

Future Plans

- Further research on project sites
- Continued workshops to reinforce capacity
- Development of teaching materials to raise awareness
- Community structuring in other project sites
- Implementation of community micro-projects at the household level within the project sites
- Development of the monitoring, reporting and verification [MRV]
- Development of agroforestry project sites

Sites and partners

Project Equateur works north of the Equator in the territory of Gemena, more specifically in the areas of Banga-Kungu and Nguya, and just south of the equator in the territory of Bikoro, in the sector Elanga. Work is done in partnership with the Department of Environmental Conservation and Tourism [MECNT], NGOs of Environmental Civil Society, Educational and research based institutions, as well as directly with the populations of the intervention sites.



Funding—Project time frame

Project Equateur is a project of the Ministry of Environment, Nature, Conservation, and Tourism in the Democratic Republic of Congo. This project is funded by the African Development Bank [ADB] and the Congo Basin Forest Fund [CBFF] for a period of three and a half years from 2013 until September 2016.

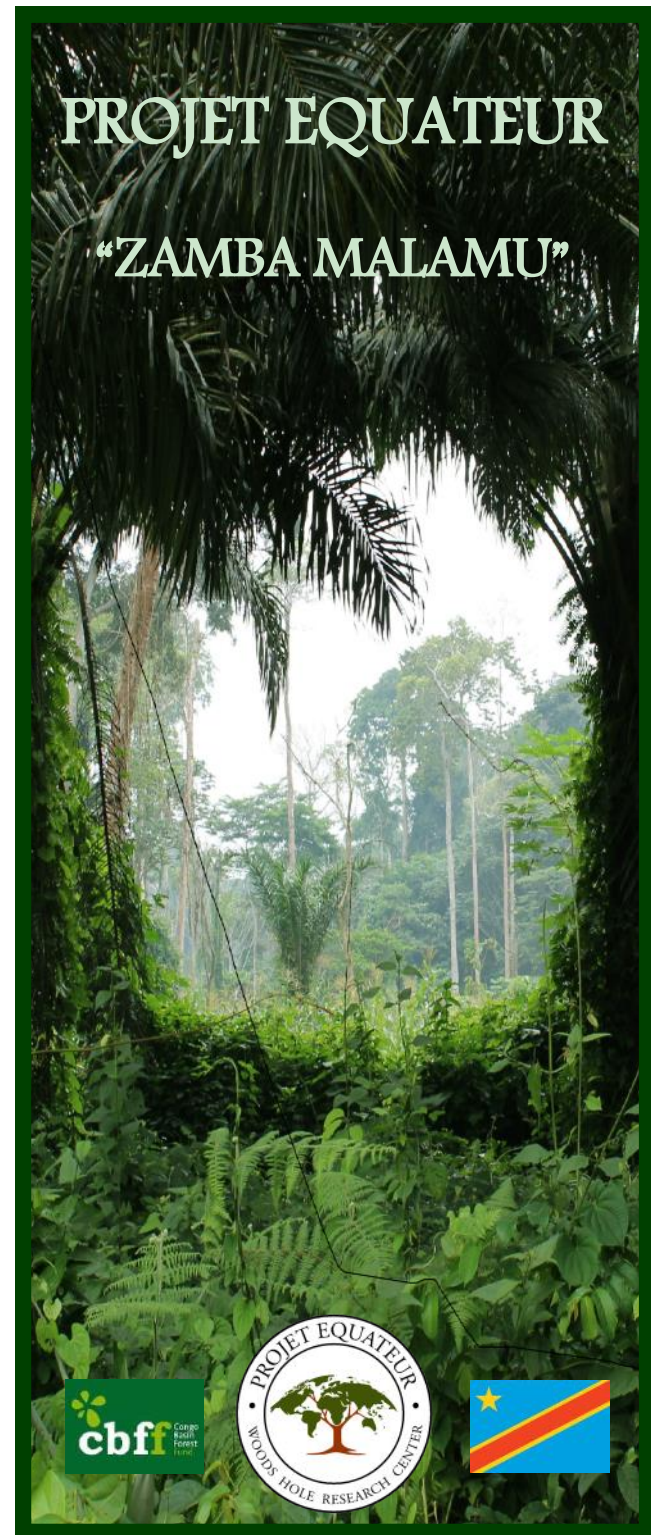


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Project background

Project Equateur “Zamba Malamu”, run by the Woods Hole Research Center [WHRC], is working on the implementation of a pilot REDD+ program in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Project Equateur is one of six geographically integrated pilot REDD + projects whose common objective is to reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases from deforestation and forest degradation and to alleviate poverty in specific geographical areas of the country.

Project Equateur aims to be a capacity building project for civil society and provincial government within the context of REDD in Equateur province. The purpose of this project is to test approaches for REDD and to help develop the national REDD strategy to guide the implementation of activities on the national level for the REDD process in the DRC.

The objective of this project is to strengthen the capacity of local partners to fight against deforestation and promote sustainable forest management as well as to develop alternative activities that will generate revenue for development.



Our activities

Project Equateur has three components:

- Training and capacity building
- Community projects
- Research and technical development

Our job is to understand the causes of deforestation and degradation in rural areas, to recognize the dependence of the population on forest resources, and to contribute to solving the problem of poverty while sustainably managing natural resources.

To achieve this, Project Equateur aims to build capacity in the areas of:

- Measuring and Monitoring Carbon stocks
- Sustainable management of forests
- Measuring socio-economic and environmental impacts
- Awareness and training about REDD +
- Alternatives for reducing deforestation and poverty

Project achievements

Since beginning in 2013, our work has included the following:

- Socio-economic surveys of the two project sites
- Development and testing of a method of CLIP [free prior informed consent] in Buya 1 and Bokumu Mokola
- Demographic and land use studies in Buya 1
- Participatory mapping in Buya 1
- Strategic communications plan for the project
- Measurement of environmental and social impacts in Buya 1 under CLIP
- Capacity building workshops in local institutions, NGOs, and within civil society and state administration in Mbandaka
- Community structuring in Buya 1
- Investigations on the methodology of monitoring and evaluation of REDD projects
- Research on types of teaching materials and work to develop a transmission channels for these materials
- Co-organization of the World Environment Day 2014 celebrations with the Provincial Commissioner of the Environment and its partners
- Public film screening about climate change in Mbandaka / Equateur / DRC.

