

US FOREST SERVICE

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Central Africa Portfolio

**CARPE 3 Partners Meeting
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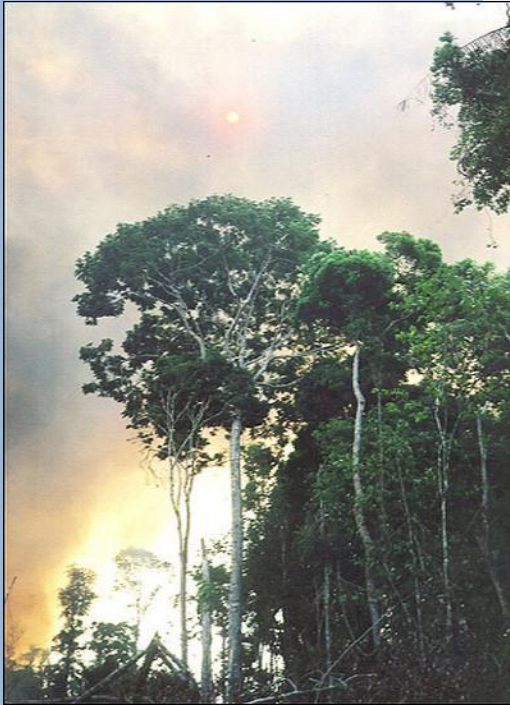
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Presentation Overview

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THE FOREST SERVICE WORKS INTERNATIONALLY TO:

- Bring expertise to assist in conservation and natural resource management activities, policy development and trade issues
- Bring important research and technology gained overseas back to the US
- Assist countries in responding to disasters
- Internationalize the US Forest Service
- Leverage our investments in workforce diversity awareness—overseas assignments provide agency personnel with cross-cultural experiences

PARTNERSHIPS



- **Other USDA agencies**—FAS, APHIS, ARS
- **Other USG agencies**— Department of State, US Agency for International Development (USAID), Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), MCC, etc.
- **Host-country governments**
- **Private sector**—International Wood Products Association, Taylor Guitar, Home Depot, International Paper Inc., Caterpillar, etc.
- **Non-governmental organizations**—Wildlife Conservation Society, WWF, AWF, CI, The Nature Conservancy, Memphis Zoo, in-country NGOs, etc.
- **Universities**—Land grant universities, including the University of California at Davis
- **Multilateral organizations**—Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO), International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

USFS in Central Africa



- USAID/CARPE

- COMIFAC
- DRC
- RoC
- Cameroon
- Gabon



- CBFP

- US State Dept OES

- Regional CBREDD Program

- USAID/SilvaCarbon

- Gabon
- DRC
- RoC
- Cameroon



- USAID/LEDS

- Gabon

USFS CARPE 2 Programs



- Land-use Planning Support
 - Landscapes
 - COMIFAC Guides
 - DRC Zoning Process
 - Gabon National Park Planning
- COMIFAC Technical Support
 - CARPE-COMIFAC communication
 - COMIFAC working groups
- Forest Inventory and MRV systems
 - DRC
- CBFP
- Other
 - USFS International Seminars
 - MENTOR-FOREST support (USFWS)



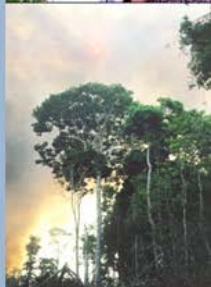
USFS CARPE 2 Results

- COMIFAC Land-use Planning Guides
 - Regional best practice guides compiled from landscapes and USFS experience
 - 4 guides validated by 6 COMIFAC countries, COMIFAC, and RAPAC
 - Over 200 technicians and politicians trained on CARPE partner best practices
- Advised COMIFAC on regional programs and projects
- Supported DRC CNPZ operations
 - DIAF Macro-zoning Guides Approved
- Supported ANPN planning process
 - 5 park plans drafted
- Supported DRC UNREDD/FAO carbon pre-inventory design and implementation



USFS CARPE 3 Strategy

- Regional and national capacity building in
 - Land-use planning / Zoning
 - NFI and MRV
 - Fire management
 - Protected area management planning
 - Climate change
 - Watershed management
 - Combatting illegal logging
- Support to CAFEC Landscape Partners
 - DRC and RoC
- Support to National Institutions
 - DIAF, CNREDD, CNIAF, ACFAP, ANPN
- Support to Regional Organizations
 - COMIFAC, CBFP, RAPAC, RIFFEAC
- Close collaboration with EMAPS partners
 - OSFAC/UMD, SCAEMPS



USFS CARPE 3 Proposed Workplan

- IRs 1 and 2
 - DRC
 - Fire Management support to Lac Tumba Landscape
 - Land-use Planning support in MLW
 - Land-use Planning support to Maiko-Tayna Landscape (CBNRM corridors)
 - RoC
 - Research study support to TNS
 - Fire Management support to Bateke Landscape
 - Logging concession footprints in Bateke?
 - Other
 - Management plan implementation advising to ANPN (Gabon)
 - USFS international seminars



USFS CARPE 3 Proposed Workplan continued

- IR 3
 - Regional
 - Technical support to COMIFAC
 - CBFP Facilitation support
 - Application of COMIFAC land-use planning guides
 - DRC
 - Zoning process and implementation support to DIAF/CNPZ
 - RoC
 - ACFAP support to management planning and organization
 - Cameroon
 - Timber trade chain of custody work



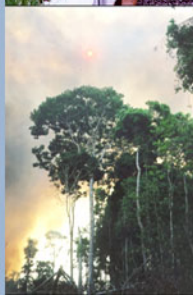
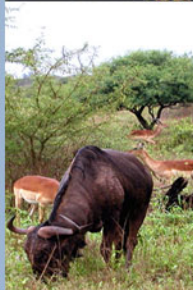
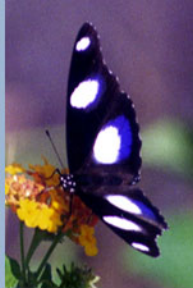
USFS CARPE 3 Proposed Workplan continued

- IR 4
 - DRC – DIAF and UNREDD/FAO
 - Soil analysis of pre-inventory samples
 - Training on data management and analysis
 - Targeted training on remote sensing work
 - High resolution degradation work?
 - Analysis of incoming data for a full national inventory
 - SilvaCarbon
 - Regional CBREDD activities
 - SWAMP
 - Gabon LEDS



USFS CARPE 3 Goals

- Close and regular relationship with SCAEMPS implementer
 - Data management and reporting
 - SilvaCarbon activities
- Establish regular support missions to all CAFEC landscapes by FY15 on a focused priority technical need
- Maintain and execute a coordinated coherent USFS program with various USG funding in Congo Basin
- Establish effective program in RoC
- Exploration and Development of activities to combat illegal logging in support of national authorities in Cameroon and/or RoC
- Support COMIFAC effectively move into the next era of their regional role and responsibility
- Assist in linking and communicating CAFEC and CARPE activities/results to National Govts and COMIFAC ES

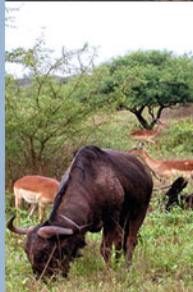
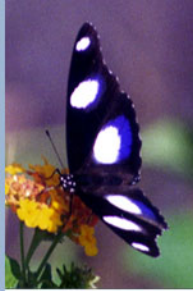


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CARPE-COMIFAC PIO Grant

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PIO Grant

- History of CARPE support to COMIFAC
- COMIFAC registered as a Public International Organization

Grant Proposal

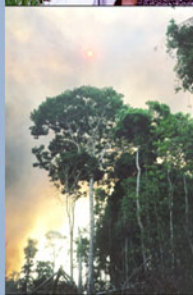
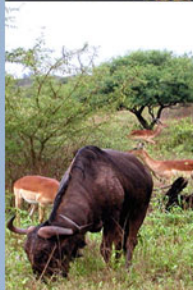
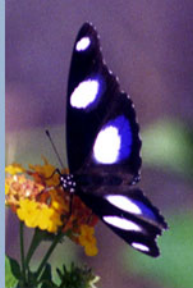
- 2 years - \$800,000 + \$200,000
- Geographic Focus: Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Republic of Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, and Gabon. + Rwanda and Chad
- Technical Focus: Climate Change and Wildlife Trafficking
- 2 Components:
 - Plan de Convergence Revision
 - Regional Coordination and Policy Harmonization

Grant Proposal

- Plan de Convergence Revision
 - Ensure its alignment with country goals for climate change mitigation and adaptation and illegal wildlife trafficking
 - Focus on biodiversity conservation, sustainable socio-economic advancement, and low emissions economic growth and reduced emissions from deforestation and forest degradation
 - National and regional validations with CEFDHAC
- Regional Policy Harmonization
 - Policy Support through the Heads of States
 - Draft policy briefs

Grant Proposal Continued

- Regional Policy Harmonization continued
 - Regional Technical Working Group Support
 - Climate Change
 - Protected areas and wildlife
 - Combat land degradation and desertification
 - Support to implementation of the Sub-regional Wildlife Law Enforcement Action Plan (PAPECALF)
 - Assess and address training needs of enforcement agencies
 - Support gathering of information on prosecution and penalties to establish a monitoring system
 - Awareness raising



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