

Development and operationalization of a PAFC certification system for the Congo Basin (PAFC Congo Basin Project)



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- Diversify sustainable forest management certification offer in the Congo Basin
- Launched in January 2019 – Funding: PPECF-COMIFAC, IDH and PEFC

OBJECTIVES

- ☐ Develop a **Congo Basin PAFC certification scheme** (Cameroon, Congo, Gabon, etc.).
- ☐ Ensure that PEFC **recognises** the scheme
- ☐ **Operationalize** the certification scheme

IMPLEMENTATION

- ATIBT (project's holder and supervision)
- project **coordinator**: (based in Yaoundé)
- TEREA (Technical **assistance**)
- **Assistance** from PEFC International
- National PAFC initiatives in Cameroon, Gabon and Congo (**partners**)



Funding



Implementation



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Activities	implementation	Observations
Phase 1: Development of the PAFC Congo Basin certification scheme		
Stakeholders mapping (national and regional)	completed	Identification of stakeholders per country and an identification of regional stakeholders
Call for interest and selection of stakeholders to constitute the regional working group (Forum)	completed	Sent to 293 stakeholders (20 regional) 88 expression of interest received 16 selected as working group members and 4 experts to assist
Consensual development of the regional forest management certification standard by working members (Forum)	completed	Finalized last week during the last workshop of the working group



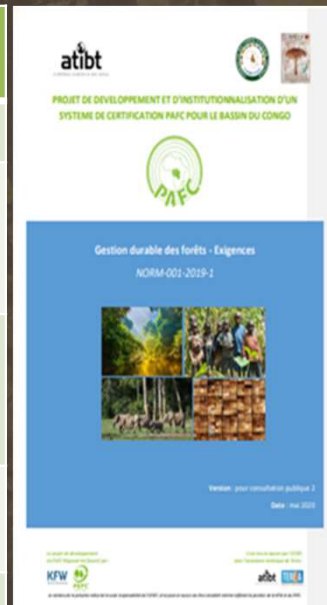


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Phase 1: Development of the PAFC Congo Basin certification scheme		
Preparation and Development of other documents (certification scheme procedures, forest management standard national guides) and submission	On progress	First version of procedures drafted and comments from national PAFCs are being received
Public consultations on the forest management certification regional standard	completed	2 public consultations 168 comments (first PC) 112 comments (second PC)
Pilot test realization	completed	2 auditors for the pilot test Desktop pilot test
National adoption of the regional forest management standard	Preparation launched	To be hold end of November 2020
Preparation and submission of the request for endorsement to PEFC	On progress	To be submitted on mid-December 2020



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Activities	implementation	Observations
Phase 2: Recognition and operationalization of the PAFC BC certification scheme		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Enhance the capabilities of stakeholdersInstitutionalise regional initiativeCommunicate/representationFinalize and approve the regional scheme at national level.Seek funding opportunities	Beginning of reflection on some actions for implementation	Full recognition and endorsement expected for November/end of 2021 Some companies have mentioned their interest for PAFC BC so far



Expected PAFC BC certification scheme ready for the certification : **first semester 2022**

Some concerns are still to solve for the PAFC BC certification scheme to cover and serve companies operations certification over the Congo Basin due to **accreditation limitations**.



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Octobre 2020: validation of Forest management standard by the forum

- A very **consensual approach** (which gave rise to many debates)
- A pragmatic and innovative benchmark, with **marker indicators**:
 - Certification Management System which specifies the requirements in terms of tools (monitoring procedure, communication, training ...)
 - Fauna management plan
 - Social management plan
 - Greenhouse gas balance
 - Carbon stock evaluation



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