



US FOREST SERVICE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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At the Congo Basin regional level, the Forest Service works primarily to support the Central African Forest Commission and its sub-organizations to work towards regional policy harmonization, coordination, and best practice dissemination in areas such as land-use planning, natural resources management, wildlife trafficking, and climate change.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The [US Forest Service](#) is a partner in the Central Africa Regional Program for the Environment (CARPE), a program funded by the [US Agency for International Development](#). CARPE is a long-term initiative designed to address issues of deforestation, sustainable forest management, biodiversity loss, and climate change in the Congo Basin. The CARPE program works to improve management of forested lands in the basin and to strengthen the capacities of governments and people of the region to manage these resources at the local, national, and regional levels. Under the umbrella of CARPE, the Forest Service also implements complementary technical assistance programs funded by the US State Department and USAID that focus on capacity building in the areas of climate change, reduced emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, and forest carbon measurement and monitoring.

US Forest Service programming under CARPE, which began in 1997, focuses on five geographic areas: (i) regionally through support of the Central African Forest Commission (COMIFAC) and the Congo Basin Forest Partnership; (ii) the Democratic Republic of Congo; (iii) Republic of Congo; (iv) Cameroon; and (v) Gabon.

At the Congo Basin regional level, the Forest Service works primarily to support COMIFAC and its sub-organizations to work toward regional policy harmonization, coordination, and best practice dissemination. The technical assistance has focused primarily on land-use planning, natural resource management, wildlife trafficking and climate change. With its support to the Congo Basin Forest Partnership, the Forest Service helps coordinate efforts to sustain forest resources in the Congo Basin by strengthening regional approaches and solutions to forest management, good governance, biodiversity protection and climate change. Other regional activities include providing scholarships for ministry staff to obtain their Masters' degrees in sustainable forest management; capacity building of ministry staff in the region on remote sensing technologies and forest monitoring; and strengthening understanding of REDD+ issues for country delegations involved in the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.



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