



PROTECTED AREAS TO IMPROVE BIODIVERSITY ON AGRICULTURAL LAND, ECOLOGICAL NETWORKING AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REDD+ MEASURES

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In Africa, land use management often lacks the necessary institutional mechanisms required to simplify dialogue with local communities, and to successfully accommodate competing claims and interests. This constitutes a serious obstacle to the implementation of national policy measures and programmes that have the aim of balancing development against conservation efforts. This project aims to harmonise conservation efforts with local development projects. To achieve this, it is improving the use of the protected area categories of 'protected landscapes/marine protected areas' and 'protected areas with sustainable use of natural resources'. Project activities are being integrated with pre-existing institutional and political structures. The end result is the development and implementation of REDD+ programmes, national strategies and action plans for biological diversity, strategies for combating poverty, and programmes for economic growth. /

State of implementation/results

During Corona-pandemic restrictions, the project held virtual meetings and prioritized consolidating and disseminating knowledge and learning.

- In Uganda, the project team focused on finalizing the knowledge products such as the performance story and reports of the communities' perceptions, and two journal articles. The project team organized a virtual workshop of experts to discuss and share learnings from project implementation processes at various stages and levels. Representatives from government, civil society, and community participated.
- In Tanzania, the project team continued to interact and support the work of the following agencies: National Land Use Planning Commission (land use issues), Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority and Tanzania Forest Services Agency

PROJECT DATA

Country/Countries:

Demokratische Republik Kongo, Ghana, Tansania, Uganda

Implementing organisation:

International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) - Switzerland

Political partner(s):

- Forestry Commission - Ghana
- Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation and Tourism (MECNT) - DR Congo
- Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources - Ghana
- Ministry of Water and Environment - Uganda
- The Vice-President's Office - Tanzania

Implementing partner(s):

- African Wildlife Foundation (AWF)
- The Forests Dialogue (TFD)

BMU grant:

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Website(s):

<http://www.iucn.org/theme/forests/projects/stabilizing-land-use>





- (wildlife and forest protected areas), Rufiji Basin Water Authority (water resources management).
- In DRC, the project team organized a workshop in Kinshasa in compliance with the Congolese government COVID-19 regulations. The participants assessed the quality of the evidence gathered and the extent to which the evidence illustrates the program's contribution to the expected results.
 - In Ghana, the team organized a project learning and validation workshop with the key stakeholders from the landscape to the national level to discuss and reflect on the project results. The team finalized the knowledge products such as the brochure on governance framework and building inclusive decision making structures for natural resource governance.

