

... Reducing logging impact in Gabon



Reduced impact, increased value: Good forest management practices reduce forest damage and carbon emissions and leave the forest in a better state to provide later harvests and perform environmental functions. *Photos: V. Medjibe*

References

de Wasseige, C., Devers, D., de Marcken, P., Eba'a Atyi, R., Nasi, R. & Mayaux, P. 2009. *The forests of the Congo Basin: state of the forest 2008*. Publications Office of the European Union, Luxembourg.

GoG (Government of Gabon) 2013. Gabon forest carbon assessment. First technical report. Libreville.

Medjibe, V.P., Putz, F.E., Starkey, P.M., Ndouna, A.A. & Memiaghe, R.H. 2011. Impacts of selective logging on above-ground forest biomass in the Monts de Cristal in Gabon. *Forest Ecology and Management* 262: 1799–1806.

Medjibe, V.P., Putz, F.E. & Romero, C. 2013. Certified and uncertified logging concessions compared in Gabon: changes in stand structure, tree species, and biomass. *Environmental Management* 51: 524–540.

Nasi, R., Billand, A. & Vanvliet, N. 2012. Managing for timber and biodiversity in the Congo Basin. *Forest Ecology and Management* 268: 103–111.

Pearson, T.R.H., Brown, S. & Casarim, E.M. 2014. Carbon emissions from tropical forest caused by logging. *Environmental Research Letters*, 9, 034017.

WRI 2009. *Interactive forest atlas for Gabon (pilot version): executive summary*. World Resources Institute, Washington, DC.

New fellowships awarded

The International Tropical Timber Council awarded 23 fellowships in its 2014 spring cycle. The awardees are from 15 different countries and include 13 females. The total value of the fellowships is US\$148 385. The awardees are listed below.

Preparing technical documents: Mr Jean Didier Tèwogbadé Akpona (Benin)

Short training: Ms Camila Horiye Rodrigues (Brazil); Ms Agnès Kibongo Epse Ebanga (Cameroon); Ms Stella Ngeh Asaha (Cameroon); Mr Bouattenin Kouadio (Côte d'Ivoire); Ms Edith Abruquah (Ghana); Ms Harriet Ansaah Lartey (Ghana); Ing. Herless Arbey Martínez Recinos (Guatemala); Mr Pramod Kumar Yadav (India); Mr José David Bonilla Morales (Mexico); Ms Silvia Berenice Quintana Sagarnaga (Mexico); Ms Wai Wai Than (Myanmar)

Conferences and study tours: Mr Osei Asibe Asafu-Adjaye (Ghana); Dr Rashmi Ramesh Shanbhag (India); Ms Rinda Amalia Fadila (Indonesia); Ms Ivanna Febrissa (Indonesia); Dr Seca Gandaseca (Indonesia); Mr Azman A. Rahman (Malaysia)

Masters and PhD-related: Mr Victorin Houmenou (Benin); Mr Pheakdey Nguon (Cambodia); Ms Mónica Orjuela Vásquez (Colombia); Ms Rebeca Auxiliadora Midence Cerdas (Costa Rica); Ms Catty Marisela Samaniego Arcos (Peru)