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## CARPE

The tropical forests of the Congo Basin represent one of the world's great remnant blocks of closed canopy habitat. This forest is under increasing pressure from population growth, unsustainable resource use, poor management, and other problems related to poverty and political instability.

CARPE is a long-term initiative by USAID to address the issues of deforestation and biodiversity loss in the Congo Basin forest zone, in the middle of the African continent. One of the least developed regions of the world, the Congo Basin holds massive ... [more](#)



## CARPE and CBFP

The United States and South Africa, along with 27 public and private partners, launched the Congo Basin Forest Partnership at the WSSD in Johannesburg on September 4, 2002. The U.S. goals in this partnership are promotion of economic development, poverty alleviation, improved governance, and natural resources conservation through support for a network of national parks and

protected areas, well-managed forestry concessions, and assistance to communities who depend upon the conservation of the outstanding forest and wildlife resources of eleven key landscapes in six Central African countries. The U.S. is administering and funding its CBFP activities through CARPE ... [more](#)

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- [CARPE 'State of the Forest' Report Now Available](#)

"The Forests of the Congo Basin: A Preliminary Assessment/ Les Forêts du Bassin du Congo: Evaluation Préliminaire" now available in [English](#) and [French](#).

- [CARPE Mapper: Interactive Web Mapping Tool for the Congo Basin](#)

Developed at the University of Maryland, [CARPE Mapper](#) combines satellite-derived products and GIS data to provide an innovative new tool for the CARPE region. [More ....](#)

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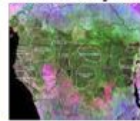
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### News

- L'Actualite Environnementale au Cameroon Mai - Juin 2009 14-Jul-09
- Revue de presse mois de Mai 2009 (RDC) 23-Jun-09
- Revue de presse mois d'Avril 2009 (RDC) 23-Jun-09
- Revue de presse mois de Mars 2009 (RDC) 23-Jun-09
- Press Review (Cameroon): February-April 2008 23-Jun-09

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## News & Announcements

Date Posted	Title
18-Jun-2012	Using Landsat satellite imagery for mapping forest in the Maringa-Lopori-Wamba landscape in the DRC
12-Jun-2012	L'Institut Congolais pour la Conservation de la Nature et ses partenaires réfléchissent sur les stratégies de conservation en RDC
12-Jun-2012	Lancement du processus de reboisement du parc de la Nsele à Kinshasa
2-Apr-2012	Rapport Trimestriel du discours sur la protection de l'environnement par pays (Janvier-Mars)
13-Feb-2012	Rapport Trimestriel du discours sur la protection de l'environnement par pays (Octobre - Décembre 2011)
1-Feb-2012	USAID/Central Africa Regional: Regional Development Cooperation Strategy 2012-2020 (CARPE III Strategic Plan)
23-Jan-2012	Call for Proposals / Appel à Propositions
26-Dec-2011	New CARPE resource: The Congo Basin Satellite Data Clearinghouse
26-Dec-2011	CARPE products are showcased by USAID at the Conference of Parties (COP) 17 CARPE side event in Durban, South Africa and by NASA at the AGU Fall Meeting in San Francisco
15-Dec-2011	Central African and Donor Partner Countries Announce a Joint Declaration of Intent on REDD+ in the Congo Basin (Press Release)

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### Carbon Monitoring

Learn about the Congo Basin forests as a global carbon sink, methods for monitoring forest carbon levels, and how REDD+ applies to the region.

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Democratic Republic of Congo

- ↳ Maiko NP
- ↳ Kahuzi Biega NP
- ↳ Itombwe Forest Community Areas
- ↳ Tayna Nature Reserve PA
- ↳ Kisimba-Ikobo Nature Reserve
- ↳ UGADEC CBO all SIX communities
- ↳ South Kahuzi CBNRM
- ↳ Bafwasende CBNRM

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Landscape: **Maiko-Tayna-Kahuzi-Biega**

Macro-zone: **Maiko NP**

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- Land Use Planning
- Ecological Information
- Socio-Economic Information
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### Land Use Planning

#### Land Use Planning Status

Convened: 100%

Designed: 97%

Adopted: 0%

Implemented: 25%

#### Land Use Planning Documents

##### Strategy Document

[Maiko NP Strategy Document \(2009\)](#) *English*

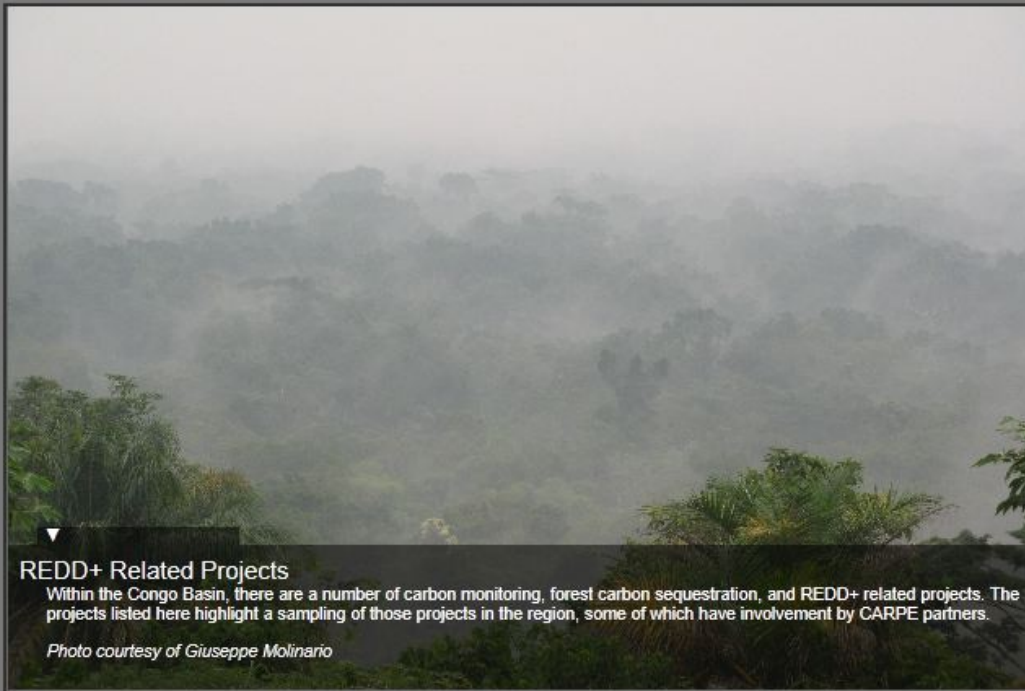
##### Management Plan

[Maiko NP Management Plan \(2010\)](#) *French*



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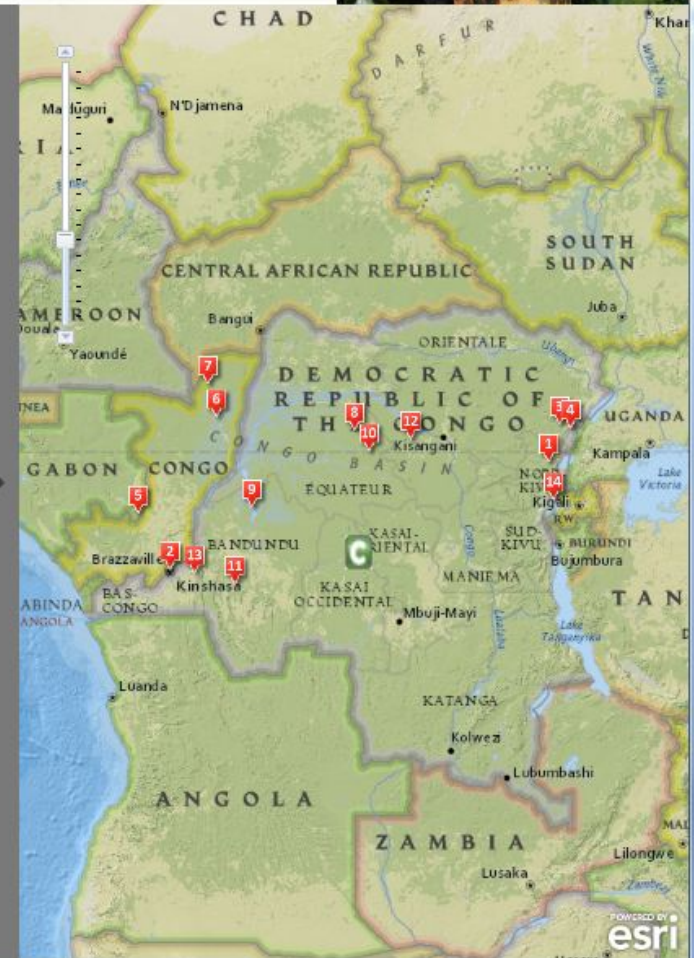
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## REDD+ Related Projects

Within the Congo Basin, there are a number of carbon monitoring, forest carbon sequestration, and REDD+ related projects. The projects listed here highlight a sampling of those projects in the region, some of which have involvement by CARPE partners.

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1 Walt Disney Company and CI - Eastern DRC



2 WRI - Quantifying forest carbon stocks and emissions



3 WCS - Mambasa, DRC



4 WCS - Mt Hoyo, Virunga, DRC



5 USFS - Bateke, Gabon and Congo



6 WCS - Lac Tele, Congo



7 WCS - Noussale Ndoki and PROGEPP, Congo



8 AWF - Maninga-Lopori-Wamba, DRC



9 ERA - Lac Mai Ndombe, DRC



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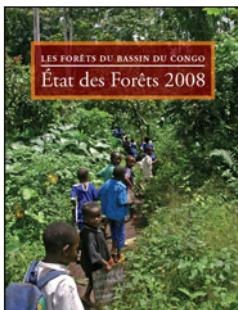
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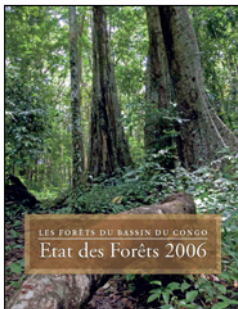
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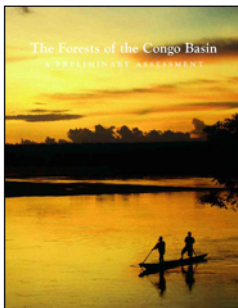
Highlights from the State of the Forest 2008 Report brochure available in [English](#)



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- Coordination with SCAEMPS for sharing information and data
- Background information on Congo Basin forests – challenges, threats and opportunities
- Links to other information sources
- Dissemination of information to public, donors, partners and regional stakeholders