



DECISION OF THE CAFI EXECUTIVE BOARD

Gabon – Approval of CAFI 2 implementing agency transfer

EB.2021.15

Adopted on 21 October 2021

Considering:

- The Letter of intent signed with the Government of Gabon on 27 June 2017, and addenda in 2019 and 2020, whose main objective is to prevent the conversion and degradation of high carbon stock and high conservation value forests;
- EB decision [EB.2019.19](#) requesting the French Development Agency (AFD) to support the Government of Gabon in preparing the program document (CAFI 2) entitled “Improved Forestry Management: Implementation of a National Scale Certification Process in Gabon”;
- That the Executive Board reviewed the program document, the results of its independent review and the Government’s responses to the independent review and approved the program in its decision [EB.2020.02](#) on April 1 2020;
- That CAFI’s rules on programme operationalization, as per its [Manual of Operations](#), indicate that a programme document must be signed within 5 working days following its approval by the Executive Board, and that the program document has not been signed;
- The letter addressed to the Head of the CAFI Secretariat on 3 September 2021 by the Gabonese Minister of Water, Forests, the Sea, and Environment to request the Executive Board to replace AFD as implementing agency due to significant delays in program operationalization and to transfer the forest certification program to The Nature Conservancy (TNC).

The Executive Board:

- **Requests** TNC and Gabon to develop and present a program proposal by November 30 for assessment by the Executive Board, considering
 - Approved budget of 7’000’000 USD
 - The use of CAFI-MPTF’s program document [template](#)
 - Linkages between this programme and other CAFI programmes in Gabon