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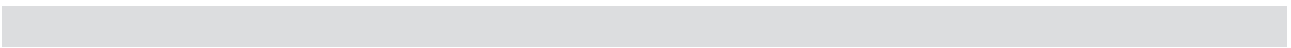
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Conservation des forets: Priorites

Le Forum sur la Forêt Africaine a défini les principales priorités



- Conservation targets

The Forum set a vision for forest conservation in Africa, related to objectives based on the WWF/IUCN *Global Forest Strategy* and the strategy previously developed by the Africa Forest Forum. In the short term, the *implementation* of this vision will focus on key ecoregions.

Objective 1 – Protected area vision: *An effectively managed and ecologically representative network of protected areas throughout Africa. Government agencies with the capacity for and commitment to good protected area management.*

The future emphasis should be more on management effectiveness than agreement of new protected areas, although some new sites are needed.

Action:

- Identify important new areas, through gap analysis and GIS surveys, and lobby for their protection
- Support development of criteria and indicators for management effectiveness of protected areas
- Use these and other means (e.g. GIS) to identify paper parks and lobby for their effective management
- Encourage linking aid and development funding for protected areas with proof of good management
- Bring together stakeholders to share lessons learned in the development of transboundary reserves and help promote cross-border initiatives
- Develop restoration initiatives within new and existing protected areas where necessary
- Encourage connectivity between protected areas through the development of biological corridors and “stepping



forests for timber production is a valuable tool in sustainable

Certification does not only refer to industrial timber but should also include, for example, small-volume quality woods (e.g. for musical instruments) and selected non-timber forest products. Success will be measured by the area covered by multiple use and the area under effective community management. Progress towards certification will be measured by the area under independent certification and by FSC accreditation for an African certifier.

Objective 3 – Restoration vision: *Forests and/or tree cover restored in areas where their loss is causing ecological, social and economic problems. Restoration to be planned on a landscape scale to supply both resources and services for human needs and also habitat for biodiversity. No conversion of natural forests to plantations and an emphasis on work with native species.*

Action:

- Carry out an Africa-wide analysis to see where restoration is most urgently required
- Promote harmonisation of global standards for plantations
- Work with WWF International to develop a WWF forest restoration policy and strategy
- Harmonise the global forest restoration programme with the Africa programme

Success will be measured by the areas of different types of restored forest, including: natural regeneration; restored semi-natural forest; community plantations; industrial plantations and production of native species.

Objective 4 – Capacity and regional target-setting vision: *The Africa forest programme has the resources to be aware of and to take advantage of opportunities to promote its vision, as they arise.*

One important step towards this vision would be to secure funds to expand African forest campaign capacity to work with the Africa Forest Officer.

Action:

- Expand capacity through additional funding and staff
- Support local partners to achieve conservation targets
- Set clear forest campaign targets for Africa

In addition, some short-term opportunities, include:

- Participate in the design of new World Bank projects through the WWF-World Bank Alliance and take advantage of the Bank's anti-corruption drive to address illegal trade
- Influence World Bank and IMF adjustment programmes to ensure that they do not deplete natural resource capital
- Have a proactive input into development of a WWF policy towards use of carbon sequestration funding for projects and towards the Framework Convention on Climate Change
- Forests for Life campaign to support the implementation and monitoring of pledges outside priority ecoregions
- Africa forest programme to link with WWF National Organisations in donor countries to take advantage of possible new opportunities for aid funding e.g. in Germany and the UK

Success will be measured by at least one additional forest officer being recruited, effectiveness increased, the next global Forest Advisory Group taking place in Africa and greater independence amongst partner organisations.

La réussite du projet se mesurera à la superficie des terres à usages multiples et à celle des terres sous la gestion effective de la communauté. L'évaluation des efforts de certification sera fonction de la zone sous certification indépendante et de l'accréditation par le FSC d'un responsable africain de certification.

Objectif 3 – Projet de restauration: *Restauration de la couverture forestière dans les régions affectées sur les plans écologique, social et économique par le déboisement. La restauration qui se fera à l'échelle d'un paysage vise à fournir aussi bien les ressources que les services aux humains et un habitat à la biodiversité. Les forêts naturelles ne seront pas exploitées à des fins agricoles et le projet visera essentiellement les essences locales.*

Action:

- Mener une étude à l'échelle continentale pour identifier les besoins urgents en restauration.
- Promouvoir l'harmonisation des normes internationales des exploitations agricoles.
- Collaborer avec le siège mondial du WWF pour élaborer les politique et stratégie de restauration forestière du WWF
- Harmoniser les programmes mondial et africain de restauration forestière.

La réussite du projet se mesurera à la superficie des différents types de forêt restaurées y compris la régénération naturelle; la restauration des forêt semi-naturelles; les exploitations agricoles communautaires; les exploitations agricoles industrielles et la production des essences locales.

Objectif 4 – Projet de renforcement des capacités et définition des objectifs régionaux: *Les ressources du programme africain sur la forêt lui permettent de prendre conscience et de tirer profit des éventuelles opportunités en vue de réaliser son projet.*

Une étape importante vers la réalisation du projet serait l'obtention des fonds en vue d'accroître les aptitudes des communautés forestières africaines à collaborer avec le responsable du Département - forêt africaine.

Action:

- Renforcer les compétences par des fonds et un personnel supplémentaires.
- Soutenir les partenaires locaux dans la réalisation des projets de conservation.
- Définir clairement les communautés forestières ciblées en Afrique.

A court terme:

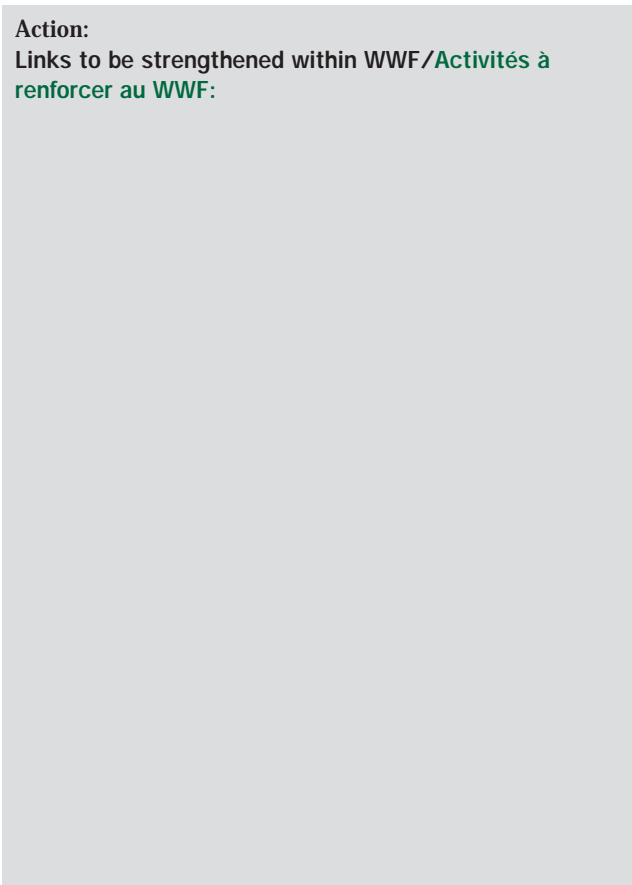
- Participer à la conception des nouveaux projets de la Banque Mondiale par le biais de l'alliance WWF - Banque Mondiale et profiter de la lutte contre la corruption menée par la Banque pour combattre la contrebande.
- S'assurer que les programmes d'ajustement de la Banque Mondiale et du FMI ne détruisent pas le capital des ressources naturelles.
- Participer activement à l'élaboration d'une politique du WWF en faveur d'un financement viable des projets et de la Convention cadre sur les Changements Climatiques.



Objective 5 – Partnerships vision: *The WWF Africa forest programme has close working relationships with other WWF programmes and effective partnerships with a wide range of organisations working to achieve the WWF forest vision.*
Some of these are shown in the box.

Action:

Links to be strengthened within WWF/Activités à renforcer au WWF:



Objective 7: Trade vision: *Illegal trade in timber, non-timber forest products, bushmeat and live animals eliminated in Africa.*

Action:

- Work with WWF International on developing a campaign against illegal trade in forest products
- Work with TRAFFIC and others to monitor timber and wildlife trade
- Secure funding to open a TRAFFIC office for West and Central Africa
- Work with European buyers' groups to ensure that they only buy certified timber
- Liaise with other WWF National Organisations to co-operate on trade, transfer pricing etc
- Use the World Bank anti-corruption drive to address illegal trade
- Lobby destination governments to block imports of illegally-traded timber

Success will be measured by a TRAFFIC office opening in West or Central Africa and by the amount of African certified timber exported.

Objective 8 – Communicating the vision: *The forest vision for Africa effectively communicated throughout Africa and beyond.*

Action:

- Increased information sharing
- Provision of clear and succinct programme information

Success will be measured by improved access to the internet and increased programme funding.

- Regional Priorities

Working groups identified priorities for each of the WWF sub-regions and offices in Africa.

Central Africa Regional Programme Office

- Development of protected areas network
- Sustainable forest management
- Encouragement of independent certification of forest products
- Development of biological corridors and a protected area network in the Northwest Congolian Lowland Forest, connected to the Gift to the Earth.

West Africa Regional Programme Office

- Protection of remaining fragments of natural forest
- Development of community-based forest management initiatives

East Africa Regional Programme Office

- Development of community-based forest management
- Improvement of the protected areas network
- Restoration in areas suffering serious deforestation and soil erosion
- Policy development
- Ecological monitoring systems for measuring success and impacts

Tanzania Programme Office

- Development of a protected area network for coastal forests
- Promotion of community-based forest management
- Restoration in areas suffering serious deforestation

Madagascar Programme Office: Short term

- Establishment of national working groups and standards on sustainable forest management and certification
- Increase “effective management” in protected areas

- Coopérer avec les autres organisations nationales du WWF en matière de commerce, de tarification des transferts etc.
- Soutenir la campagne anti-corruption de la Banque Mondiale pour combattre le trafic illégal.
- Faire pression sur les pays de destination pour qu'ils empêchent les importations illégales de bois.

La réussite du projet se mesurera à l'ouverture d'un bureau de TRAFFIC en Afrique Occidentale ou Centrale ainsi qu'au volume des exportations du bois africain certifié.

Objectif 8 – Communication du projet: *Communication effective du projet forestier pour l'Afrique aussi bien à l'intérieur qu'à l'extérieur du continent.*

Action:

- Renforcer l'échange des informations
 - Préparer une présentation claire et succincte du programme.
- La réussite du projet se mesurera à l'amélioration de l'accès à internet et à l'augmentation du financement du programme.

- Priorités régionales

Les groupes de travail ont identifié les priorités de chaque sous-région et de chaque bureau du WWF en Afrique.

Bureau régional du programme pour l'Afrique Centrale

- Création d'un réseau de zones protégées
- Gestion durable des forêts.
- Encourager la certification indépendante des produits forestiers.
- Création des couloirs biologiques et d'un réseau de zones protégées aux nord-ouest du bassin du Congo reliés à Gift to the Earth.

Bureau régional du programme pour l'Afrique de l'Ouest

- Protection des fragments de forêt naturelle restants.
- Mise au point des initiatives commun autaires de gestion des forêts.

Bureau régional du programme pour l'Afrique de l'Est

- Mise au point de la gestion communautaire des forêts.
- Amélioration des réseaux de zones protégées.
- Restauration des zones très affectées par la déforestation et l'érosion des sols.
- Formulation de la politique générale
- Systèmes écologiques de contrôle pour mesurer la réussite et les conséquences.

Bureau du programme de Tanzanie

- Création d'un réseau de zones protégées des forêts côtières.
- Valorisation de la gestion communautaire des forêts.
- Restauration des zones fortement déforestées.



Medium term

- Increase number of projects/sites practising sustainable forest management
- Increase number of community-based forest management contracts

- Strategy for Africa

The WWF/IUCN Forests for Life global forest strategy emphasises the importance of addressing forest conservation throughout the world. For the forests not included in the selected ecoregions, the meeting suggested the following steps:

- Elaboration of a clear, coherent and well presented conservation priorities
- Setting this in a landscape context
- Development of a gap analysis to identify areas being missed in the current strategy
- Identification of partners to implement the strategic vision in the gap areas
- Assessment of progress towards the Forests for Life vision by using country scorecards.

Conclusions

WWF cannot, by itself, conserve all the forests of Africa. However, the WWF forest vision and strategy are strong enough to provide a framework for other actors - governments, non-governmental organisations, companies and aid agencies – to work towards the same ends. Some of the effort of the African forest team should therefore be to carry the message about the strategy throughout the continent.