

Project Evaluation Series
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Terminal evaluation of the project “Sustainable forest management under the authority of Cameroonian Councils”

**Project code: GCP/CMR/033/GFF
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Annex 2. Revised theory of change visual

IMPACT:

Global Environmental Objective: Reduce deforestation and forest degradation in council forests in order to improve biodiversity conservation, reduce emissions and enhance carbon stocks.

Development Objective: Improved livelihoods of local communities by promoting sustainable income generating activities.

Assumptions:

Stability in political circumstances and government priorities

Coordination between ministries (Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection and Sustainable Development, Ministry of Forest and Wildlife) and other stakeholders (Council Forest Technical Centre, Association of Council Forests of Cameroon)

Interest and participation of the local communities in project activities

Adoption of management plans and legal utilization of forest products

Strong support from local authorities

Materialization of co-funding

Coordination between the Project Technical Coordinator, National Project Coordinator, Lead Technical Officer

Effective FAO supervision

Sufficient funding and incubation support for local entrepreneurship, market access

Outcomes

1. Increased forest area managed for sustainable use, biodiversity conservation and enhancement in unprotected ecological zones
2. Strengthened capacity of selected councils to manage council forests and conservation sites
3. Council forest staff and functional technical unit have the tools and skills necessary to monitor and manage carbon stocks in the council forests
4. Increased creation of local enterprises and income generating activities by local communities, Indigenous Peoples and women

Outputs

Database of biodiversity in the council forests established

Forest management plans integrating biodiversity conservation developed and implemented

56 200 ha of conservation sites formally established within the council forests

Technical guidance and standards for sustainable forest management (SFM) and biodiversity conservation in conservation sites developed and disseminated in the council forests

85 local forest protection committees (FPCs) established and trained, and 170 local community leaders/change agents trained in alternative livelihoods

17 functional technical units (FTUs) established; 85 council staff trained

Existing carbon accounting and monitoring systems adapted to council forests and tested

85 FPC and 34 FTU staff trained in forest carbon management and in forest surveillance

56 200 ha in the council forests (10 percent of total council forest and forest reserves) under restoration

Components

Component 1:
Establishment of council forests for sustainable forest management and biodiversity conservation

Component 2:
Capacity building to strengthen biodiversity conservation and SFM in council forests

Component 3:
Capacity building for the management of forest carbon

Component 4:
Ecosystem restoration and enhancement of carbon stocks in the council forests

Component 5:
Monitoring and evaluation and information dissemination

Strategy

Zoning of council forest area; activities to maximize both biodiversity conservation and mitigation benefits; training of local actors for monitoring carbon stocks, restoring degraded forests and sustainable forest management; surveillance of forest and monitoring of forest biomass stocks

Challenges

Deforestation and forest degradation, biodiversity and carbon loss, illegal logging, forest fires, rising demand for fuel food, habitat degradation, overexploitation of species, weak capacities of councils for sustainable forest management, lack of data on forest and biodiversity, lack of alternative livelihoods, limited participation of local people in forest management

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