



POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE AGROFORESTRY AND WOOD-ENERGY SECTORS AROUND KINSHASA – PREFEASIBILITY STUDY

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Detailed description of the project	Services provided
<p>The Forest Investment Program’s (FIP) objective is to mobilize new policies, measures and new sources of financing in order to facilitate the reduction of deforestation and forest degradation, and to promote sustainable forest management (REDD+). The Democratic Republic of Congo has been chosen as one of the FIP pilot countries.</p> <p>This study was to clarify the elements of a \$36.6M (USD) transversal program dedicated to supporting the private sector around Kinshasa in the promotion of biomass-energy, including afforestation and reforestation activities, agroforestry and naturally-assisted regeneration.</p> <p>The first objective was to obtain a deeper understanding of the land tenure issues, of the technical and economical feasibility of agroforestry projects, of the various possible management models, as well as potential social, land-related, technical, administrative and regulatory issues hindering the development of agroforestry projects around Kinshasa (Part 1).</p> <p>The second objective was to provide the first elements of a technical and financial unit for the FIP to support the development of agroforestry projects in the supply area of Kinshasa. The study proposed a REDD+ roadmap in order to integrate these projects into the national REDD+ framework, an operating mode for the FIP unit, a set of financial incentives adapted to the different private operator profiles, a network of potential investors, a funds distribution procedure and a simplified project monitoring procedure (Part 2).</p>	<p>The expert coordinated this study and realized three field missions in and around Kinshasa. A technical workshop was organized on the Batéké Plateaux (Mbankana), dedicated to the private actors of the agroforestry sector. The mission was concluded by a final workshop in Kinshasa. The deliverables were the following: a synthesis on land-tenure management issues, 20 technical notes on agroforestry (production techniques), simplified business plans at parcel level, at the agricultural cooperative level and at the industrial and semi-industrial exploitation level, a methodology to assess the potential REDD+ impacts and an identification report of the potential operators.</p> <p>The principal recommendations are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On land tenure: the financing of land registration certificates, to give technical and juridical support based on local management plans involving local operators; - On technical issues: to effectively fight against rural fires by integrating this fight into the local management plans, to use low-cost irrigation systems, to promote training, extension and experience-sharing between operators; - On economic issues: to define the fiscal framework, to support microfinance institutions, to guarantee loans at concessional rates for large investors, to directly subsidize part of charcoal production costs, to disseminate business plans, to support an entrepreneurial development philosophy; - On organizational issues: to group private actors and to develop contract farming; - On REDD+ issues: to develop summary indicators that are not based on metric greenhouse gas emissions ("proxies" indicators) in the investment phase.