



**SUPPORT TO THE CREATION OF THE "GICET N'SIA MALA MALA" AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO:**

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Detailed description of the project	Services provided
<p>The "Novacel South Kwamouth REDD+ pilot agroforestry project" (NSK) is run by Novacel SPRL on the Plateaux District in the province of Bandundu. Taking place near the capital-city Kinshasa in a mixed landscape of shrubby savannahs and gallery forests, this project intends to reduce local deforestation and forest degradation by promoting adequate land-use and agricultural techniques.</p> <p>In 2014, an agricultural cooperative was born on the Teke territory parallel to the NSK initiative under the name "GICET N'sia Mala Mala" (acronym for Economic and cooperative interest group of the "terroir" Teke). The cooperative intends to reinforce the land-tenure security of its village-members, with respect to traditional land-use systems and in compliance with the congolese regulations on land-tenure, agriculture, civil right, commercial and industrial laws.</p> <p>The cooperative benefited from the European Forest Institute's (EFI) and SalvaTerra's support during its early stages. Several activities took place since early 2015 to make it operational, such as the identification and mapping of the traditional lands that will be brought to the cooperative, an estimation of their agricultural potential, market and non-market values, an evaluation of the cooperative's capital and, finally, an update of the cooperative's articles of incorporation.</p>	<p>From March 2015 to September 2015, we provided the following services :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mapping of 10 000 ha of pre-identified land in the Plateaux District, province of Bandundu ;</li> <li>• Analyses of land-use cover and land-use change using Landsat 8 satellite images for 2014 and Spot 5 for 2010, with the technical support of the EU Joint research centre ;</li> <li>• Estimation of change in carbon stocks between 2010 and 2014 ;</li> <li>• Evaluation of the agricultural potential and technical barriers (water availability, accessibility, etc.) for each land, and suitability for agroforestry production ;</li> <li>• Business plan 2015 – 2027 including installation, harvesting and transformation, transport, marketing and other transaction costs and revenues ;</li> <li>• Revision of institutional arrangements, including the revision of the incorporation statutes and evaluation of the share capital ;</li> </ul>