

**Implementation Status & Results
Congo, Democratic Republic of
BCF - IBI Carbon Sink - Bateke (P096414)**

Operation Name: BCF - IBI Carbon Sink - Bateke (P096414)	Project Stage: Implementation	Seq.No: 1	Status: ARCHIVED	Archive Date: 02-Jul-2012
Country: Congo, Democratic Republic of	Approval FY: 2010			
Product Line: Carbon Offset	Region: AFRICA	Lending Instrument:		
Implementing Agency(ies):				

Key Dates

Board Approval Date	04-Aug-2009	Original Closing Date	31-Dec-2018	Last Archived ISR Date
Effectiveness Date	04-Aug-2009	Revised Closing Date	31-Dec-2018	

Overall Ratings

	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO		Moderately Unsatisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)		Moderately Unsatisfactory
Overall Risk Rating		

Implementation Status Overview

By December 2011, around 1,500 hectares had been reforested under agroforestry systems, forestry plantations and assisted natural regeneration by NOVACEL. The project is currently facing some implementation challenges arising from an under-delivery of carbon credits, which, in turn, is related to : i) smaller overall planted area than originally planned; ii) lack of proper planting maintenance leading to higher than expected mortality rates; iii) overestimation of carbon sequestration rates in certain project strata due to lack of information of growth rates under these specific conditions. The WB project team and other partners (ORBEO and DANONE) are currently supporting NOVACEL in implementing a business restructuring plan to ensure the continuity of activities under these changed circumstances. Given the tight financial situation of NOVACEL, no new reforestation activities will take place for the time being. Instead, NOVACEL will focus on cassava harvesting and processing, and on maintenance of areas already planted. NOVACEL is also implementing the recommendations from a recently conducted organizational audit by PwC (financed by the BioCF), to strengthen its administrative and managerial systems.

The BioCF will amend its ERPA from 500,000 Emission Reductions contracted until 2017, to 80,000 until 2017, to reflect the new expected sequestration by the project in the areas already planted.

NOVACEL, with the support of the NGO Gi-Agro, continues to implement its social development program targeted at the local communities, including health and education activities. Over 12% of carbon revenues have been used for this type of activities, as required in the ERPA.

In February 2011, the project was registered under the Clean Development Mechanism by the UNFCCC, as one of the first reforestation projects to reach this milestone in Africa, and the first in Central Africa. In November 2011, the project prepared its first Monitoring Report, which presented detailed information on planting per stratum, as well as carbon sequestration figures, based on an inventory carried out by NOVACEL following the CDM methodological guidelines for monitoring. This report will be updated by late July 2012, to serve as the basis for the verification to be conducted by TuV-Sud in September 2012.

Locations

Country	First Administrative Division	Location	Planned	Actual
Congo, Dem Rep	Ville de Kinshasa	Maluku		
Congo, Dem Rep	Not Entered	Bankana		

Key Decisions Regarding Implementation

The BioCF has completed the first advance payment of Emission Reductions in February 2012. The project's CDM verification will be carried out by TuV-SuD, in the second half of 2012.

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Related Projects

There are no related projects.