



DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT FOR THE R-PP OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

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Detailed description of the project	Services provided
<p>The “REDD+” mechanism was officially launched during the Bali Climate Conference, in December 2007. It aims at rewarding those tropical countries which that reduce their greenhouse gas emissions that are a result of the the deforestation and degradation of forests or who protect, or even increase, their stocks of forest carbon. At the same time, the G8 of Heiligendamm launched the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF), a multi-donor fund managed by the World Bank. At the beginning of 2013, more than 15 developed countries and more than 40 developing countries, including the Central African Republic, joined the FCPF.</p> <p>Since 2008, developing countries wishing to benefit from the REDD+ mechanism were encouraged to prepare a REDD+ Plan Idea Note (R-PIN) and submit it for approval to the Participants’ Committee of the FCPF. The Central African Republic (CAR) was among the first countries to have its R-PIN approved in 2008. Following this, the French Development Agency (AFD) wished to encourage the efforts of those Central African countries, members of the <i>Commission des Forêts d’Afrique Centrale</i> (COMIFAC) in the preparation of a more substantial document, the REDD+ Readiness Preparation Plan (R-PP), aimed at setting up a national REDD+ strategy. An R-PP must be elaborated according to a very precise format, set up by the Participants’ Committee of the FCPF. It requires an in-depth analysis of institutional, legal, economic and technical issues related to the forests, punctuated by extensive consultations with the participating stakeholders.</p> <p>The AFD appointed three NGOs active in Central Africa, the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) and Conservation International (CI), to support the COMIFAC countries in developing their REDD+ strategy. It is within this framework that the WWF, in charge of supporting the REDD+ process in CAR, turned to an ad hoc expertise to support the elaboration of the Central African R-PP, starting point of the REDD+ strategy.</p>	<p>The two experts worked with a team of national experts to support the development of the following components of the R-PP:</p> <p>Component 1a: Identification of the institutional arrangements to coordinate the implementation of the R-PP and creation of ad hoc Committees; Component 1b: Identification of stakeholders to be informed and consulted in the design and development of the R-PP and elaboration of a plan of consultations; Component 3: Proposition of a methodology to set up the REDD+ greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reference level; Component 5: Development of a budget for the implementation of the R-PP.</p> <p>In addition, Olivier Bouyer was in charge of coordinating national and international experts involved in the preparation of the other components of the R-PP, namely:</p> <p>Component 2a: Review of the sectoral policies and identification of the direct and indirect drivers of deforestation and forest degradation; Component 2b: Development of strategic options in the fight against deforestation and degradation, with analysis of technical feasibility, social acceptability, environmental effectiveness, economic efficiency, durability and robustness; Component 2c: Identification of existing legal measures in terms of land tenure, carbon rights, and the formulation of legal proposals to improve the existing situation; Component 2d: Development of a socio-environmental evaluation system; Component 4: Development of a comprehensive forest carbon inventory system.</p> <p>The CAR R-PP was approved in 2011 and, subsequently, the Central African Republic began the implementation of REDD+ activities.</p>