



CAFI Executive Board Decision

Republic of Congo

No-Cost Extension of the Programme on “Operationalization of the SYNA-MRV”

Adopted by mail 04.07.2025
EB.2025.31

Considering:

- Decision [EB.2019.11](#) on the approval of the programme ‘Operationalisation of SYNA-MNV of the Republic of Congo’ for an amount of USD 2,000,000 in two instalments over two years;
- Decision [EB.2023.20](#) on the no-cost extension of the project until 31 December 2024;
- Decision [EB.2024.36](#) on the no cost extension of the current programme end date of 30 June 2025;
- The compliance with CAFI/MPTF reporting requirements through the submission of the reports by the FAO in a timely fashion;
- The FAO letter dated 22 May 2025 requesting a no-cost extension of the project until 30 April 2026;
- The compliance with CAFI/MPTF reporting requirements through the submission of annual and semiannual reports by the FAO in a timely fashion and their conformity to the CAFI reporting templates.
- The low rate of consumption of project funds and the delay in submitting the signed data-sharing agreement as required by the EB decision [EB.2019.11](#).

The Executive Board:

1. Thanks, the FAO for its letter and for the attached note presenting the justifications for the request for a no-cost extension of the project and the progress made in implementing the project, such as :
 - a) The finalization and submission of the Republic of Congo's revised NERF 2024 ;

- b) development and launch of the SYNA-MNV national geoportal,
 - c) updating activity data for the 2016-2023 period.
2. Approves the extension of the project until 30 October 2025 ;
 3. Recalls that in accordance with decision EB.2021.11, the second tranche is conditional and will be transferred upon signature of the data sharing agreement (referred to in activity 1.5.1) by all parties concerned, subject to the following conditions :
 - a. Guarantee the availability of recent and transparent data and its accessibility to the public, in particular to enable stakeholders to monitor and evaluate the objectives and impacts of the letter of intent once a year ;
 - b. Grant full access to the databases throughout the duration of the programme to experts recruited by CFI and/or by the support programme for the coordination of the CFI partnership with the Republic of Congo in order to carry out the analyses deemed necessary to achieve the objectives of the Letter of Intent ;
 4. Recalls that, while abiding by its rules and regulations, the Implementing Agency is committed to zero tolerance of fraud, corruption, sexual exploitation and abuse, whistleblower protection, public information, gender equality and social inclusion, and the use of appropriate complaint mechanisms. In addition, FAO commits to carefully manage all other contextual and programmatic risks identified by the Board of Directors and should be proactive in reporting such risks to the CFI Multi-Stakeholder Trust Fund Office, in accordance with the CFI Trust Fund Terms of Reference.