



CAFI Executive Board Decision
Gabon
No-cost extension of “project PNAT-SNORF” implemented by AFD–
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Considering:

- The CAFI Declaration and the persisting challenge of forest loss and food security in Gabon.
- The [Letter of Intent](#) signed between CAFI and Gabon on 27 June, 2017.
- [Decision EB.2018.03](#) that approved the program “National land use planning and forest monitoring to promote sustainable development strategies for Gabon” with authorization to disburse the first tranche of USD 9,400,000.
- The originally approved timeline of the project, running from September 2018 to 31 August 2023.
- [Decision EB.2022.30](#) that approved the disbursement of the second and final tranche, in light of the met conditions, in the amount of USD 9,028,689.
- [Decision EB.2023.23](#) that approved, a no-cost extension of the project until 28 February, 2025.
- AFD’s Letter (MS/LIB/2025/D/038.25) requesting a second no-cost extension to the program in reference, with requested new end-date as 28 September 2025 (7 months), as well as the support note detailing project advances and a workplan for completion of the final 50 forest monitoring plots, mapping of over 1500 villages, and completion of a V1 Land Use plan.

The Executive Board:

1. Thanks, AFD (referred here as “implementing organization”) for their progress assessment and justification provided to demand a non-cost extension.
2. Approves the no-cost extension of the project for 7 months, until Sept 28, 2025.
3. Recalls that, while respecting its rules and regulations, the implementing organization commits to apply zero tolerance towards fraud, corruption, sexual exploitation and abuse; to protect whistleblowers; to inform the public; to promote gender equality and social inclusion; and to use

appropriate complaint mechanisms. In addition, the implementing organization commits to carefully managing all other contextual and programmatic risks identified by the Board and should act proactively in reporting these risks to CAFI's Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office, in accordance with the Terms of Reference of CAFI's Trust Fund.

4. Recalls that feasibility studies and the design of projects and programmes should place strong emphasis on (i) gender inclusion, including in terms of sex-disaggregated data, (ii) human rights and non-discrimination, (iii) conflict prevention and resolution, in particular with regard to land tenure, (iv) monitoring and learning, while ensuring strong alignment with the CAFI results framework, (v) analysis of the link with forest conservation, (vi) analysis of opportunities for scale-up and means to achieve them, (vii) analysis of risks of corruption and conflicts of interest, as well as the stakeholders likely to gain or lose as a result of the initiative, (viii) the use – to the extent possible – of local references and analysis with respect to potential beneficiaries, market opportunities and income opportunities for smallholders and economic viability, limitations and risks; (ix) clear integration and interlinkages between the various interventions proposed; (x) a clear exit/sustainability strategy; (xi) a robust analysis and management of risks (incl. land tenure and fire).
5. Recalls that the implementing organization will have to report on progress toward both the objectives and milestones of (as relevant) the Letter of Intent as well as on indicators of CAFI's results framework in accordance with CAFI guidelines and templates. In addition, it will have to provide CAFI with all reports and data (raw and analyzed) from household's surveys and other field studies including spatial information (i.e. GPS coordinates) and information on how their activities are addressing and respecting CAFI social and environmental safeguards.
6. Reminds the implementing organization of its reporting obligations under the current CAFI Operations Manual, in terms of both narrative and financial reports.