternative income-generating activities.

2.9. Stories

Stories to be shared

Promoting biodiversity conservation through the development of human capital of local and indigenous communities: Case of the rehabilitation of the Dinomika primary school in the Dimonika Biosphere Reserve.Located in the district of Myouti, village of Dimonika and more precisely in the central area of the Dimonika Biosphere Reserve, this school built in colonial times by a mining operator named Vigoureux, was recovered by the Congolese State following the nationalization movements of schools. It has since been under the supervision of the Ministry of National Education which ensures the administrative and technical management with responsibility for the assignment of teachers who are civil servants. However, over time the buildings became dilapidated and the school found itself in an advanced state of disrepair with repercussions on the children's study conditions. The complaints of the local communities to the departmental authorities for the rehabilitation of the said infrastructure having never been satisfactorily answered, the latter requested support for the project. Thus, in consultation with the local authorities of the Myouti district and the parents of students at the Dimonika school, the Project undertook rehabilitation work by renovating two classrooms, repairing an administrative block and building a latrine block. At the reception of the work carried out, the Chief of the district, the director of the school, the parents' association and the entire village community expressed their satisfaction with the project and its partners including the Global Environment Facility and UNEP. On this occasion they reiterated their commitment to invest in biodiversity conservation actions in general and in the process carried out by the project to create the complex of protected areas of which the Dimonika reserve is one of the components. From now on, teachers and 112 students enrolled have a pleasant environment for their studies. As the reserve does not have an appropriate meeting room, now with these rehabili

3 Performance

3.1 Rating of progress towards achieving the project outcomes

Project Objective and	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-Term Target	End of Project	Progress as of	Summary by the EA of attainment of the	Progress
Outcomes			or Milestones	Target	current	indicator & target as of 30 June	rating
					period(numeric,		
					percentage, or		
					binary entry		
					only)		
Objective: ensure the	Increase in the area of	4,353,500 ha.	None	4,446,800 ha	80%	Process of creating the Ntombo Protected	S
effectiveness of biodiversity	national PA system			(increase of		Area is advanced. The PA boundaries	
conservation and management				93,300 ha, or		delineation scheme is established,	
through the creation of a				2.14%)		validated and agreed by communities and	
complex of protected areas and	1					other stakeholders at the local level.	
the implementation of a model						Taking into account the various	
of participation of communities	;					socio-economic issues, the occupation of	
and the private sector						the space, the overlapping uses related	
						in particular to the activities of	
						mining and forestry companies,	
						bioecological potentialities and key	
						conservation objectives where protection	
						efforts should be concentrated, current	
						and potential threats to biodiversity,	
						the needs expressed by the population in	
						terms of eco-development areas and the	
						legislative framework governing land	
						ownership issues this scheme provides	
						for the creation of a PA covering an	
						area of 59450 ha. Also the proposal for	
						legal status and the draft decree for	
						the creation of the PA have been	
						developed, reviewed and validated by	
						communities and other stakeholders at	

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Outcomes			or Milestones	Target	current	indicator & target as of 30 June	rating
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					percentage, or		
					binary entry		
					only)		
						the local level. It remains to submit	
						these proposals to institutional	
						endorsement by technical commission of	
						the Ministry of Forest Economy and the	
						national classification commission.	
						Scientific and technical data,	
						environmental and socal specifications	
						and needs necessary for the development	
						of the protected area management once it	
						is formalized by the adoption by the	
						government of decree creating plan have	
						been implemented or in the process of	
						being finalized.	
Objective: ensure the	Extent of sustainably	4 755 588 ha	Extent of	Extent of	80%	Process of creating the biological	S
effectiveness of biodiversity	managed landscapes that		sustainably	sustainably		corridor of the	
conservation and management	integrate biodiversity		managed	managed		Dimonika-Ntombo-Tchimpounga forest	
through the creation of a	conservation		landscapes	landscapes		which will increase the area of	
complex of protected areas and	i		increased by 10%	increased by		landscapes under sustainable management	
the implementation of a model				30%		is ongoing. The biological corridor	
of participation of communities						boundaries delineation scheme is	
and the private sector						established, validated and agreed by	
						communities and other stakeholders at	
						the local level. Taking into account the	
						various issues this scheme provides for	
						the creation of a biological corridor	
						with two large bands connecting the 4 PA	
						of the PA complex and covering an area	
						of 92 450 ha.The next step will be to	
						submit this option to institutional	

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Outcomes			or Milestones	Target	current	indicator & target as of 30 June	rating
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					percentage, or		
					binary entry		
					only)		
						endorsement by technical commission of	
						ministry of forest and possibly by a	
						restricted meeting of an	
						inter-ministerial committee. The	
						challenge at this level focuses on the	
						political-institutional support of the	
						Executing Agency to reach an agreement	
						with all the ministries concerned to	
						give an official status of protected	
						biological corridor to this landscape	
						taking into account the different	
						overlapping of use. Scientific and	
						technical data, environmental and socal	
						specifications needs necessary for	
						necessary for the development of the	
						land use plan of the biological corridor	
						have been implemented or in the process	
						of being finalized.	
Objective: ensure the	PA management	Baseline Scores:•	10%	30%	60%	Two (2) protected areas, namely	S
effectiveness of biodiversity	effectiveness, as measured	Dimoni	improvement in	improvement in		Dimonika BR and Conkouati-Douli NP, each	
conservation and management	by GEF BD1 − METT•	ka BR - 56•	METT score at	METT score at		lose 6 points, going from 56 to 50 and	
through the creation of a	Dimonika BR•	Conkou	each site	each site		from 58 to 52, due to the lack of	
complex of protected areas and	l Conkouati-Douli	ati-Douli NP -				support and substantial resources	
the implementation of a model	NP• Tchimpounga	58∙				(financial and human) of the Government	
of participation of communities	Reserve• Ntombo Reserve	Tchimp				and other partners for management	
and the private sector		ounga Reserve -				activities and monitoring. But the	
		55∙				situation is changing for the	
		Ntomb				Conkouati-Douli NP with the arrival of a	
		o Reserve - 17				new partner, namely the NGO Noé, with	

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Outcomes			or Milestones	Target	current	indicator & target as of 30 June	rating
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					only)		
						which the Government has signed a	
						partnership agreement for the management	
						of the Park. Indeed, the park's	
						surveillance activities have since	
						improved, the NGO recently recruited 48	
						eco-guards to strengthen this	
						surveillance and the fight against	
						poaching• Two (2) protected areas,	
						namely Tchimpounga and Ntombo gained 7	
						and 16 points respectively, from 55 to	
						62 or 13% of improvement and from 17 to	
						33 or 94%, in line with the continued	
						support of the partner Jane Goodall	
						Institute for the first case, and the	
						efforts made by the project as part of	
						the process of creating the Ntombo	
						Protected Area.	
Objective: ensure the	Decreased rate of poaching	Species and	Rate of poaching	Rate of poaching	60%	The review of the information collected	S
effectiveness of biodiversity	of globally significant	current	is reduced by 10%	is reduced by		on the basic situation and the activity	
conservation and management	species under threat in the	populations to	from baseline by	25% from		reports of the PAs did not indicate	
through the creation of a	region (e.g., Elephant,	be determined		baseline		major poaching acts on elephants, hippos	
complex of protected areas and	hippopotamus, great apes)	during year 1				and great apes. In addition, the	
the implementation of a model	i I					surveillance capacities of the	
of participation of communities	S					Conkouati-Douli National Park which is	
and the private sector						home to most of the large mammals	
						particularly elephants, has just been	
						strengthened by the recruitment of 48	
						new eco-guards and the intensification	
						of control activities by the NGO Noé	

Project Objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-Term Target or Milestones	End of Project Target	current	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June	Progress rating
					period(numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)		
						Conservation, which has taken charge of its management. However, due to the multiplication of human-wildlife conflicts in the area, threats remain. African atherides (pigs and woodpeckers) and blue duikers pay a high price and account for more than 75% of the animals slaughtered	
Objective: ensure the effectiveness of biodiversity conservation and management through the creation of a complex of protected areas and the implementation of a model of participation of communities and the private sector	Mayombe Forest landscap	Scores of 12 forConkouata and 18 Dimonika(IUCN / PACO 2011 scorecard)	None	50% decrease in fragmentation rates	50%	The data collected to inform the Management Effectiveness Tracking Tools (METT) recently during the mid-term review indicate a low level of fragmentation for Conkouati Park and medium for the Dimonika Biosphere Reserve. The project is preparing a new survey with the management units of the PA to take stock of the mining permits and other recent infrastructures in the area that are likely to cause habitat fragmentation in the landscape of the said PA.	S
Objective: ensure the effectiveness of biodiversity conservation and management through the creation of a complex of protected areas and the implementation of a model of participation of communities and the private sector	fire within PAs in Mayombe Forest landscape		None	50% decrease in area of forest burned per year	50%	The recent evaluation carried out through METT during the mid-term review showed that the frequency of forest fires in the APs is generally medium at Conkouati park and low in Dimonika RB and Tchimpounga reserve.	S

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Outcomes			or Milestones	Target	current	indicator & target as of 30 June	rating
					period(numeric,		
					percentage, or		
					binary entry		
					only)		
Outcome 1: Establishment and	1 Formally established and	Ntombo Forest	Classification of	Ntombo Forest	85%	The PA boundaries delineation scheme is	S
enhanced connectivity of	operational forest reserves	has no official	the Ntombo	Reserve formally		established, validated and agreed by	
protected areas	in the Mayombe forest TPA	protection status	Forest Reserve,	established, and		communities and other stakeholders at	
		or management	and elaboration	pilot		the local level. This scheme provides	
		plan	of management	implementation		for the creation of a PA covering an	
			plan,	of priority		area of 59 450 ha. Also the proposal for	
				activities,		legal status and the draft decree for	
						the creation of the PA have been	
						developed, reviewed and validated by	
						communities and other stakeholders at	
						the local level. It remains to submit	
						these proposals to institutional	
						endorsement by technical commission of	
						the Ministry of Forest Economy and the	
						national classification commission.It	
						remains to submit the option to	
						institutional endorsement by technical	
						commission of the Ministry of Forest	
						Economy and the national classification	
						commission. Almost scientific and	
						technical data necessary for the	
						development of the protected area	
						management plan/legal instruments and	
						the conduct of related consultations	
						with stakeholders have been implemented	
						or in the process of being finalized.	
Outcome 1: Establishment and	2.Formally established and	Corridor area	Classification of	Biological	70%	The biological Corridor boundaries	S
enhanced connectivity of	operational biological	currently has no	Dimonika-	corridor formally	,	delineation scheme is established,	
protected areas	· -	formal	Ntombo-	established, and		validated and agreed by communities and	

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Outcomes			or Milestones	Target	current	indicator & target as of 30 June	rating
					period(numeric,		
					percentage, or		
					binary entry		
					only)		
	forest TPA	protection status	Tchimpounga	pilot		other stakeholders at the local level.	
		or land use plan	corridor, and	implementation		This scheme provides for the creation of	
			elaboration of a	of priority		a biological corridor with two large	
			harmonized land	activities		bands connecting the 4 PA of the PA	
			use plan			complex and covering an area of 92 450.	
						It remains to submit the option to	
						institutional endorsement by technical	
						commission of the Ministry of Forest	
						Economy and other ministries	
						concernedAlmost scientific and	
						technical data necessary for the	
						development of the land use plan of the	
						biological corridor have been	
						implemented or in the process of being	
						finalized	
Outcome 1: Establishment and	3.Formally established and	Complex area	Classification of	PA complex	45%	The process is ongoing but with	MS
enhanced connectivity of	operational PA complexes	currently has no	the Conkouati-	created, and		challenges explaining the delay observed	
protected areas	in the Mayombe forest TPA	formal	Dimonika-	pilot		towards completion and which the project	
		protection status	Tchimpounga	implementation		is working to take into account and	
		or management	complex, and	of priority		resolve with the parties concerned.	
		plan	elaboration of	activities,		These include the lack of basic	
			management			management tools at the level of the PA	
			plan,			forming the complex and other	
						initiatives and changes underway at the	
						level of some of two PA (extension of	
						the marine part of the Conkouati-Douli	
						Park and decommissioning of part of the	
						Tchimpounga Nature Reserve). During this	
						reporting period these issues are	

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Outcomes			or Milestones	Target	current	indicator & target as of 30 June	rating
					period(numeric	,	
					percentage, or		
					binary entry		
					only)		
						resolved with the adoption by the	
						government of the decree consecrating	
						the extension of the marine part of the	
						Conkouati-Douli National Park and the	
						adoption by the national classification	
						commission of the draft decrees relating	
						to the declassification of certain areas	
						of the Tchimpounga Natural Reserve. The	
						process may evolve in the coming months	
						to remap and fix the boundaries of the	
						PA complex and propose the draft decree	
						for its creation.	
Outcome 2: Increase in	1.Number of community	No local	1 local forum	Local forum	55%	A concept note/roadmap for the	S
sustainably managed	and private sector	consultation	organised with	institutionalized		organization of a forum for multi-actor	
landscapes that integrate	participation supporting	forum	equitable	and contribute		consultation and dialogue at the	
biodiversity conservation	events		participation of	significantly in		national and local level has been	
			women	reducing		developed. A departmental forum on the	
				conflicts		commitment of the private sector	
						(mining, forestry, etc.) to the future	
						protected area of Ntombo was organized.	
						This forum allowed not only to inform to	
						inform and raise awareness private	
						sector operators and share with them the	
						same understanding on the process of	
						creating the future Ntombo protected	
						area, as well as the issues related to	
						the protection and conservation of	
						biodiversity in this area but also to	
						discuss with these private operators'	

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						for the protection of biodiversity and the rehabilitation of degraded ecosystems.	
Outcome 2: Increase in sustainably managed landscapes that integrate biodiversity conservation	private sector participation	management	A community and private sector participation model which ensure gender equity identified 1 Community Conservation Committee (CCC) and 1 Community Conservation Management Council (CGCC) established in each of the 4 target PAs and with good women representation	and private sector participation model implemented in the project area based on lesson learn from current models used in the countryCCC and CGCC have planned for operations beyond project	50%	Proposal model participation adapted to the context involving the communities, private sector and the various public institutions has been developed. Instruments/agreements to be developed as well as the governance structures to be put in place including community participation structures (CCCs) for the operationalization of the model, have been identified. Mandate and composition of the Community Conservation Committee (CCC) have been identified. The next steps that are being prepared for the implementation of these structures include the organization of an information and consultation campaign with communities and other local stakeholders on the identification of members and the holding of constitutive general assemblies.	S
Outcome 2: Increase in sustainably managed landscapes that integrate biodiversity conservation		Functioning model of the USLABs in the forestry concessions	At least one USLAB is created and operational	At least 3 USLABs are created and operational	50%	Proposals including the creation of USLAB are made for the organization and coordination of the surveillance and anti-Poaching system to be established for the complex. The challenge lies in	S

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Outcomes			or Milestones	Target	current	indicator & target as of 30 June	rating
					period(numeric,		
					percentage, or		
					binary entry		
					only)		
		attributed to CIB				the ability of the Ministry of Forest	
		and IFO. USLABs				Economy to take charge of the	
		established in				remuneration of the staff of these	
		the northern				structures once recruited and set up.To	
		part of the				address this issue, the next actions	
		country				will be to define together with the	
						Ministry of Forest Economy, the	
						operational modalities for the	
						establishment of the three USLAB planned	
						as part of the project. Meanwhile	
						progress is being made to improve the	
						surveillance and anti-Poaching system	
						for the PA complex. Indeed, during the	
						period covered by this report, the NGO	
						Noe which has the delegated management	
						of the Conkouati-Douli National Park has	
						recruited 48 eco-guards with the	
						technical participation of the project.	
Outcome 2: Increase in	4. Number of	No project web	Project web	Project web	100%	An educational booklet for awareness has	S
sustainably managed	communication and	portal	portal developed	portal receiving		been developed and disseminated within	
landscapes that integrate	awareness raising tools		and integrated	500 visitors/year		communities and partner structures.In	
biodiversity conservation	develop by the project on		into ministry			addition to this educational booklet,	
	conservation issues and		website			other public information and	
	with due consideration to					awareness-raising materials (panels,	
	gender equality					posters, flyers) on the challenges of	
						ecosystem protection and biodiversity	
						conservation are set up and	
						disseminated. Key activities implemented	
						by the project are regularly the subject	

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					percentage, or binary entry only)		
						of media coverage with production and broadcasting of TV articles and reports. A project website (http://www.pccd.cg) has been developed and over the period from January to June, 2024, the site registered 621 users including 602 new ones.	
Outcome 2: Increase in sustainably managed landscapes that integrate biodiversity conservation		mechanism for local community in place to support conservation	micro-projects to be supported by the project	projects are implemented and the report on their impacts and scaling up and replication strategy are validated		A package of 4 priority and inter-community pilot micro-projects have been developed after call for grants proposal, consultation with communities and feasibility study, to introduce good practices in the sectors of artisanal fishing, beekeeping, fish farming and community ecotourism.5,954 potential beneficiaries of which 43% are women, some of these micro-projects (15%) are carried exclusively by women's organizations;3 selected pilot microprojects are currently being implemented with an implementation rate of 80%.	S
Outcome 2: Increase in sustainably managed landscapes that integrate biodiversity conservation	guards, communities' members with equal gender representation,	PA management, dried farming, Non-timber Forest products,	developed Strengthening of eco-guard's capacities	At least persons 100 in which 50 women have completed training modules on on sustainable	50%	List of the target groups to be formed (rangers, village chief, land chief, opinion leaders, categories of natural resource users, ONGs and civil society associations including women's, political and administrative leaders, local elected officials, and private	S

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					binary entry		
					only)		
	production activities	PPG171 eco-		management of		sector operators) has been established	
		guards trained in		natural		and capacity-building needs are	
		2009		resources or		identified.Three (3) modules on	
				production		production techniques and good practices	
				activities Number	-	for the use of biodiversity in fish	
				of eco-guards		farming, beekeeping and artisanal	
				increased by at		fisheries are already developed and used	
				least 50%		to train 143 including 50 women members	
						of the beneficiary groups of alternative	
						income-generating activities.The NGO	
						Noe which has the delegated management	
						of the Conkouati-Douli National Park has	
						recruited 48 eco-guards with the	
						technical participation of the project.	
Outcome 3: Good management	3.National policy and legal	Existence of	Analysis of policy	At least two	100%	A draft of the revised Law on Wildlife	S
practices adopted in the	framework to enhance	biodiversity laws	and legal	amendments to		and Protected Areas and Eight (8) draft	
Conkouati – Dimonika –	enforcement of	concerning	framework,	legislation (e.g.		implementing texts (decrees and orders)	
Tchimpounga PA landscape	environmental regulations	poaching	identification of	anti-poaching		have been produced. The challenge lies	
	that prohibit illegal and		gaps, and	act and/or		in the follow-up by the Ministry of	
	unsustainable resource		recommendations	USLAB; pollution		Forest Economy for the adoption by the	
	uses		for strengthening	management)		government of the new law and its	
			existing	officially		implementing texts.	
			framework	submitted to the			
				in-line ministries			
Outcome 3: Good management	4.Effective mechanisms for	Existence of	Draft framework	Trans-border	20%	Consultations with partners in	MS
practices adopted in the	trans-border cooperation	biodiversity laws	for operations of	anti-poaching		neighbouring countries have been	
Conkouati – Dimonika –	to act against illegal	concerning	coordination	coordination		initiated and proposals for the first	
Tchimpounga PA landscape	activities in the Mayombe	poaching and the	committee	committee		cooperation tools have been drawn up.	
	forest area	international	created	established &		The constraints lie in the lack of	

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Outcomes			or Milestones	Target	current	indicator & target as of 30 June	rating
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					percentage, or		
					binary entry		
					only)		
		trade in species		operationalized		reaction at the level of the central	
						administration in charge of cross-border	
						cooperation issues on law enforcement,	
						anti-poaching and other illegal	
						activities.	
Outcome 3: Good management	1.Capacity of key	Baseline to be	Increase of 10% in	Increase of 35%	15%	Dicussions are underway with the	MS
practices adopted in the	institutions for sustainable	determined at	each agency's	in each agency's		structures in charge of the management	
Conkouati – Dimonika –	management of Mayombe	inception stage	capacity score	capacity score		of protected areas to mobilize the	
Tchimpounga PA landscape	forest region, as measured		from baseline	from baseline		expertise of a specialist to establish	
	by GEF Capacity					the reference situation including the	
	Development Scorecard					identification of the key institutions	
						concerned and their staff, assessment of	
						current capacities and training needs	
						and develop the training plan adapted to	
						the responsibilities of the various	
						bodies and personnel concerned. The	
						chalenge relate to the coordination with	
						their priorities and the limited	
						financial capacity of the project to	
						cover the costs without a substantial	
						contribution of co-financing.	
Outcome 3: Good management	2.Monitoring and	Some M&E tools	Monitoring and	Established	20%	A database of up-to-date scientific data	MS
practices adopted in the	evaluation tools to improve	exist but are not	evaluation tools	biodiversity		and information on biodiversity that can	
Conkouati – Dimonika –	scientific understanding of	consistently	are in a draft	observatory and		serve as a reference for the	
Tchimpounga PA landscape	the value of biodiversity in	applied, and data	form for	environmental		establishment of the observatory and the	
	the Mayombe forest	collection is ad	validation by	monitoring		environmental monitoring system is	
		hoc	experts	system		established.A number of new tools of	
						scientific knowledge of the value of the	
						biodiversity of the area have been	

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					percentage, or		
					binary entry		
					only)		
						produced through the capitalization of	
						the results of the scientific studies	
						developed by the project in particular	
						the inventory and mapping work at the	
						level of the Ntombo forest concession	
						and the forest landscape of the	
						biological corridor	

3.2 Rating of progress implementation towards delivery of outputs (Implementation Progress)

Component	Output/Activity	Expected	Implementation	Implementation	Progress rating justification, description of	Progress
		completion	status as of	status as of	challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Rating
		date	previous	current		
			reporting	reporting		
			period (%)	period (%)		
1	Output 1.1: One protected area (Ntombo Forest Reserve) created and	2023-04-30	60%	95%		
Establishment	its management plan developed and validated					
of protected						
areas and						
biodiversity						
corridors						
1	Activity 1.1.1: Delineation of PA boundaries by means of public and	2024-09-30	90%	90%	The PA boundaries delineation scheme is	S
Establishment	government consultation				established, validated and agreed by	
of protected					communities and other stakeholders at	
areas and					the local level. This scheme provides	
biodiversity					for the creation of a PA covering an	
corridors					area of 59450 ha, The next step will be	
					to submit this option to institutional	
					endorsement by technical commission of	
					the Ministry of Forest Economy and the	

Component	Output/Activity	· ·	· ·	· ·	Progress rating justification, description of	Progress
		completion	status as of	status as of	challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Rating
		date	previous	current		
			reporting	reporting		
			period (%)	period (%)		
					National Classification commission. This	
					institutional step is scheduled for the	
					August 2024.	
1	Activity 1.1.2: Development of management plan / instruments	2025-06-30	60%	80%	Almost scientific and technical data	S
Establishment	t				necessary for the development of the	
of protected					protected area management plan/legal	
areas and					instruments and the conduct of related	
biodiversity					consultations with stakeholders have	
corridors					been implemented or in the process of	
					being finalized. During this reporting	
					period, a legal study was carried out in	
					consultation with local communities by a	
					legal expert in order to analyze the	
					options, propose an appropriate legal	
					framework, status, mode of governance	
					and the draft of decree for the creation	
					of the PA. In addition, the report of	
					this study, including the proposal for	
					legal status and the draft decree for	
					the creation of the PA, was examined and	
					validated by the stakeholders during a	
					workshop organized at the departmental	
					level. The next step will be to submit	
					these results to institutional	
					endorsement by technical commission of	
					the Ministry of Forest Economy and the	
					National Classification commission. This	
					institutional step is scheduled for the	
					August 2024. Once the decree including	
					the delimitation of the boundaries of	

Component	Output/Activity	Expected	Implementation	Implementation	Progress rating justification, description of	Progress
		completion	status as of	status as of	challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Rating
		date	previous	current		
			reporting	reporting		
			period (%)	period (%)		
					the PA endorse by the Ministry of Forest	
					Economy and adopted by the national	
					classification commission a team of	
					national experts will be set up to	
					develop the management plan. It is not	
					consistent to start the process of	
					developing the management plan before	
					the institutional endorsement of the	
					boundaries and classification decree of	
					the PA.	
1	Activity 1.1.3: Development of environmental specifications and needs	2024-08-30	90%	95%	In previous periods, data on several	S
Establishment					environmental and socio-economic	
of protected					specifications have been developed	
areas and					through thematic studies and surveys	
biodiversity					with a view to better defining	
corridors					conservation targets and optimizing	
					management options and priorities for	
					the future PA. As part of the management	
					of environmental and social safeguards,	
					the environmental and social impact	
					assessment initiated since 2020 by the	
					project in accordance with national	
					regulations was finalized with the	
					holding of two major public consultation	
					meetings organized respectively on	
					September 8 and 11, 2023 The report of	
					this environmental and social impact	
					assessment was forwarded to the	
					Directorate-General for the Environment	
					for approval and issuance of the	

Component	Output/Activity	Expected	Implementation	Implementation	Progress rating justification, description of	Progress
		completion	status as of	status as of	challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Rating
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			reporting	reporting		
			period (%)	period (%)		
					certificate of environmental and social	
					compliance for the project.The	
					interministerial technical commission	
					examined the said report on May 28,	
					2024, its observations and	
					recommendations are being integrated for	
					its final validation. In addition,	
					during the period covered by this report	
					a study on the socio-economy situation	
					of the area as well as the independent	
					validation of the Free, Prior and	
					Informed Consent (FPIC) already obtained	
					from stakeholders and local communities	
					has been carried out. The report of this	
					study was reviewed and validated by	
					stakeholders at a workshop organized by	
					the project at the departmental level.	
					Regarding the FPIC, the study concluded	
					that the creation of the protected area	
					is eagerly awaited by all the riparian	
					communities and the local authorities,	
					all of whom are in favour.	
1	One biological corridor (Dimonika-Ntombo-Tchimpounga Forest)	2025-6-30	80%	80%	The biological corridor boundaries	S
Establishment	created and a land use plan developed				delineation scheme is established,	
of protected					validated and agreed by communities and	
areas and					other stakeholders at the local	
biodiversity					level.This scheme provides for the	
corridors					creation of a biological corridor with	
					two large bands connecting the 4 PA of	
					the PA complex and covering an area of	

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		completion	status as of	status as of	challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Rating
		date	previous	current		
			reporting	reporting		
			period (%)	period (%)		
					92 450 ha.The next step will be to	
					submit this option to institutional	
					endorsement by technical commission of	
					ministry of forest and possibly by a	
					restricted meeting of an	
					inter-ministerial committee. The	
					challenge at this level focuses on the	
					political-institutional support of the	
					Executing Agency to reach an agreement	
					with all the ministries concerned to	
					give an official status of protected	
					biological corridor to this landscape	
					taking into account the different	
					overlapping of use. Almost scientific	
					and technical data necessary for the	
					development of the land use plan of the	
					biological corridor have been	
					implemented or in the process of being	
					finalized.	
1	Activity 1.2.1: Delineation of biological corridor boundaries by means	2024-09-30	90%	90%	The biological corridor boundaries	S
Establishment	of public and government consultation				delineation scheme is established,	
of protected					validated and agreed by communities and	
areas and					other stakeholders at the local level.	
biodiversity					This scheme provides for the creation of	
corridors					a biological corridor with two large	
					bands connecting the 4 PA of the PA	
					complex and covering an area of 92 450	
					ha.The next step will be to submit this	
					option to institutional endorsement by	
					technical commission of ministry of	

Component	Output/Activity	Expected	Implementation	Implementation	Progress rating justification, description of	Progress
		completion	status as of	status as of	challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Rating
		date	previous	current		
			reporting	reporting		
			period (%)	period (%)		
					forest and possibly by a restricted	
					meeting of an inter-ministerial	
					committee. The challenge at this level	
					is to reach an agreement with all the	
					ministries concerned to give an official	
					status of protected biological corridor	
					to this landscape taking into account	
					the different overlappings of use. This	
					institutional step is scheduled for the	
					August 2024.	
1	Activity 1.2.2: Development of land use plan / instruments	2025-06-30	70%	70%	Almost scientific and technical data	S
Establishment					necessary for the development of the	
of protected					land use plan of the biological corridor	
areas and					/legal instruments a have been	
biodiversity					implemented or in the process of being	
corridors					finalized. Following the work plan	
					adopted by the project team, the next	
					step will be, once the delimitation of	
					the boundaries validated by consultation	
					with the government, to capitalize on	
					all this data, conduct consultations	
					with stakeholders and develop the land	
					use plan as well as legal and regulatory	
					texts to formalize the creation of the	
					biological corridor and its protected	
					landscape status. Similarly, a national	
					multi-stakeholder workshop is planned to	
					validate the land use plan and	
					associated regulatory instruments.	
1	Activity 1.2.3: Development of environmental specifications and needs	2024-08-31	80%	95%	In previous periods, the ecological	S

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		completion	status as of	status as of	challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Rating
		date	previous	current		
			reporting	reporting		
			period (%)	period (%)		
Establishment					potential of the biological corridor,	
of protected					the various land issues related to the	
areas and					use of forest landscape, potential	
biodiversity					conservation values and targets,	
corridors					migration corridors used by large	
					mammals, obstacles and constraints to	
					the safe migration of wildlife,	
					opportunities have been determined.	
					Similarly, socio-economic to reconcile	
					conservation needs and ecological	
					integrity of the site with the economic	
					activities of riparian communities and	
					private sector operators have been	
					defined in the delimitation scenarios in	
					ways to prevent conflicts. As part of	
					the management of environmental and	
					social safeguards, the environmental and	
					social impact assessment initiated since	
					2020 by the project was finalized and	
					the report was forwarded to the	
					Directorate-General for the Environment	
					for approval and issuance of the	
					certificate of environmental and social	
					compliance for the project.The	
					interministerial technical commission	
					examined the said report on May 28,	
					2024, its observations and	
					recommendations are being integrated for	
					its final validation. In addition,	
					during the period covered by this report	

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					a study on the socio-economy situation	
					of the area as well as the independent	
					validation of the Free, Prior and	
					Informed Consent (FPIC) already obtained	
					from stakeholders and local communities	
İ					has been carried out. The report of this	
l					study was reviewed and validated by	
					stakeholders at a workshop organized by	
					the project at the departmental level.	
					Regarding the FPIC, the study concluded	
					that the creation biological corridor is	
					eagerly awaited by all the riparian	
					communities and the local authorities,	
					all of whom are in favour.	
1	One protected area complex (Conkouati-Dimonika-Tchimpounga)	2025-6-30	40%	45%	The process is ongoing but with	
Establishment	created				challenges explaining the delay observed	
of protected					towards completion and which the project	
areas and					is working to take into account and	
biodiversity					resolve with the parties concerned.	
corridors					These include the lack of basic	
					management tools at the level of the PA	
					forming the complex and other	
					initiatives and changes underway at the	
					level of some of two PA (extension of	
					the marine part of the Conkouati-Douli	
					Park and decommissioning of part of the	
					Tchimpounga Nature Reserve). During this	
					reporting period a new decree	
					consecrating the extension of the marine	
					part of the Conkouati-Douli National	

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					Park was adopted by the government, the	
					National Commission has adopted the	
					draft decrees relating to the	
					declassification of certain areas of the	
					Tchimpounga Natural Reserve. With these	
					issues now almost resolved, the process	
					may evolve in the coming months to remap	
					and fix the boundaries of the PA complex	
					and propose the draft decree for its	
					creation	
1	Activity 1.3.1: Delineation of PA complex boundaries by means of	2024-09-30	50%	60%	For further stakeholder consultation, a	S
Establishment	public and government consultation				proposal option for delimiting the	
of protected					geographical boundaries of the complex	
areas and					has been defined, based on the official	
biodiversity					boundaries enshrined in the decrees	
corridors					creating the PA, the need's analysis	
					for the integrity and ecological	
					connectivity as well as the	
					identification of priority areas that	
					contain the largest remaining efforts	
					and investments must be focused to	
					ensure the best possible conservation	
					scenario in the region. But in previous	
					periods we have indicated that in order	
					to be more consistent with other	
					initiatives under way at the PA complex	
					level, further mapping work will be	
					needed to take account of the recent	
					extension of the marine part of the	
					Conkouati-Douli National Park and the	

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-					declassification of certain areas of the	
					Tchimpounga Natural Reserve. To take	
					these changes into account to remap and	
					delineate the PA complex, the project	
					has during this reporting period	
					undertaken in collaboration with the	
					Jane Goodall Institute, a socio-land and	
					cartographic study of the Tchimpounga	
					Nature Reserve with a view to resizing	
					its boundaries and establishing its new	
					surface area with regard to the lease to	
					which it has been subject. This study is	
					currently being carried out.	
1	Activity 1.3.2: Development of management instruments	2025-06-30	40%	50%	he available data have been collected	S
Establishment					and the baseline of the 3 PA of the	
of protected					complex regarding management tools was	
areas and					established. Among the challenges, there	
biodiversity					is the fact that only one of these PA	
corridors					(Chimpounga Nature Reserve) has a draft	
					management plan that has not yet been	
					officially adopted and requires a	
					review. The other PA have only a few	
					mapping and zoning documents that date	
					back to their creation. The project	
					considered it necessary to take this	
					situation into account to ensure a	
					coherent development of the planning	
					process and management instruments to be	
ļ					developed for the complex. Discussions	
					are underway with the partners (Jane	

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					Goodall Institute, Noé, the Ministry of	
					Forest Economy) supporting the	
					management of these PA and other	
					stakeholders to find the necessary	
					resources and work together to address	
					these topics The changes to the two PA	
					of the complex as indicated in the	
					previous activity (1.3.1) and which were	
					necessary to remap and fix the	
					boundaries of the complex, have somewhat	
					delayed the development of the draft	
					decree to formalize the establishment of	
					the complex .During this reporting	
					period, the decree consecrating the	
					extension of the marine part of the	
					Conkouati-Douli National Park thus	
					giving it a new surface area of 795,550	
					ha against 504,950 ha before was adopted	
					by the government on October 26, 2023.	
					Also, on October 19, 2023, the National	
					Commission adopted the draft decrees	
					relating to the declassification of	
					certain areas of the Tchimpounga Natural	
					Reserve and a new classification of the	
					latter by integrating certain peripheral	
					areas, reducing its surface area to	
					47,062 ha compared to 55,526 hectares	
					before. With these issues now almost	
					resolved, the process including the	
					development of the draft decree for the	

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					creation of the complex may evolve in	
					the coming months, With this in mind,	
					the project has already started in	
					collaboration with and through	
					co-financing from the Jane Goodall	
					Institute, the realization of a	
					socio-land and cartographic study for	
					the development of the management plan	
					of the Tchimpounga Nature Reserve in	
					accordance with the new boundaries of	
					the said reserve.	
1	Activity 1.3.3: Development of environmental specifications and needs	2024-08-31	40%	60%	The relevant basic data on ecological	S
Establishment					diversity, key wildlife and flora	
of protected					resources and habitat available at the	
areas and					level of the complex's three target	
biodiversity					protected areas have been collected.	
corridors					However, the available biodiversity data	
					require updates as no inventory has been	
					carried out in the last five years in	
					the three protected areas of the	
					complex. To address this topic, the	
					project planned to support and work	
					jointly with the managers of the three	
					PAs of the complex to carry out	
					simplified inventories including the	
					identification of areas containing the	
					largest populations of key species in	
					order to update the data on the status	
					of the habitat and biodiversity. During	
					the period covered by this report,	

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					progress has been made in the management	
					of environmental and social safeguards.	
					Indeed, the environmental and social	
					impact assessment initiated since 2020	
					by the project in accordance with	
					national regulations was finalized with	
					the holding of two major public	
					consultation meetings organized	
					respectively on September 8 and 11, 2023	
					in Loango and Dolisie, capitals of the	
					two departments whose territories are	
					concerned, The report of this study was	
					forwarded to the Directorate-General for	
					the Environment for approval and	
					issuance of the certificate of	
					environmental and social compliance for	
					the project. The interministerial	
					technical commission examined the said	
					report on May 28, 2024, its observations	
					and recommendations are being integrated	
					for its final validation.	
2	A model for community and private sector participation is	2025-6-30	60%	60%	Proposal model participation adapted to	S
Participation	implemented in the new protected area complex				the context involving the communities,	
of local					the private sector and the various	
communities					public institutions has been developed.	
and the					The local stakeholders consulted gave	
private sector					their opinions and suggestions on this	
					proposal and gave their free, prior and	
					informed consent for practical	
					implementation of the model in the	

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					project area. Instruments/agreements to	
					be developed and the governance	
					structures to be put in place to	
					operationalize the model have been	
					identified	
2	Activity 2.1.1: Review and analysis of existing community and private	2019-02-28	100%	100%	Since previous periods a review of local	S
Participation	sector participation systems in use				community and private sector	
of local					participation systems for conservation	
communities					initiatives in use in the project area	
and the					and the rest of the country has been	
private sector					carried out and a more comprehensive	
					model for participation in conservation	
					initiatives and natural resource	
					management adapted to the context of the	
					project area and involving the	
					communities, the private sector and the	
					various public institutions involved has	
					been proposed. The	
					instruments/agreements to be developed,	
					as well as the governance frameworks to	
					be put in place including community and	
					sector participation structures for the	
					operationalization of the model have	
					been identified.	
2	Activity 2.1.2: Workshops to collect the opinions, concerns,	2024-11-30	70%	70%	The proposed model of community and	S
Participation	suggestions of stakeholders participation				private sector participation in the	
of local					management of the new protected area	
communities					complex has been submitted for public	
and the					consultation with local stakeholders	
private sector					(authorities, communities, NGOs	

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					associations, opinion leaders) Through	
					seven (7) workshops organized at the	
					level of each of the seven districts	
					whose territory is directly concerned.	
					The local stakeholders consulted gave	
					their opinions and suggestions on this	
					proposal and gave their free, prior and	
					informed consent for practical	
					implementation of the model in the	
					project area. The next step will be to	
					submit these proposal as well as the	
					opinions of local stakeholders to	
					consultation with relevant government	
					structures and key private sector actors	
					at national level for review and	
					validation.	
2	Activity 2.1.3: Implementation of the model in the project area	2025-06-30	30%	30%	The instruments/agreements to be	MS
Participation					developed and the governance structures	
of local					to be put in place to operationalize the	
communities					model have been identified. A roadmap	
and the					including the next steps for the	
private sector					implementation of the model is also	
					defined. The next steps for the coming	
					months will be to finalize the	
					instruments identified and to organize	
					consultations with stakeholders to set	
					up at the local and national levels the	
					participation bodies and the tools for	
					operationalizing the model in the	
					project area.	

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2	Surveillance and Anti-Poaching Units (USLABs) established for the	2025-6-30	45%	50%	Proposals including the creation of	S
Participation	Conkouati-Dimonika-Tchimpounga Complex				USLAB are made for the organization and	
of local					coordination of the surveillance and	
communities					anti-Poaching system to be established	
and the					for the complex. The challenge lies in	
private sector					the ability of the Ministry of Forest	
					Economy to take charge of the	
					remuneration of the staff of these	
					structures once recruited and set up.To	
					address this issue, the next actions	
					will be to define together with the	
					Ministry of Forest Economy, the	
					operational modalities for the	
					establishment of the three USLAB planned	
					as part of the project. Meanwhile	
					progress is being made to improve the	
					surveillance and anti-Poaching system	
					for the PA complex. Indeed, during the	
					period covered by this report, the NGO	
					Noe which has the delegated management	
					of the Conkouati-Douli National Park has	
					recruited 48 eco-guards with the	
					technical participation of the project.	
2	Activity 2.2.1: Terms of Reference developed, recruitment of eco-	2024-11-30	70%	75%	As noted in previous reports, after an	S
	guards, and organization into teams				in-depth evaluation of the system of	
of local	-				Anti-Poaching Surveillance and Control	
communities					Units (USLAB) existing in the country a	
and the					model including the creation of USLAB	
private sector					and based on enhanced coordination and	
					cooperation between the different	

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					sectors and extended to all private	
					sector operators (mining, forestry)	
					operating in the area and whose	
					activities impact biodiversity	
					conservation was proposed as the most	
					suitable to be replicated to ensure	
					surveillance and anti-poaching at the	
					complex level. The challenge for this	
					activity lies in the ability of the	
					Ministry of Forest Economy to take	
					charge of the remuneration of the	
					eco-guards once recruited. To address	
					this issue, the next actions will be to	
					define together with the Ministry of	
					Forest Economy, the operational	
					modalities for the establishment of the	
					three USLAB planned as part of the	
					project. These modalities include the	
					number of eco-guards to be recruited,	
					the modalities of their recruitment and	
					equipment and the responsibilities of	
					taking charge of their remuneration and	
					operation once set up. The definition of	
					these important modalities must precede	
					the recruitment and training of staff.	
					Meanwhile progress is being made to	
					improve the surveillance and	
					anti-Poaching system for the PA complex.	
					Indeed, during the period covered by	
					this report, the NGO Noe which has the	

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					delegated management of the	
					Conkouati-Douli National Park has	
					recruited 48 eco-guards with the	
					technical participation of the project.	
					The training of these personnel by the	
					Congolese Agency for Wildlife and	
					Protected Areas (ACFAP) is currently	
					underway . Once deployed in the field,	
					the NGO will also ensure the	
					remuneration of these staff.	
2	Activity 2.2.2: Provision of training, assistance and supervision by the	2025-06-30	20%	30%	As noted in previous reports, the basic	MS
Participation	Ministry.				data at the 3 PA level of the complex on	
of local					the training already provided to the	
communities					eco-guards currently in use, as well as	
and the					priority capacity-building needs have	
private sector					been collected. Among these needs is the	
					recycling of all the eco-guards in	
					function at the level of the PAs of the	
					complex. The project intends to seize	
					the opportunity of the training underway	
					for the new eco-guards recruited by Noé	
					to provide support to the ACFA in charge	
					of this training with a view to	
					retraining the eco-guards of the other	
					PA of the complex and on the other hand	
					to mobilize the technical expertise and	
					co-financing necessary for the initial	
					training of the eco-guards of the three	
					USLABs planned as part of the project	
					after their recruitment according to the	

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					modalities indicated in the previous	
					activity (2.2.1)	
2	Activity 2.2.3: Establishment of the system to monitor and evaluate	2019-10-30	100%	100%	Some technical data and basic indicators	S
Participation	impact				on the functionality of the existing	
of local					anti-poaching surveillance and control	
communities					system in the complex have been	
and the					collected. Monitoring and evaluation	
private sector					system including methodology and	
					information collection tools to measure	
					the achievement of the output and assess	
					the impact of the activities have been	
					developed as part of the operational	
					plan monitoring and evaluation of the	
					project.	
2	Activity 2.2.4: Development of the evaluation report on impacts	2025-06-30	0%	0%	Not yet as the implementation of the	U
Participation					surveillance and anti-Poaching Units	
of local					(USLABs) has not started on the field.	
communities						
and the						
private sector						
2	A Community Conservation Committee (CCC) and a Community	2025-6-30	50%	50%	Proposal model participation adapted to	S
Participation	Conservation Management Council (CCMC) established in each of the				the context involving the communities,	
of local	four targeted protected areas				private sector and the various public	
communities					institutions has been developed.	
and the					Instruments/agreements to be developed	
private sector					as well as the governance structures to	
					be put in place including community	
					participation structures (CCCs) for the	
					operationalization of the model, have	
					been identified. Mandate and composition	

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					of the Community Conservation Committee	
					(CCC) have been identified. The next	
					steps that are being prepared for the	
					implementation of these structures	
					include the organization of an	
					information and consultation campaign	
					with communities and other local	
					stakeholders on the identification of	
					members and the holding of constitutive	
					general assemblies.	
2	Activity 2.3.1: Terms of Reference developed and identification of	2024-12-31	60%	60%	Lessons learned from the analysis of	S
Participation	members				current models of community	
of local					participation in conservation actions	
communities					have shown that it is more appropriate	
and the					to create these structures as part of	
private sector					the broader model of participatory	
					management of the complex, recognized	
					and supported by all stakeholders to	
					ensure that they have a legal basis	
					guaranteeing their institutional	
					sustainability. With this in mind a more	
					comprehensive model for participation in	
					natural resource conservation and	
					management initiatives adapted to the	
					context of the project area and	
					involving the communities, the private	
					sector and the various public	
					institutions involved has been	
					developed. Also, the	
					instruments/agreements to be developed,	

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					as well as the governance structures to	
					be put in place including community	
					participation structures (CCCs) for the	
					operationalization of the model have	
					have been identified. Proposals for the	
					mandate and composition of the	
					Community Conservation Committee (CCC)	
					have been made.The Community	
					Conservation Committee (CCC) will take	
					the form of a multi-stakeholder	
					consultation platform. The next steps	
					that are being prepared for the	
					implementation of these structures	
					include the organization of an	
					information and consultation campaign	
					with communities and other local	
					stakeholders on the identification of	
					members and the holding of constitutive	
					general assemblies.	
2	Activity 2.3.2: Regular meetings, with provision of any requested	2025-06-30	0%	0%	Not yet, because the structures are not	U
Participation	assistance by the Ministry				put in place.	
of local						
communities						
and the						
private sector						
2	Activity 2.3.3: Establishment of the system to monitor and evaluate	2019-10-30	100%	100%	Monitoring and evaluation system	S
Participation	impact				including methodology and information	
of local					collection tools to measure the	
communities					achievement of the output and assess the	
and the					impact of the activities have been	

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private sector					developed as part of the operational plan monitoring and evaluation of the project	
2 Participation of local communities and the private sector	Activity 2.3.4: Development of the evaluation report on impacts	2025-06-30			Not yet, because the structures are not put in place	U
2 Participation of local communities and the private sector	Increased awareness of conservation issues among local community and the private sector in the Mayombe forest resulting in reduced conflict and increased support for conservation objectives	2025-6-30	70%		An educational booklet for awareness has been developed and disseminated within communities and partner structures. In addition to this educational booklet, other public information and awareness-raising materials (panels, posters, flyers) on the challenges of ecosystem protection and biodiversity conservation are set up and disseminated. All operations carried out on the ground are accompanied by the sensitization of stakeholders, particularly communities on conservation issues. Key activities implemented by the project are regularly the subject of media coverage with production and broadcasting of TV articles and reports. A project website (http://www.pccd.cg) has been developed and over the period from January 1 to June 6, 2024, the site registered 621 users, including 602 new	S

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					ones. A departmental forum on the	
					commitment of the private sector	
					(mining, forestry, etc.) to the future	
					protected area of Ntombo was organized.	
2	Activity 2.4.1: Preparation and publishing of the educational booklet	2024-03-31	90%	100%	In addition to the achievements made	S
Participation					during the previous periods, to complete	
of local					this activity, emphasis was placed	
communities					during this reporting period on the	
and the					dissemination of the educational booklet	
private sector					within communities and partner	
					institutions and structures. Thus, 400	
					copies of the educational and awareness	
					booklet have been published and	
					distributed. This dissemination was	
					accompanied by an awareness campaign at	
					the community level. Among the	
					awareness-raising actions carried out,	
					we can note the organization from	
					December 20 to 22, 2023 of 4 community	
					information and awareness-raising	
					meetings on the objectives of the	
					creation of the Ntombo protected area,	
					the different types of protected area	
					status provided by Law 37/2008 on	
					wildlife and protected areas in the	
					Republic of Congo, IUCN protected area	
					categories, possible status options for	
					the future Ntombo protected area,	
					socio-economic benefits and advantages,	
					and community participation in its	

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					management. In addition other	
					awareness-raising actions were	
					undertaken during this period in	
					collaboration with the ESI Congo	
					association. These joint actions have	
					made it possible to raise awareness	
					among about 100 people, local leaders	
					and users of natural resources through	
					focus groups focused on the challenges	
					of the creation of the future Ntombo	
					Protected Area and among 495 young	
					schoolchildren and their teachers from	
					seven (7) schools located in the Ntombo	
					area on the challenges of preserving the	
					environment and the interest of creating	
					protected areas such as the future	
					Ntombo Protected Area.	
2	Activity 2.4.2: Preparation and publishing of newsletters on project	2025-06-30	30%	50%	Discussions on the design of the	S
Participation	activities and progress, project news and events and on key				newsletter to complete the project	
of local	documentation and lessons learned				website are continuing, but taking into	
communities					account the financial capacities of the	
and the					project it is planned to focus on	
private sector					production and publication by means of	
					simple and less expensive tools	
					(datasheet, summary of studies, broad	
					thematic maps, pamphlet, panels,	
					posters, flyers etc.) with the aim of	
					promoting the dissemination of	
					information and the sharing of knowledge	
					about the project and its achievements.	

Component	Output/Activity	Expected	Implementation	Implementation	Progress rating justification, description of	Progress
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			reporting	reporting		
			period (%)	period (%)		
					To this end, during this reporting	
					period, in collaboration with the ESI	
					Congo association (Endangered Species	
					International), information and public	
					awareness materials on the challenges of	
					ecosystem protection and biodiversity	
					conservation in the area of the future	
					Ntombo protected area were designed to	
					strengthen and deepen communication with	
					local communities and to promote better	
					ownership by them of the initiative to	
					create the Ntombo protected area. This	
					has led to the installation of six (6)	
					information and awareness-raising panels	
					on the creation of the future Ntombo	
					protected area at the level of the roads	
					and at the entrance to large villages,	
					display five (5) information and	
					awareness-raising posters in places of	
					high public use by village populations	
					on the preservation of forests and the	
					participation of communities in the	
					management of the future Ntombo	
					protected area and the dissemination of	
					more than 100 flyers information and	
					awareness-raising to community members	
					of the villages located in the Ntombo	
					forest area.	
2	Activity 2.4.3 Preparation and broadcasting of radio/TV reports and	2024-11-30	90%	95%	As in previous periods, the key	S
	articles				activities implemented during this	

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			reporting	reporting		
			period (%)	period (%)		
of local					reporting period received media	
communities					coverage. A TV report was produced and	
and the					broadcast on the workshop held on June	
private sector					14, 2024 for the review and validation	
					by stakeholders of the study report on	
					the legal status and the draft decree	
					establishing the Ntombo protected area.	
2	Activity 2.4.4: Development of a project portal on ministry web-site	2024-12-31	100%	100%	A project website (http://www.pccd.cg)	S
Participation					has been developed since the previous	
of local					periods. The focus now is on the	
communities					maintenance and monitoring of the	
and the					operation of the website including the	
private sector					analysis of visitors' statistical data	
					with the support of a specialist	
					technician contracted for this purpose.	
					As a reminder it is expected to target	
					500 visitors per year to the project's	
					web portal in terms of audience. Over	
					the period from January 1 to June 6,	
					2024, the site registered 621 users,	
					including 602 new ones.	
2	Activity 2.4.5: To conduct 3 annual multi-stakeholder consultative	2025-06-30	50%	60%	This activity has made progress during	S
Participation	forums on the project progress and achieved results and to provide an				this reporting period. Indeed, it was	
of local	opportunity to build partnerships and monitor the impact of the				organized on May 15, 2024 in	
communities	project.				collaboration with the ESI Congo	
and the					Association (Endangered Species	
private sector					International Congo), a departmental	
					forum on the commitment of the private	
					sector (mining, forestry, etc.) to the	
					future protected area of Ntombo. This	

Component	Output/Activity	Expected	Implementation	Implementation	Progress rating justification, description of	Progress
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			reporting	reporting		
			period (%)	period (%)		
					forum, which is part of the process led	
					by the project to set up a model for the	
					participation of local communities and	
					the private sector, has made it possible	
					to:•Inform and raise awareness among	
					private sector operators and share with	
					them the same understanding on the	
					process of creating the future Ntombo	
					protected area, as well as the issues	
					related to the protection and	
					conservation of biodiversity in this	
					area. •Discuss with key private	
					sector actors operating in the Ntombo	
					forest area, commitments and intentions	
					of agreements for the protection of	
					biodiversity and the rehabilitation of	
					degraded ecosystems.	
2	Local development initiatives (as incentives) to promote biodiversity	2025-6-30	60%	80%	After a long process of consultation	S
Participation	conservation in the Mayombe forest under implementation				with communities and the official launch	
of local					of operations by the Minister of Forest	
communities					Economy substantial progress has been	
and the					made in the development of alternative	
private sector					income-generating activities. The three	
					selected pilot microprojects are	
					currently being implemented with an	
					implementation rate of 80% as well as	
					the technical supervision of	
					beneficiaries and monitoring.	
2	Activity 2.5.1: Elaboration of the pilot micro-projects to introduce	2022-08-31	90%	100%	A package of 4 priority and	S
Participation	good practices in selected municipalities				inter-community pilot micro-projects	

Component	Output/Activity	Expected	Implementation	Implementation	Progress rating justification, description of	Progress
		completion	status as of	status as of	challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Rating
		date	previous	current		
			reporting	reporting		
			period (%)	period (%)		
of local					have been developed after call for	
communities					proposals, consultation with communities	
and the					and feasibility study, to introduce good	
private sector					practices in the sectors of artisanal	
					fishing, beekeeping, fish farming and	
					community ecotourism. 5,954 potential	
					beneficiaries of which 43% are women,	
					some of these micro-projects (15%) are	
					carried exclusively by women's	
					organizations. A technical folder has	
					been developed for the rehabilitation of	
					Dimonika primary school in the Dimonika	
					Biosphere Reserve.	
2	Activity 2.5.2: Introducing to and validation by stakeholders of	2022-08-31	90%	100%	Criteria and procedures for selecting	S
Participation	package of pilot micro-projects, as well as criteria and procedures for				partners for the implementation of pilot	
of local	selection partners (CBO/local farmers) for implementation of the pilot				projects have been defined and validated	
communities	projects				by stakeholders (communities, local	
and the					authorities and technical services). The	
private sector					four (4) pilot micro-projects (community	
					ecotourism, beekeeping, fish farming,	
					artisanal fishing) have been validated	
					by stakeholders. There are still two	
					micro-projects on agricultural sectors	
					and agrofestery for which the	
					feasibility study and the possibilities	
					of their financing are under review,	
2	Activity 2.5.3: Selection of the partners for implementation of the pilot	2019-05-30	100%	100%	The list of local partners (groups,	S
Participation	projects				cooperatives and community associations)	
of local					for the implementation of micro-pilot	
communities					projects was established after the call	

Component	Output/Activity	Expected	Implementation	Implementation	Progress rating justification, description of	Progress
		completion	status as of	status as of	challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Rating
		date	previous	current		
			reporting	reporting		
			period (%)	period (%)		
and the					for proposals on the basis of the	
private sector					criteria and procedures validated by the	
					parties (activity 2.5.2) and the	
					analysis of their proposals for	
					micro-projects to be developed.	
					Similarly, a list of technical partners	
					(experts) to support beneficiaries in	
					the implementation of pilot projects has	
					been established. Subsequently,	
					technical and financial support	
					agreements for the implementation of the	
					selected micro-projects were signed with	
					the selected local partners. Technical	
					support contracts for beneficiaries have	
					been signed with experts in the fields	
					concerned by the micro-projects.	
2	Activity 2.5.4: Implementation of the pilot projects in selected	2025-06-30	70%	80%	The implementation of micro-project	S
Participation	municipalities				which began in March 2023 after the	
of local					official launch of operations by the	
communities					Minister of Forest Economy is	
and the					continuing, as well as the technical	
private sector					supervision of beneficiaries and	
					monitoring. Thus, in addition to the	
					physical achievements previously	
					reported, during this reporting period,	
					55 artisanal fishing groups have been	
					provided with equipment, a fish and	
					shrimp smoking unit has been installed,	
					3 groups have been equipped with	
					beekeeping equipment and 10.8 ha of	

Component	Output/Activity	Expected	Implementation	Implementation	Progress rating justification, description of	Progress
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		date	previous	current		
			reporting	reporting		
			period (%)	period (%)		
					acacia planting have been carried out in	
					order to improve the yields and	
					biodiversity of three beekeeping sites	
					located in the savannah. In addition to	
					the technical supervision of the	
					beneficiary structures,	
					awareness-raising actions for their	
					members on the protection of the	
					environment and the conservation of	
					natural resources are organized.	
2	Activity 2.5.5: Independent technical and financial audit of the pilot	2025-06-30	40%	50%	The independent technical and financial	S
Participation	micro-projects with a view to developing scaling-up recommendations				audit is not yet. But a monitoring and	
of local					evaluation system has been set up.	
communities					Technical, socio-economic and financial	
and the					data on the microprojects developed are	
private sector					regularly collected. In addition to	
					regular beneficiary mentoring and	
					technical monitoring in the field, the	
					project team undertook during this	
					reporting period a mid-term evaluation	
					of the conduct of these micro-project	
					activities with a view to establishing	
					the results achieved, strengths and	
					weaknesses. As a result of this	
					evaluation, improvement measures for the	
					success and sustainability of these	
					micro-projects were proposed	
3 Policy,	Capacity strengthened for the management of Protected Areas, PA	2025-6-30	15%	15%	Dicussions are underway with the	MS
regulatory	Corridors and PA complex				structures in charge of the management	
and					of protected areas to mobilize the	

Component	Output/Activity	Expected	Implementation	Implementation	Progress rating justification, description of	Progress
		completion	status as of	status as of	challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Rating
		date	previous	current		
			reporting	reporting		
			period (%)	period (%)		
institutional					expertise of a specialist to establish	
environment					the reference situation including the	
to support					identification of the key institutions	
conservation					concerned and their staff, assessment of	
in the					current capacities and training needs	
Mayombe					and develop the training plan adapted to	
					the responsibilities of the various	
					bodies and personnel concerned. The	
					chalenge relate to the coordination with	
					their priorities and the limited	
					financial capacity of the project to	
					cover the costs without a substantial	
					contribution of co-financing.	
3 Policy,	Activity 3.1.1: Carry out training needs assessment and develop	2025-06-30	30%	30%	Basic data on training already received	MS
regulatory	training plan				by staff working in the complex's	
and					protected areas and their	
institutional					capacity-building needs were collected.	
environment					Dicussions are underway with the	
to support					structures in charge of the management	
conservation					of protected areas to mobilize the	
in the					expertise of a specialist to establish	
Mayombe					the reference situation including the	
					identification of the key institutions	
					concerned and their staff, assessment of	
					current capacities and training needs	
					and develop the training plan adapted to	
					the responsibilities of the various	
					bodies and personnel concerned	
3 Policy,	Activity 3.1.2: Implement training of key stakeholder		0%	0%	Not yet	U
regulatory						

Component	Output/Activity	Expected	Implementation	Implementation	Progress rating justification, description of	Progress
		completion	status as of	status as of	challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Rating
		date	previous	current		
			reporting	reporting		
			period (%)	period (%)		
and						
institutional						
environment						
to support						
conservation						
in the						
Mayombe						1
3 Policy,	A biodiversity observatory and environment monitoring system	2025-6-30	15%	15%	A number of new tools of scientific	MS
regulatory	established to improve scientific understanding of the value of				knowledge of the value of the	
and	biodiversity in the Mayombe forest PAs				biodiversity have been produced through	
institutional					the capitalization of the results of the	
environment					scientific studies developed by the	
to support					project in particular the inventory and	
conservation					mapping work at the level of the Ntombo	
in the					forest concession and the forest	
Mayombe					landscape of the biological corridor	
3 Policy,	Activity 3.2.1: Development of monitoring and evaluation tools	2025-06-30	50%	50%	As reported in previous reports, a	S
regulatory					number of new tools of scientific	
and					knowledge of the value of the	
institutional					biodiversity of the area have been	
environment					produced through the capitalization of	
to support					the results of the scientific studies	
conservation					developed by the project in particular	
in the					the inventory and mapping work at the	
Mayombe					level of the Ntombo forest concession	
					and the forest landscape of the	
					biological corridor. To make progress in	
					the implementation of this activity it	
					is planned to recruit in the coming	
					months, a specialist consultant who will	

Component	Output/Activity	Expected	Implementation	Implementation	Progress rating justification, description of	Progress
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		date	previous	current		
			reporting	reporting		
			period (%)	period (%)		
					be responsible to develop the conceptual	
					framework of the observatory and the	
					environmental monitoring system	
					including the legal and administrative	
					aspects, missions and objectives,	
					organization and functioning,	
					coordination mechanism; identify and	
					propose the types of data and	
					information to be collected and the key	
					indicators to be monitored, identify	
					capacity building needs and propose a	
					training plan for stakeholders to	
					initiate environmental observation and	
					monitoring systems.	
3 Policy,	Activity 3.2.2: Workshop to validate the monitoring and evaluation	2025-06-30	0%	0%	Not yet	U
regulatory	tools					
and						
institutional						
environment						
to support						
conservation						
in the						
Mayombe						
-	Activity 3.2.3: Training session and extension of training to	2025-06-30	0%	0%	Not yet	U
regulatory	stakeholders					
and						
institutional						
environment						
to support						
conservation						

Component	Output/Activity	1 -	status as of previous reporting	status as of current reporting	Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress Rating
in the			period (%)	period (%)		
Mayombe						
3 Policy,	National policies and regulations related to biodiversity conservation	2023-3-31	90%	100%	draft of the revised Law N° 37-2008 on	
•	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	2023-3-31	90%		Wildlife and Protected Areas and 8 draft	
regulatory	and management in the Mayombe forest PAs reviewed, revised and					
and · ··· ·· ·	enforced to avoid illegal and unsustainable use				implementing decrees have been produced	
institutional					p; reviewed and validated by an	
environment					inter-ministerial technical committee of	
to support					national experts and other stakeholders.	
conservation					The challenge lies in the follow-up by	
in the					the Ministry of Forest Economy for the	
Mayombe					adoption by the government of the new	
					law and its implementing texts.	
3 Policy,	Activity 3.3.1: Analysis of national policy and legal framework related	2019-03-30	100%	100%	Following the priorities set by the	S
regulatory	to the conservation sector and development of recommendations for				competent authorities in charge of	
and	harmonizing existing biodiversity management framework				national policies and regulations	
institutional					relating to biodiversity conservation	
environment					and the management of the PA, two (2)	
to support					frameworks/legal texts (Forest Code and	
conservation					Law on Wildlife and Protected Areas)	
in the					have been identified by the Ministry of	
Mayombe					Forest Economy to be improved. An	
					analysis-diagnostic report of Law	
					37-2008 of 28 November 2008 on Wildlife	
					and Protected Areas has been produced	
3 Policy,	Activity 3.3.2: Presentation and discussion of the findings of national	2019-12-31	100%		The diagnostic and analysis report of	S
regulatory	policy and legal framework analysis and recommendations to a	2013 12 31	100/0	100/0	Law N° 37-2008 on wildlife and	
and	stakeholder workshop				protected areas produced by a consultant	
institutional	Stakeholder workshop				was presented and reviewed by an	
environment					inter-ministerial technical committee of	
to support					national experts	

conservation in the	Output/Activity		status as of previous reporting	· -	Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress Rating
Mayombe 3 Policy, regulatory and institutional environment to support conservation in the Mayombe	Activity 3.3.3: Drafting of amendments to the legislation, share and discussion with relevant ministries and stakeholders and officially submission of the agreed draft amendments to in- line ministries	2023-03-31	90%		Based on the diagnosis indicated above, a first draft of the revised Law on Wildlife and Protected Areas has been produced and reviewed by an inter-ministerial technical committee of national experts., After the above review a second draft of the law and four draft implementing decrees have been drawn up and presented at a national workshop of all parties for validation. For the completion of this process, the challenge lies in the follow-up by the Ministry of Forest Economy of the roadmap for the rapid adoption by the government of the new law and its implementing texts thus validated by national experts and other stakeholders.	S
3 Policy, regulatory and institutional environment to support conservation in the Mayombe	A mechanism established for trans-border cooperation to support enforcement and build the capacity of key national stakeholders to combat illegal activities	2025-6-30	10%		Consultations with partners in neighbouring countries have been initiated and proposals for the first cooperation tools have been drawn up. The constraints lie in the lack of reaction at the level of the central administration in charge of cross-border cooperation issues on law enforcement, anti-poaching and other illegal	MS

Component	Output/Activity	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of previous reporting period (%)	-	Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress Rating
			period (70)		activities.	
3 Policy, regulatory and institutional environment to support conservation in the Mayombe	Activity 3.4.1: An integrated anti-poaching coordination committee established and operationalized	2025-06-30	50%		As noted in previous reports, a workshop to relaunch the cross-border cooperation agreement between Gabon and Congo on the Maymba-Conkouati Cross-Border Park was organized in collaboration with the GeFaCHE – TF 0A3107 project (GEF/World Bank). The list of national actors and partners directly concerned for the establishment of the integrated anti-poaching committee established and a draft memorandum of understanding specific framework to combat poaching in the context of the Cross-border Park Mayumba(Gabon) -Conkouati (Congo) drawn up. Terms of reference for the holding in Congo of a regional workshop extended to the cross-border parks of Mayombe (Gabon, Congo, DRC, Gabon, Angola) for the examination of the draft memorandum of understanding and the relaunch of cross-border cooperation developed. But travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic delayed the meeting. Contacts were relaunched in 2023 with partners including the Gabonese side which sent a message to the Ministry of Forest Economy of Congo to mark its availability to take part in this meeting. However, administrative	S

Component	Output/Activity	Expected	Implementation	Implementation	Progress rating justification, description of	Progress
		completion	status as of	status as of	challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Rating
		date	previous	current		
			reporting	reporting		
			period (%)	period (%)		
					constraints on the Congolese side did	
					not allow the meeting to take place	
					despite the project's follow-up of the	
					file. It is planned to relaunch the	
					initiative this year 2024 through	
					reinforced advocacy and support to the	
					Ministry of Forest Economy.	
3 Policy,	Activity 3.4.2: Elaboration of the training modules on sustainable	2025-06-30	0%		Not yet	U
regulatory	management, law enforcement and utilisation of biodiversity					
and						
institutional						
environment						
to support						
conservation						
in the						
Mayombe						
3 Policy,	Activity 3.4.3: Carry out the training on sustainable management, law	2025-06-30	0%	0%	Not yet	U
regulatory	enforcement and utilisation of biodiversity and development of					
and	indicators					
institutional						
environment						
to support						
conservation						
in the						
Mayombe						
3 Policy,	Activity 3.4.4: Establishment of the system to monitor and evaluate	2025-06-30	0%	0%	Not yet	U
regulatory	impacts					
and						
institutional						
environment						

Component	Output/Activity	Expected	Implementation	Implementation	Progress rating justification, description of	Progress
		completion	status as of	status as of	challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Rating
		date	previous	current		
			reporting	reporting		
			period (%)	period (%)		
to support						
conservation						
in the						
Mayombe						
3 Policy,	Activity 3.4.5 Development of the evaluation report on impact of	2025-06-30	0%	0%	Not yet	U
regulatory	practices and introduction to the stakeholders					
and						
institutional						
environment						
to support						
conservation						
in the						
Mayombe						

The Task Manager will decide on the relevant level of disaggregation (i.e. either at the output or activity level).

4 Risks

4.1 Table A. Project management Risk

Please refer to the Risk Help Sheet for more details on rating

Risk Factor	EA Rating	TM Rating
1 Management structure - Roles and	Low	Low
responsibilities		
2 Governance structure - Oversight	Moderate	Moderate
3 Implementation schedule	Moderate	Moderate
4 Budget	Moderate	Moderate
5 Financial Management	Low	Low
6 Reporting	Low	Low
7 Capacity to deliver	Low	Low

If any of the risk factors is rated a Moderate or higher, please include it in Table B below

4.2 Table B. Risk-log

Implementation Status (Current PIR)

Insert ALL the risks identified either at CEO endorsement (inc. safeguards screening), previous/current PIRs, and MTRs. Use the last line to propose a suggested consolidated rating.

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome /	CEO	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current	Δ	Justification
	outputs	ED						PIR		
Capacities at different levels of government	All outcomes	Н	M	M	М	M	М	М	=	
increase at a slower pace than required by										
the needs of the PA system										
The Government of Republic of Congo	All outcomes & outputs	M	M	L	L	L	L	L	=	

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome /	CEO	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current∆		Justification
	outputs	ED						PIR		
assigns less priority and limited financial										
support for PA expansion and management										
Challenges to the local population that	All outcomes & outputs	М	М	L	L	L	L	L	=	
inhibit efforts to change practices that										
degrade natural resources and threaten										
biodiversity and related pressures of										
poaching and hunting.										
Reputational risks of working with some	All outcomes & outputs	М		М	L	L	L	L	=	
private companies										
Novelty of community integration and	All outcomes & outputs	М	L	M	L	L	L	L	=	
involvement in PA management in the										
Republic of Congo										
Socio-political and institutional instability	All outcomes & outputs	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	=	
including transboundary conflicts										
Unclear PA boundaries	All outcomes & outputs	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	=	
Climate change poses a threat to project	All outcomes & outputs	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	=	
outcomes by e.g. exacerbating habitat										
fragmentation. via disease outbreaks										
Governance structure - Oversight	All outcomes	N/A	М	М	M	М	М	М	=	
Implementation schedule	All outcomes	L	М	М	М	М	М	M	=	Lengthy processes with
										incompressible steps of institutional
										consultation and endorsement to
										complete key results and outputs
Budget	All outcomes	N/A	L	М	M	М	М	M	=	Slight revision of the GEF budget was
										made
Low level of co-financing mobilization and		N/A	М	М	М	М	М	Н	\uparrow	The level of co-financing mobilized to
risk of resource scarcity										date. particularly at the government
										level remains low.

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome /		PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current	Δ	Justification
	outputs	ED						PIR		
		М	L	L	L	L	L	L	=	

4.3 Table C. Outstanding Moderate, Significant, and High risks

Additional mitigation measures for the next periods

Risk	Actions decided during the	Actions effectively	What	When	By Whom
	previous reporting instance	undertaken this reporting			
	(PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	period			
Governance structure -	Prepare and hold the	The 2024 annual work plan	Organize the steering	August 2024	Project team Ministry of
Oversight	steering committee	and budget and the activity	committee meeting		Forest EconomyPNUE
	meeting	report are drawn up with a			
		view to the organisation of			
		the Steering Committee			
		meeting			
Implementation schedule	The parties entered into a	Second extension of the	Accelerate in collaboration	June 2024-June 2025	Project team Ministry of
	new agreement to achieve	duration of the project until	with the parties involved		Forest EconomyParteners
	the objective of the original	31 December 2025 and its	the implementation of		
	PCA. This new agreement	technical completion by 30	activities not yet completed		
	extends the duration of the	June 2025 and revision of			
	project until December 31.	the Implementation			
	2024.	schedule			
Low level of co-financing	Advocacy at the	The project team has taken	Continue advocacy at the	June 2024-June 2025	Project team Ministry of
mobilization and risk of	Government level and	initiatives to explore	Government level and		Forest
resource scarcity	explore other funding	alternative sources of	explore other funding		EconomyPartenersPNUE
	opportunities to mobilize	funding towards	opportunities to mobilize		
	additional resources	partnership with NGOs	additional resources		
		operating in the area. These			
		partnerships made it			
		possible to mobilize USD			

Risk	Actions decided during the	Actions effectively	What	When	By Whom
	previous reporting instance	undertaken this reporting			
	(PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	period			
		95492 at the level of the			
		NGOs ESI Congo and Jane			
		Goodall Institute)			
Budget	Revision of the GEF budget	Slight revision of the GEF	Continue advocacy at the	June 2024-June 2025	Project team Ministry of
		budget was made	Government level and		Forest EconomyParteners
			explore other funding		
			opportunities to mobilize		
			additional resources		
Capacities at different levels	Strengthing the advocacy at	Awareness-raising and	Continue awareness-raising	June 2024-June 2025	Project team Ministry of
of government increase at a	the level of the authorities	advocacy efforts among	and advocacy efforts among		Forest EconomyParteners
slower pace than required	for the allocation of more	stakeholders on issues	stakeholders on issues		
by the needs of the PA	officers and resources to	related to the planning of	related to the planning of		
system	the Protected Areas	PA and biodiversity	PA and biodiversity		
		conservation in the region	conservation in the region		
			including resource		
			mobilization and funding		
			needs		

High Risk (H): There is a probability of greater than 75% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face high risks. Significant Risk (S): There is a probability of between 51% and 75% that assumptions may fail to hold and/or the project may face substantial risks. Moderate Risk (M): There is a probability of between 26% and 50% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face only modest risks. Low Risk (L): There is a probability of up to 25% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face only modest risks.

5 Amendment - GeoSpatial

Project Minor Amendments

Minor amendments are changes to the project design or implementation that do not have significant impact on the project objectives or scope, or an increase of the GEF project financing up to 5% as described in Annex 9 of the Project and Program Cycle Policy Guidelines. Please tick each category for which a change occurred in the fiscal year of reporting and provide a description of the change that occurred in the textbox. You may attach supporting document as appropriate

5.1 Table A: Listing of all Minor Amendment (TM)

Minor Amendments	Changes
Results Framework:	No
Components and Cost:	No
Institutional and implementation arrangements:	No
Financial Management:	No
Implementation Schedule:	
Executing Entity:	No
Executing Entity Category:	No
Minor project objective change:	No
Safeguards:	No
Risk analysis:	No
Increase of GEF financing up to 5%:	No
Location of project activity:	No
Other:	No

Minor amendments

As the original PCA, expired on 30 April 2022, and due to unforeseen delays and extraneous circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the activities pursuant to the original PCA could not be completed according to the implementation plan, the parties entered into a new agreement signed on 25 November 2022 to achieve the objective of the original PCA. This new agreement extends the duration of the project until December 31, 2024. A second amendment has just been made to extend duration of the project until 31 December 2025, following a revised technical completion date of 30 June 2025.

5.2 Table B: History of project revisions and/or extensions (TM)

Version	Туре	Signed/Approved by UNEP	Entry Into Force (last	Agreement Expiry Date	Main changes
			signature Date)		introduced in this
					revision
Original Legal Instrument		2017-04-10	2017-04-25	2022-04-30	
Amendment 1		2022-11-03	2022-11-25	2024-12-31	Extension of the duration
					of the project until
					December 31. 2024 and
					the technical completion
					date of 31 December
					2023.
Amendment 2		2024-06-28	2024-08-13	2025-12-31	Extension of the duration
					of the project until
					December 31. 2025 and
					the technical completion
					date of 30 June 2025.

GEO Location Information:

The Location Name, Latitude and Longitude are required fields insofar as an Agency chooses to enter a project location under the set format. The Geo Name ID is required in instances where the location is not exact, such as in the case of a city, as opposed to the exact site of a physical infrastructure. The Location & Activity Description fields are optional. Project longitude and latitude must follow the Decimal Degrees WGS84 format and Agencies are encouraged to use at least four decimal points for greater accuracy. Users may add as many locations as appropriate. Web mapping applications such as OpenStreetMap or GeoNames use this format. Consider using a conversion tool as needed, such as: https://coordinates-converter.com Please see the Geocoding User Guide by clicking here

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GEO Name ID	Location Description	Activity Description
Village of Louvoulou.Fish	-4.36477	12.088205		Village of louvoulou is	The GEF/UNEP project
farm site of the " La				located in the district of	supports at this site. the "La
Concorde" group				Kakamoéka. an area	Concorde" group composed
				integrating the project to	of seven (7) members
				create the Ntombo PA. The	including five (5) men and

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GEO Name ID	Location Description	Activity Description
				Fish farm site of the "La	two (2) women to develop
				Concorde" group is located	alternative income-
				in the village of Louvoulou.	generating activities through
					the implementation of a
					micro-project of fish
					farming. This micro-project
					with a total cost of 6775.818
					\$ US focuses on
					strengthening the technical
					and organizational
					capacities of the members
					of the group to develop
					good practices in fish
					farming. carrying out
					development work
					(construction and
					rehabilitation of ponds) on
					an area of 4200 m2.
					purchasing spawning fish
					and complementary feed.
					supervision and technical
					support-advice.
Village of Louvoulou. Fish	-4.379263	12.126293		Village of louvoulou is	The GEF/UNEP project
farm site of the "Loubouka"				located in the district of	supports at this site. the "
group				Kakamoéka. an area	Loubouka"" group
				integrating the project to	composed of nine (9)
				create Ntombo PA. The Fish	members including six (6)
				farm site of the " Loubouka"	men and three (3) women to
				is located in the village of	develop alternative income-
				Louvoulou.	generating activities through

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GEO Name ID	Location Description	Activity Description
					the implementation of a
					micro-project of fish
					farming. This micro-project
					with a total cost of
					63306.838 \$ US focuses on
					strengthening the technical
					and organizational
					capacities of the members
					of the group to develop
					good practices in fish
					farming. carrying out
					development work
					(construction of ponds) on
					an area of 750 m2.
					purchasing spawning fish
					and complementary feed.
					supervision and technical
					support-advic
Village of Niali. Fish farm site	-4.407665	12.077157		Village of Niali is located in	The GEF/UNEP project
of the "Chantier				the district of Kakamoéka.	supports at this site. the "
Pisciculture" group				an area integrating the	Chantier Pisciculture" group
				project to create the	composed of seven (7)
				Ntombo PA. The Fish farm	members including six (6)
				site of the "Chantier	men and one (1) women to
				Pisciculture" group is	develop alternative income-
				located in the village of Nial	generating activities through
					the implementation of a
					micro-project of fish
					farming. This micro-project
					with a total cost of

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GEO Name ID	Location Description	Activity Description
					4.431.372. \$ US focuses on
					strengthening the technical
					and organizational
					capacities of the members
					of the group to develop
					good practices in fish
					farming. carrying out
					development work
					(construction and
					rehabilitation of ponds).
					purchasing spawning fish
					and complementary feed.
					supervision and technical
					support-advice. On an area
					of 1000 m2. 4 ponds are
					under construction and the
					rehabilitation of the dykes
					and the supply channels of
					the ponds.
Village of Niali. Fish farm site	-4.394000	12.082463		Site for the development of	The GEF/UNEP project
of the "Groupement				the fish farming of the	supports at this site the
Pisciculture"				cooperative group. named	"Groupement Pisciculture"
				"Groupement Pisciculture".	composed of nine (9)
				This site is located in the	members including five (5)
				Niali village which is in the	men and four (4) women. to
				establishment area of the	develop alternative income-
				Ntombo PA.	generating activities through
					the implementation of a
					micro-project of fish
					farming. This micro-project

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GEO Name ID	Location Description	Activity Description
					with a total cost of 3666.806
					\$ US focuses on
					strengthening the technical
					and organizational
					capacities of the members
					of the group to develop
					good practices in fish
					farming. carrying out
					development work
					(construction of ponds).
					purchasing spawning fish
					and complementary feed.
					supervision and technical
					support-advice. On an area
					of 750 m2. the group
					intends to benefit from the
					construction of 3 ponds with
					facilities related to the
					construction of irrigation
					and drainage canals.
Village of Mpounga. Fish	-4.253691	12.464463		Site for the development of	The GEF/UNEP project
farm site of "Sala Mboté"				the fish farming of the	supports at this site the
group				cooperative groupnamed	"Sala Mboté" group "
				"Sala Mboté". This site is	composed of seven (7)
				located in the Mpounga	members including five (5)
				village which is in the	men and two (2) women to
				establishment area for the	develop alternative income-
				creation of the Conkouati-	generating activities through
				Dimonika protected area	the implementation of a
				complex	micro-project of fish

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GEO Name ID	Location Description	Activity Description
					farming. This micro-project
					with a total cost of
					3.641.622 \$ US focuses on
					strengthening the technical
					and organizational
					capacities of the members
					of the group to develop
					good practices in fish
					farming. carrying out
					development work
					(construction of ponds).
					purchasing spawning fish
					and complementary feed.
					supervision and technical
					support-advice. On an area
					of 775 m2. the group
					expects to benefit from the
					construction of 3 ponds with
					facilities relating to the
					construction of irrigation
					and drainage canals
Village of Mpounga.	-4.254169	12.465625		eekeeping site n°1 for the	The GEF/UNEP project
Beekeeping site N°1 of				installation of an apiary	supports at this site the"
"Douka Pinda Development"				belonging to the" Douka	Douka Pinda Development"
Group				Mpinda cooperative" group.	Group. composed of ten (10)
				located in the Mpounga	members including eight (8)
				village on the outskirts of	men and two (2) women to
				the Dimonika Biosphere	develop alternative income-
				Reserve area forming an	generating activities through
				integral part of the	the implementation of a

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GEO Name ID	Location Description	Activity Description
				Conkouati Dimonika	micro-project of beekeeping
				complex protected areas	option.With a total cost of
				being created	6140 \$ US the purpose of
					the micro-project concerns
					the strengthening of the
					technical capacities of the
					members of the group to
					develop good practices in
					beekeeping . the provision
					of beekeeping equipment.
					and technical support for
					the installation of apiaries in
					appropriate ecosystems.
					After providing beekeeping
					equipment. the "Douka
					Mpinda Development"
					group installed two (2)
					apiaries in the village of
					Mpounga. For this first site.
					twelve hives were trapped.
					But placed in the elephant
					migration zone. a hive was
					destroyed. So there are
					currently 11 hives trapped.
Village of Mpounga.	-4.256689	12.47669		Beekeeping site n°2 for the	This beekeeping site n°2 of
Beekeeping site N°2 of				installation of an apiary	the "Douka Mpinda
"Douka Pinda Development"				belonging to the" Douka	Development" group is
Group				Mpinda cooperative" group	home to 8 trapped hives.
				located in the Mpounga	Thus the group currently
				village on the outskirts of	totals nineteen (19) trapping

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GEO Name ID	Location Description	Activity Description
				the Dimonika Biosphere	hives on these two sites.
				Reserve area forming an	
				integral part of the	
				Conkouati Dimonika	
				complex protected areas	
				being created	
Village of Tchivala.Fish farm	-4.518874	12.252758		Site for the development of	The GEF/UNEP project
site of the "Paradoxe				the fish farming to the	supports at this site the
Tchivala" group				cooperative group named	"Paradoxe Tchivala" group
				"Paradoxe Tchivala". This	composed of fifteen (15)
				site is located in the Tchivala	members including nine (9)
				village. a village located in	men and six (6) women to
				the establishment area for	develop alternative income-
				the creation of the	generating activities through
				Conkouati Dimonika	the implementation of a
				protected area complex	micro-project of fish
					farming option. With a total
					cost of US\$ 4502.092 \$ US
					the purpose of the micro-
					project concerns the
					strengthening of the
					technical capacities of the
					members of the group. the
					financing of the
					development works
					(construction of the ponds).
					and the purchase of
					breeding fish and
					complementary foods. On
					an area of 1000 m2. the

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GEO Name ID	Location Description	Activity Description
					group expects benefited
					from the rehabilitation of
					one (1) pond of 400 m2. the
					construction of three (3)
					new ponds including
					developments relating to
					the realization of irrigation
					and drainage canals.

Please provide any further geo-referenced information and map where the project interventions is taking place as appropriate. *

[Annex any linked geospatial file]