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Threats

- Encroaching agriculture
- High population growth
- Low local capacity
- Nearby armed conflicts

The threats to the landscape's forests and biodiversity are similar to those found in much of DRC and Central Africa. Deforestation for small scale agriculture is the main driver, caused by a lack of economic alternatives, large and growing populations in the eastern part of the landscape and a lack of institutional capacity to stem the threats. The majority of the landscape's human population are rural and poor. The eastern parts of the landscape are plagued by continued armed conflict as different groups attempt to control the area's valuable mineral and forest resources. Improving the governance of natural resources is therefore critical in the landscape.



CAFEC MTKB Overview

Goal: Maintain the ecological integrity of MTKB through sustainable management of the region's forests, maintaining the two ecological corridors, reducing threats and building capacity to reduce long-term greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation.

- strengthen law enforcement activities, particularly related to wildlife trafficking,
- amplify environmental education and awareness raising activities,
- directly support local communities with reserve co-management responsibilities,
- pursue sustainable financing (REDD+)

To address biodiversity threats, the partners propose a suite of activities to improve conservation management planning: 1) strengthen law enforcement activities, particularly related to wildlife trafficking, 2) amplify environmental education and awareness raising activities, and 3) directly support local communities with reserve co-management responsibilities. The consortium will also address financial sustainability through a program of business planning for protected areas and investigating options for public-private partnerships notably for supporting Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation-plus (REDD+) projects and biodiversity mining “offsets.”

Consortium Partners and Functions

JGI areas of expertise and project activities:

- Environmental education
- Ape conservation
- REDD+ local MRV training
- Sustainable livelihoods

UGADEC areas of expertise and project activities:

- Coordination of activities in community reserves
- Implementation of community management



Thank you!