



PROBLEMATICS OF TRAINING ON SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT (SFM) GOOD PRACTICES IN CONGO BASIN COUNTRIES IN CORRELATION WITH LEGAL AND SUSTAINABLE SUPPLY CHAINS (LSSC)

LSSC-related training modules as tool contributing to making progress towards the achievement of relevant SGDs in Congo Basin countries



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BRIEF DESCRIPTION FOR TAKING STOCK OF FORESTRY TRAINING ISSUES IN CONGO BASIN COUNTRIES (I)

- Forests of the Congo Basin : second largest forest cover after the Amazon
- Important role in **mitigating climate change and adapting to its effects**
- Subject to **deforestation** and **forest degradation** activities
- Countries consuming tropical timber and other forest products have shown an **increasing interest in choosing products that are responsibly sourced from tropical forests subject to sustainable forest management (SFM) practices in producing countries.**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION FOR TAKING STOCK OF FORESTRY TRAINING ISSUES IN CONGO BASIN COUNTRIES (II)

Through the ITTO project PD 456/07 Rev.4 (F), RIFFEAC (Network of Central African forestry and environmental training institutions) has benefited from :

- ***12 reference training modules / programmes and associated teaching methodologies (6 modules for master degree and 6 others for bachelor degree)***
- ***Reinforcement of capacity of 7 RIFFEAC training institutions in five (5) countries of the Congo Basin with vehicles, forestry equipment, computer and accesories and /or building construction / rehabilitation***
- ***Internatioanal Conference on march 2018 on SFM and Training Challenges in Congo Basin for making expertise available and for information sharing***

MAIN CHALLENGES FACED BY CONGO BASIN COUNTRIES ON SFM-RELATED FORESTRY TRAINING IN RELATION LSSC REQUIREMENTS (I)

- Demand for verification of legality and sustainability of forest products is progressively becoming a pre-condition to market access
- LSSC-related international initiatives are being promoted by many timber consumer countries (US Lacey Act, European Timber Regulation, Japan Clean Wood Act, etc.)
- Pressure of the international community is increasing on Congo Basin countries for the compliance with the above mentioned LSSC-related requirements
- Most Congo Basin countries are facing the shortage of qualified human resources able to comply with the LSSC-related international initiatives

MAIN CHALLENGES FACED BY CONGO BASIN COUNTRIES ON SFM-RELATED FORESTRY TRAINING IN CORRELATION WITH LSSC REQUIREMENTS (II)

Urgent need to develop a better understanding of **what needs to be done to integrate the different stages and procedures of supply chains**, from the tree in the forest to the consumer in the marketplace :

- forest inventories and planning,
- sustainable forest management practices,
- forest operations and production,
- verification and certification,
- tracking and tracing techniques of forest products,
- processing and shipping to markets.

FUTURE PROSPECTS ON LSSC REQUIREMENTS THROUGH APPROPRIATE TRAINING MODULES

SECOND PHASE OF RIFFEAC PROJECT

- **Synergy between good sustainable forest management (SFM) and legal and sustainable supply chains (LSSC) reinforced with the involvement of relevant stakeholders (public institutions, public and private companies, training institutions, local communities, NGOs, etc.)**
- **Curricula and training modules for strengthening the capacity of relevant stakeholders for readiness to comply with LSSC-related requirements**
- **Critical mass of expertise on LSSC-related requirements progressively made available through adequate training systems**

CONCLUSION

- Thank you JICA and other donors for providing financial support for the RIFFEAC project, from 2012 to 2019
- Thank you ITTO Secretariat for accompanying RIFFEAC in the progressive process of putting in place a critical mass of experts having the capability to deal with sustainable forest management practices, in general, and legal and sustainable supply chains (LSSC), in particular, through the second phase of RIFFEAC project
- **Without appropriate expertise available in African countries, sustainable forest management will continue to be a slogan. The RIFFEAC project will contribute if funded by TICAD-7.**
- Let me share few photos on RIFFEAC project achievements

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VEHICLES (12-SEAT COASTER BUS) FASA, CRESA, ENEF CMR, ERAIFT AND PICK-UP FOR ENSAF



FORESRY EQUIPMENTS (FASA, CRESA, ERAIFT, ISDR AND ENSAF)



CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS (ENSAF, ENEF GABON, FASA DSCHANG AND ENEF MBALMAYO)



REHABILITATION OF ISDR MBAIKI BUILDING (RCA)

BEFORE REHABILITATION



AFTER REHABILITATION



THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR ATTENTION

