



## Congo: Forest and Econ. Diversification Project (P124085)

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Implementing Agencies: Congo, Republic of, Ministry of Forest Economy

**Key Dates****Key Project Dates**

Bank Approval Date: 24-May-2012

Effectiveness Date: 27-Mar-2013

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 31-Aug-2016

Actual Mid-Term Review Date: 24-Jun-2015

Original Closing Date: 30-Nov-2017

Revised Closing Date: 30-Jun-2022

**Project Development Objectives**

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The project development objective is to increase the capacity of the Republic of Congo to: (i) promote better implementation of forestry legislation; and (ii) enhance the policy environment for participation of local communities and the private sector in sustainable forest management and reforestation.

Has the Project Development Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project Objective?

Yes

Board Approved Revised Project Development Objective (If project is formally restructured)

To increase the capacity of the forest administration, local communities, and indigenous peoples to co-manage forests.

**Components** Table

Name

Capacity building of the forest administration:(Cost \$18.11 M)

Involvement of local communities and indigenous people in forest resource management.:(Cost \$13.82 M)

Prospective work and communications:(Cost \$3.00 M)

Habitat and biodiversity protection:(Cost \$3.85 M)

Project management:(Cost \$0.33 M)

**Overall Ratings**

Name	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Low

**Implementation Status and Key Decisions**

Following the government's request, the project has been extended once more since the last ISR, from March 31 to June 30, 2022, meaning that the project is currently finalizing its closing arrangements. The extension has allowed to complete particularly the construction of the ranger station in Ntokou (hand-over on May 15, 2022) and the beekeeping micro-projects. It is also expected that most of the remaining project activities will be



completed by the new closing date. The status of these activities was discussed during the implementation support and completion mission in early June 2022.

The task team will continue to follow up with PIU staff and the MEF on these activities also after project completion, particularly in the context of the Implementation Completion and Results Report (ICR).

The recent mission also served as ICR mission, with a contributing author having joined the task team to conduct interviews with various stakeholders. In parallel, the PIU has been advancing with its own completion report, which will serve as an input for the ICR.

A new version of the Indigenous Peoples Plan was recently finalized and has been published on the government's and the Bank's websites. The plan will be particularly relevant for implementing the revolving funds.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance	--	☐ Moderate	☐ Low
Macroeconomic	--	☐ Low	☐ Low
Sector Strategies and Policies	--	☐ Low	☐ Low
Technical Design of Project or Program	--	☐ Moderate	☐ Low
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	--	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial
Fiduciary	--	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial
Environment and Social	--	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate
Stakeholders	--	☐ Low	☐ Low
Other	--	☐ Moderate	☐ Low
Overall	--	☐ Moderate	☐ Low

Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

Increase the capacity of the forest administration, local communities, indigenous peoples to co-manage				
▶ Increase in field missions for control and sensitization purposes by the departmental forestry directorates, including by brigades (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	300.00	4,256.00	4,256.00	3,000.00
Date	31-Dec-2011	06-Mar-2018	06-Mar-2018	31-Mar-2018
Comments:	This indicator has been achieved and is closed.			



<b>► Forest area with simplified management plans under implementation (Hectare(Ha), Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	117,196.00	117,196.00	15,000.00
Date	27-Mar-2013	06-Mar-2018	06-Mar-2018	31-Mar-2018
Comments:	This indicator has been achieved and is closed.			
<b>► Percentage of agents of the decentralized forest administration with access to up-to-date information and data (Percentage, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	91.00	91.00	75.00
Date	27-Mar-2013	06-Mar-2018	06-Mar-2018	31-Mar-2018
Comments:	This indicator has been achieved and is closed.			
<b>► Area brought under enhanced biodiversity protection (Hectare(Ha), Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	427,000.00	427,000.00	427,000.00
Date	23-Jun-2017	23-Nov-2020	23-Nov-2020	21-Jul-2021
Comments:	Enhanced biodiversity protection defined when Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool (METT) score is at least 35. Activities are just about to start following late effectiveness. The METT score will be assigned at mid-term and end of project.			
<b>► Direct project beneficiaries (Number, Custom)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	22,781.00	22,781.00	17,000.00
Date	31-Dec-2011	23-Nov-2020	23-Nov-2020	26-Jul-2021
Comments:	Project beneficiaries include ministerial staff at the policy decision-making level, technical staff, technical scientists, civil society groups and communities in forest concession areas where social contracts are applied and in savannah areas. Beneficiaries in local communities will be close to 50% female. The benefits come in many forms: training, priority income-generating investments, and so on.			
<b>□ Female beneficiaries (Percentage, Custom Supplement)</b>				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	30.00	50.00	40.00

**Intermediate Results Indicators by Components**



Capacity building of the forest administration				
▶ Percentage of MEF staff and managers trained (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	79.00	79.00	50.00
Date	31-Dec-2011	06-Mar-2018	06-Mar-2018	31-Mar-2018
Comments:	Results under this indicator have been achieved and this indicator is closed.			
▶ Share of MEFDD activities in the annual work plan that are planned in the monitoring and evaluation system (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	100.00	100.00	50.00
Date	31-Dec-2011	06-Mar-2018	06-Mar-2018	31-Mar-2018
Comments:	Results under this indicator have been achieved and this indicator is closed.			
▶ Share of referrals in new forestry law for which application texts have been drafted (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Date	31-Dec-2011	06-Mar-2018	06-Mar-2018	31-Mar-2018
Comments:	Results under this indicator have been achieved and this indicator is closed.			
Involvement of local communities and indigenous people in forest resource management.				
▶ Households that benefited from micro-projects (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	2,671.00	2,671.00	1,200.00
Date	31-Dec-2011	23-Nov-2020	23-Nov-2020	26-Jul-2021
▶ Functioning local governance structures established to oversee simplified management plans (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	25.00	25.00	30.00



Date	31-Dec-2011	23-Nov-2020	23-Nov-2020	31-Mar-2018
Comments:	48 governance structures (CGDCs) received support, but only 24 have been evaluated as being functional following the shortfall in counterpart funds, which reduced the project's ability to provide continuous capacity building. Results under this indicator have been achieved and this indicator is closed.			

Prospective work and communications

► Validated prospective studies including recommendations (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	13.00	13.00	12.00

Date	31-Dec-2011	06-Mar-2017	06-Mar-2017	31-Mar-2018
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Comments: Results under this indicator have been achieved and this indicator is closed.

► People sensitized during information campaigns (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	100.00	163,307.00	163,307.00	200,000.00

Date	31-Dec-2011	06-Mar-2018	06-Mar-2018	31-Mar-2018
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Comments: Results under this indicator have been achieved and this indicator is closed.

► Visits to MEF website (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	298,505.00	298,505.00	60,000.00

Date	31-Dec-2011	06-Mar-2018	06-Mar-2018	31-Mar-2018
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Comments: Results under this indicator have been achieved and this indicator is closed.

Habitat and biodiversity protection

► Tools deployed to combat wildlife crime (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	1.00	1.00	2.00

Date	03-Oct-2016	23-Nov-2020	23-Nov-2020	26-Jul-2021
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Comments: Sniffer dogs have been procured and trained but not yet deployed to the field. CRMS development underway.



► Wildlife/wildlife product seizures at program sites (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	915.00	939.00	100.00
Date	03-Oct-2016	16-Dec-2020	28-Jun-2022	26-Jul-2021
Comments:	The indicator is calculated as number of animals or animal parts seized with help of the sniffer dog unit.			

**Performance-Based Conditions**

**Data on Financial Performance**

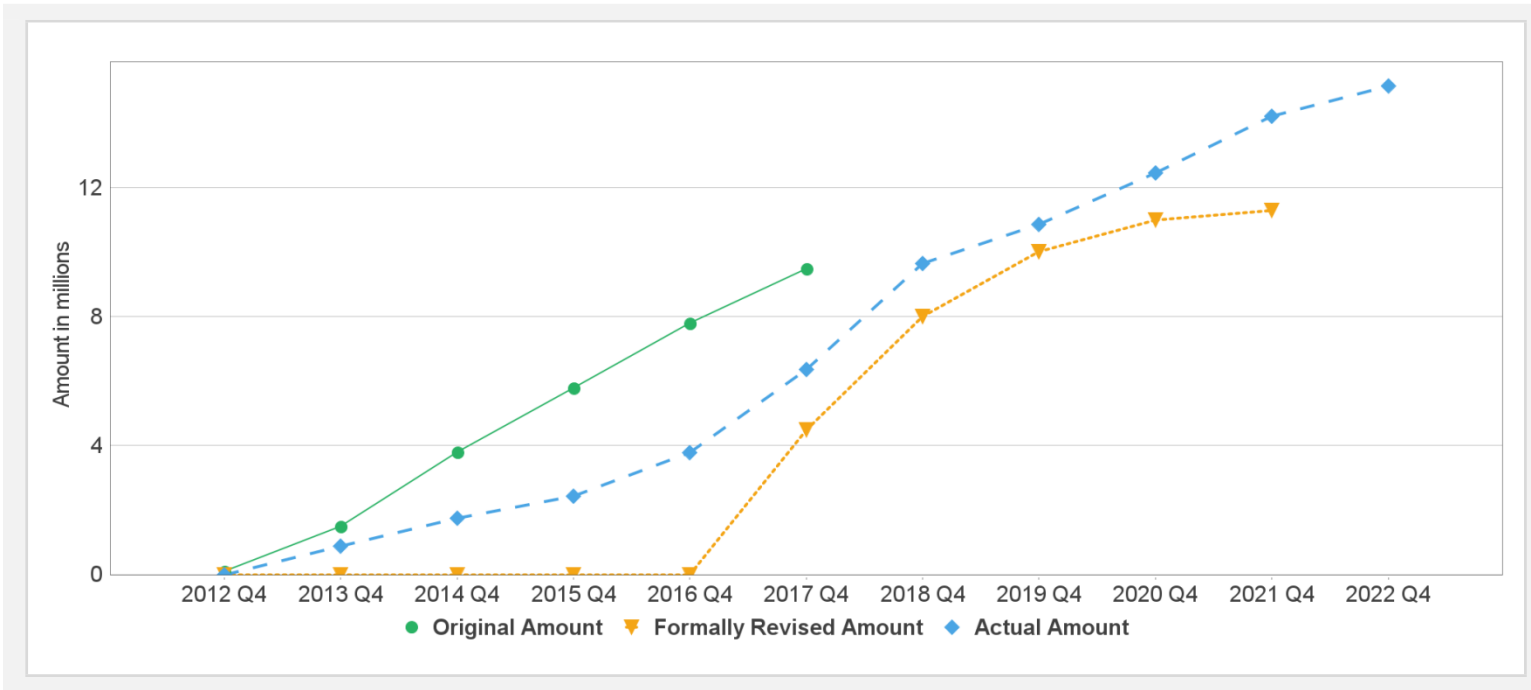
**Disbursements (by loan)**

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed	
P124085	IDA-51210	Closed	USD	10.00	10.00	0.00	9.23	0.00		100%
P124085	TF-A4666	Effective	USD	6.51	6.51	0.00	5.94	0.57		91%

**Key Dates (by loan)**

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P124085	IDA-51210	Closed	24-May-2012	13-Jun-2012	27-Mar-2013	30-Nov-2017	31-Mar-2018
P124085	TF-A4666	Effective	05-May-2017	23-Jun-2017	23-Jun-2017	26-Jul-2021	30-Jun-2022

**Cumulative Disbursements**



### Restructuring History

Level 1 Approved on 02-Oct-2015 ,Level 2 Approved on 17-Nov-2017 ,Level 2 Approved on 29-Jun-2021 ,Level 2 Approved on 04-Mar-2022

### Related Project(s)

P158604-Congo: GEF Financing for Forest and Econ. Diversification Proj.