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## CAFI Executive Board Decision

Gabon

Closure of “project CAFI 2 Expansion of Protected Areas and Optimization of Land use for Food Crop Production in Gabon” – [\[00122613\]](#) and “project CAFI 3 Safeguarding and Extending Gabon’s Protected Area Network” [\[00133386\]](#), implemented by UNDP

Adopted by email on 02.12.2025

EB.2025.48

**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.2019.17](#) that approved an addendum to the Letter of Intent and country allocation.
- [Decision EB.2020.05](#) that approved the project CAFI 2 « Expansion of Protected Areas and Optimization of Land Use for Food Crop Production » with authorization to disburse USD 5,000,000, and its originally approved timeline running from 02 July 2020 to 30 June 2023.
- [Decision EB.2021.02](#) that approves the final version of Gabon’s Investment Framework.
- [Decision EB.2022.13](#) that approves the program CAFI 3 “Safeguarding and Extending Gabon’s Protected Area Network » with authorization to disburse USD 9,025,878 to UNDP as one of the five programmes approved for Results-Based Payments, and its originally approved timeline running from 11 October 2022 to 19 September 2023.
- [Decision EB.2023.15](#) that approved a no-cost extension of the project CAFI 2 until 31 December 2024, and requested an external assessment of the project operational modalities to establish the cost effectiveness of the request and present the findings to the Executive Board.
- The Provision from the [Memorandum of Understanding](#) (Section II Para 7) “Each Participating UN Organization will use the funds disbursed to it by the Administrative Agent from the Fund Account to carry out the activities for which it is responsible as set out in the approved programmatic document”.
- Decision [EB.2025.32](#) and Decision [EB.2025.33](#) that reject the no-cost extension of CAFI 2 and 3 projects.

- The documentation shared by UNDP on the closure process for the two projects on 4 November 2025.

**The Executive Board:**

1. Thanks, UNDP (referred here as “implementing organization”), for their explanatory note and the documentation shared on the closure of CAFI 2 and CAFI-3 Protected Areas Projects.
2. Approves the closure plan of CAFI 2 and CAFI 3 Protected Areas Projects.
3. Grants a no-cost extension until 01 July 2025, after which a closure process will be concluded before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 (end date of the projects).
4. Approves the closure plan with the amount of USD 100,000. Extension is granted only to conduct the activities as approved in the closure plan submitted by UNDP.
5. Requests the implementing organization to prepare and submit the final narrative and financial report, as outlined in the manual of operations.