

Country Profile: Cameroon



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OVERVIEW

Project Title: Integrated and Transboundary Conservation of Biodiversity in the Basins of the Republic of Cameroon

Project Sites: Boumba Bek and Nki National Parks, Mengame Gorilla Sanctuary, Dja and Ngoyla Wildlife Reserves

Species Focus: Elephants, Low-land gorillas, Pangolins and Chimpanzees

Total Project Cost: \$4 million

Executing Partner: Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife, MINEPDED, MINDEF, MINATD, MINFI, and IUCN,

GEF Implementing Agency: UNDP

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CONTEXT

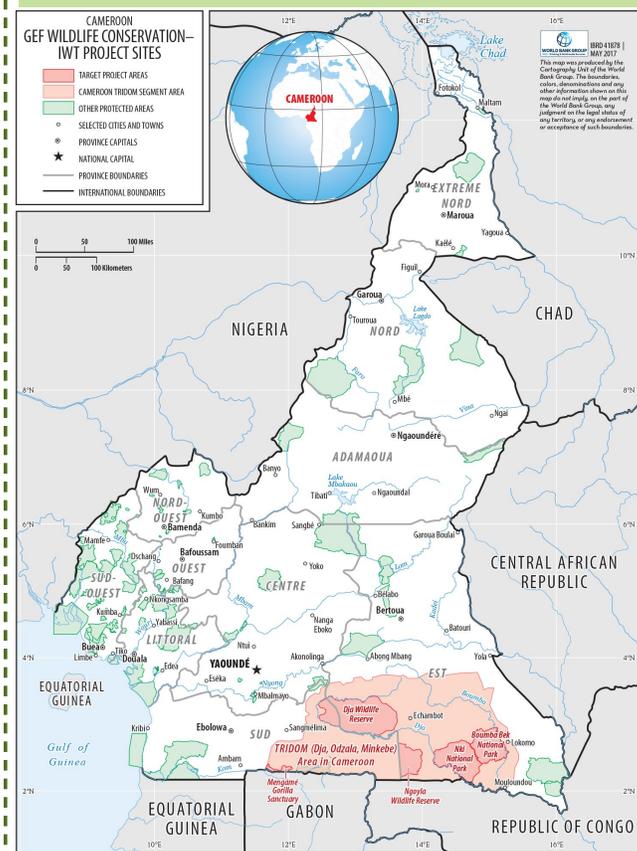
Cameroon's forests are a core element of the Congo Basin forest ecosystem, the second largest remaining contiguous block of rainforest on Earth covering almost 200 million ha in Central Africa. With a deforestation rate of 0.14% per year and a forest elephant population that has declined by 62% in the last ten years, Cameroon is facing severe environmental threats. Furthermore, illegal wildlife trade (IWT) compromises the integrity of the forest system, and law enforcement and government officials lack resources, tools, equipment and financial resources to prevent poaching and overhunting. Cameroon's conservation efforts include the establishment of a National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) and the National Ivory Action Plan (NIAP), the development of a National Action Plan for the Conservation of Great Apes in March 2003, and regional trans-boundary biodiversity efforts focused in the TRIDOM, in TNS (Tri-National of Sangha) and BSB Yamoussa (Bouba Ndjidda-Sena-Oura Protected areas complex. It also approved a National REDD+ Strategy in 2013.

PROJECT COMPONENTS

The GWP Cameroon project aims to strengthen the conservation of globally threatened species in Cameroon by improving biodiversity enforcement, resilience and management.

The project components are:

1. Strengthen capacity for effective Protected Areas and IWT governance
2. Improve the effective management of globally significant protected areas
3. Reduce poaching and illegal trafficking of threatened species in the forest landscapes (site level)
4. Manage Knowledge, Monitor and Evaluate the project



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