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Implementation Status & Results
Congo, Democratic Republic of
Forest and Nature Conservation Project (P100620)

Operation Name: Forest and Nature Conservation Project (P100620) Project Stage: Implementation Seq.No: 6 Status: ARCHIVED Archive Date: 24-Apr-2013

Country: Congo, Democratic Republic of Approval FY: 2009

Product Line: IBRD/IDA Region: AFRICA Lending Instrument: Specific Investment Loan

Implementing Agency(ies): MECNT Unite de Coordination du Projet FCN, ICCN Institut Congolais pour la Conservation de la Nature

Key Dates

Board Approval Date	02-Apr-2009	Original Closing Date	30-Jun-2015	Planned Mid Term Review Date	15-Oct-2012	Last Archived ISR Date	22-May-2012
Effectiveness Date	09-Sep-2009	Revised Closing Date	30-Jun-2015	Actual Mid Term Review Date	21-Nov-2012		

Project Development Objectives

Forest and Nature Conservation Project (P100620)

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The Project's Development Objective is to increase the capacity of the Ministry of Forests and Nature Conservation and the collaboration among government institutions, civil society and other stakeholders to manage forests sustainably and equitably for multiple uses in selected pilot areas of DRC.

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

○ Yes ◉ No

Rehabilitation and Participatory Management of Key Protected Areas in the DRC (P111621)

Global Environmental Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

Same as IDA above.

Has the Global Environmental Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Program?

○ Yes ◉ No

Component(s)

Component Name	Component Cost
Institutional strengthening of MECNT	37.20
Community participation in forest management	20.80
Management of protected areas and strengthening of ICCN	4.10

Overall Ratings

	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory

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	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of GEO	Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating		

Implementation Status Overview

The project has established a new, computerized log tracking and control system that has been institutionalized by the government, and that should help reduce illegality in the sector. Over 10,000 households are benefiting from micro-projects under implementationin the four large conservation landscapes funded by the project. Institutional rejuvenation and retraining has been delayed by the postponement of the retirement of senior Environment Ministry officials. The 0.9 million USD reserved for community forestry has been canceled as the decree necessary for its implementation has still not been signed by the Prime Minister.

Locations

Country	First Administrative Division	Location	Planned	Actual
Congo, Dem Rep	Not Entered	Democratic Republic of the Congo		
Congo, Dem Rep	Not Entered	Yahuma		
Congo, Dem Rep	Not Entered	Watsa		
Congo, Dem Rep	Not Entered	Watsa		
Congo, Dem Rep	Not Entered	Watsa		
Congo, Dem Rep	Not Entered	Sous-Region de la Tshuapa		
Congo, Dem Rep	Not Entered	Mankanza		
Congo, Dem Rep	Not Entered	Mambasa		
Congo, Dem Rep	Not Entered	Parc National de la Maiko		
Congo, Dem Rep	Not Entered	Lukolela		
Congo, Dem Rep	Not Entered	Lisala		
Congo, Dem Rep	Not Entered	Ikela		
Congo, Dem Rep	Not Entered	Djugu		
Congo, Dem Rep	Not Entered	Djolu		
Congo, Dem Rep	Not Entered	Bongandanga		
Congo, Dem Rep	Not Entered	Befale		
Not Entered	Not Entered	Not Entered		

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Country	First Administrative Division	Location	Planned	Actual
Congo, Dem Rep	Not Entered	Oshwe		
Congo, Dem Rep	Not Entered	Oshwe		
Congo, Dem Rep	Not Entered	Monkoto		
Congo, Dem Rep	Not Entered	Kutu		
Congo, Dem Rep	Province de l' Equateur	Kungu		
Congo, Dem Rep	Not Entered	Kiri		
Congo, Dem Rep	Not Entered	Inongo		
Congo, Dem Rep	Province de l' Equateur	Budjala		
Congo, Dem Rep	Not Entered	Bomongo		
Congo, Dem Rep	Not Entered	Bolomba		
Congo, Dem Rep	Not Entered	Boende		
Congo, Dem Rep	Not Entered	Bikoro		
Congo, Dem Rep	Not Entered	Basankusu		

Results

Project Development Objective Indicators

Indicator Name	Core	Unit of Measure		Baseline	Current	End Target
Households benefiting from at least one micro-project in conservation landscapes	☐	Number	Value	0.00	11431.00	35000.00
			Date	03-Jan-2011	19-Nov-2012	30-Jun-2015
			Comments	Implementation of micro-projects in the conservation landscapes started in 2011		
Protected Area Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool (PAMETT) score for Maiko National Park (MNP)	☐	Number	Value	49.00	49.00	58.00
			Date	01-May-2012	31-Dec-2012	30-Jun-2015
			Comments			
Absolute population counts of apes and elephants in Maiko National Park (MNP)	☐	Number	Value	500.00	500.00	500.00
			Date	29-Jun-2012	19-Nov-2012	30-Jun-2015

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			Comments	500 is baseline for elephant population, apes baseline to be confirmed by CI		
Area covered under forest land management plans agreed upon by Min Env, Nat Cons and Tourism(MECNT) and other stakeholders that arebeing implemented in the provinces of Bandundu, Equateur and Orient	☐	Hectare(Ha)	Value	0.00		
			Date	09-Sep-2009	25-Apr-2012	30-Jun-2015
			Comments	This indicator has been dropped due to changes in project activities	This indicator has been dropped due to changes in project activities	This indicator has been dropped due to changes in project activities

Global Environmental Objective Indicators

Indicator Name	Core	Unit of Measure		Baseline	Current	End Target
Protected Area Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool (PAMETT) score for Maiko National Park (MNP)	☐	Number	Value	49.00	49.00	58.00
			Date	01-May-2012	31-Dec-2012	30-Jun-2015
			Comments	Same as PDO indicator number two above		

Intermediate Results Indicators

Indicator Name	Core	Unit of Measure		Baseline	Current	End Target
Forest fees and taxes collected by DGRAD as % of total billed by MECNT at national level	☐	Percentage	Value		50.00	95.00
			Date	09-Sep-2009	25-Apr-2012	30-Jun-2015
			Comments	Data allowing for setting of baseline were not available at effectiveness.	In 2010, 2,690,000 USD of concession area fees were collected on a total of 5,380,000 billed, as the government had accorded a 50% reduction to the industry due to the low demand in the major timber export markets. 2011-2012 figures not yet available. Reportingfrequency annual.	
Logging infractions revealed by Independent Observers in pilot provinces	☐	Number	Value	0.00	0.00	25.00
			Date	09-Sep-2009	25-Apr-2012	30-Jun-2015
			Comments	Data allowing for setting of baseline not available at the time of project effectiveness, as Independent Observer was not yet operational	Independent Observer (IO) Resource Extraction Monitoring recruited recently by EU. Two IO missions have been carried out in 2011, but Steering Committee had not met so the reports could not	Positive trend

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					be published. Reporting frequency tbd http://www.observation-rdc.info/	
Volume of wood seized as a share total illegal log volume marked for seizure in government control posts	☐	Percentage	Value	0.00	11.00	90.00
			Date	31-Dec-2011	25-Mar-2013	30-Jun-2015
			Comments	The new log tracking and control system became operational in 2012	In 2012, 13,000 m3 of illegal logs were seized out of 118,000 m3 identified for seizure.	The total amount of illegal wood identified should be lower, and seizure should be much higher.
Percentage of forest users in sample areas, including indigenous communities, aware of their legal and customary rights and obligations under the forest code.	☐	Percentage	Value	0.00	0.00	30.00
			Date	03-Mar-2009	25-Mar-2013	30-Jun-2015
			Comments	expect positive trend. Baseline may need to be adjusted, given information and communication activities carried out with local communities during legal review of concessions - unlikely that there was zero awareness.	Household questionnaires have now been administered in all four conservation landscapes. Surveys to test awareness of legal and customary rights are being carried out in the three pilot provinces by the Réseau de Ressources Naturelles, RRN.	expect more than 30%
Households in targeted forest communities reporting additional sources of regular income.	☐	Percentage	Value	0.00	0.00	20.00
			Date	03-Mar-2009	25-Mar-2013	30-Jun-2015
			Comments	expect positive trend	Household questionnaires have been administered in all four conservation landscapes. Annual surveys of sample populations will measure % of households reporting additional income.	Increase of more than 20%
Infrastructure projects implemented with project financing in water sanitation, feeder roads, and other small infrastructure projects	☐	Number	Value	0.00	0.00	25.00
			Date	09-Sep-2009	25-Mar-2013	30-Jun-2015
			Comments	expecting positive trend	Priorities have been set by local communities. First small infrastructure projects should be delivered in 2013. Reporting frequency annual	
Direct project beneficiaries	☒	Number	Value	0.00	57155.00	166000.00
			Date	09-Sep-2009	31-Dec-2012	30-Jun-2015
			Comments		This is the estimated number of persons in the 11,431 households that are benefiting	This includes people benefiting from micro-projects as well as the people

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					from at least one micro-project. These numberswill be refined using the results of the recently completed household surveys	benefiting from social responsibility contracts that the project helped to negotiate.
Female beneficiaries	☒	Percentage Sub Type Supplemental	Value	0.00	28500.00	83000.00
Indigenous population's households benefitting from Project-financed initiatives increases;	☐	Number	Value	0.00	100.00	300.00
			Date	09-Sep-2009	25-Mar-2013	30-Jun-2015
			Comments		Questionnaires have been administered in all conservation landscapes. An estimated hundred indigenous households have benefited from micro-projects in conservation landscapes, including fish processing and alphabetization.	
Forest concessions with social responsibility contracts signed and publicly available	☐	Number	Value	0.00	37.00	79.00
			Date	31-Dec-2011	31-Dec-2012	30-Jun-2015
			Comments		This accounts for 47% of all forest concessions.	This would account for 100% of all forest concessions
Areas brought under enhanced biodiversity protection (ha)	☒	Hectare(Ha)	Value	0.00	90000.00	250000.00
			Date	31-Jan-2011	31-Dec-2012	30-Jun-2015
			Comments	The park management contract with a consortium led by Conservation International was signed in January 2011	Maiko National Park covers almost 1,000,000 ha. Regular wildlife law enforcement patrols were re-established over 90,000 ha.	This is the hectareage intended to be covered by regular wildlife law enforcement patrols at the end of the project.

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Data on Financial Performance (as of 14-Feb-2013)

Financial Agreement(s) Key Dates

Project	Ln/Cr/Tf	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Original Closing Date	Revised Closing Date
P100620	IDA-H4570	Effective	02-Apr-2009	30-May-2009	09-Sep-2009	30-Jun-2015	30-Jun-2015
P100620	TF-92910	Closed	11-Nov-2008	20-Nov-2008	20-Nov-2008	30-Jun-2009	28-Feb-2010
P111621	TF-94135	Effective	30-May-2009	30-May-2009	09-Sep-2009	30-Jun-2015	30-Jun-2015

Disbursements (in Millions)

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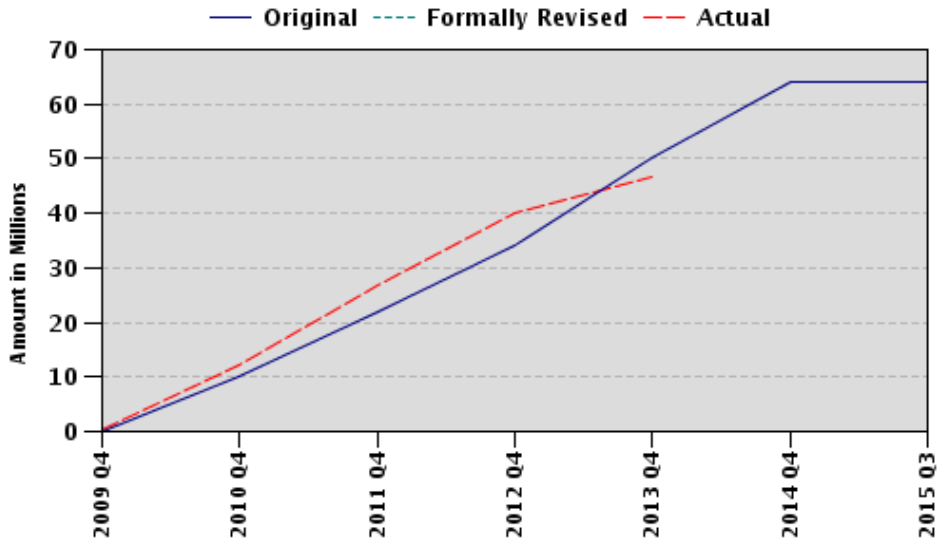
Project	Ln/Cr/Tf	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P100620	IDA-H4570	Effective	USD	64.00	64.00	0.00	38.83	26.60	61.00
P100620	TF-92910	Closed	USD	7.00	6.42	0.03	6.42	0.00	100.00
P111621	TF-94135	Effective	USD	6.00	6.00	0.00	1.34	4.66	22.00

Disbursement Graph



Key Decisions Regarding Implementation

A restructuring of the project was completed in March 2013, mainly to reallocate funding between expense categories to accommodate cost increases in the retirement payments and the log tracking and control system, and allow for the fact that some activities originally planned under the project have been funded by France and Japan. The results framework has been adjusted to take into account these changes, and to include the new World Bank core indicators for direct project beneficiaries and for biodiversity.

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Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Projects

P111621-Rehabilitation and Participatory Management of Key Protected Areas in the DRC