



CAFI Executive Board Decision
Republic of Congo
**No-Cost Extension of the Programme on “Operationalization of the
SYNA-MRV”**
Adopted by mail 17.10.2024
EB.2024.36

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;
- The current programme end date of 31 December 2024;
- The compliance with CAFI/MPTF reporting requirements through the submission of the reports by the FAO in a timely fashion;
- The FAO letter dated 06 August 2024 requesting a no-cost extension of the project until 30 June 2025.

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 submission of the Republic of Congo's revised NERF;
 - b) The update of data on the estimation of deforestation and degradation (and associated emissions) for the period 2016-2021
 - c) Development of the SYNA-MNV Geoportal.
2. Welcomes the synergies with the project "*Assessment of deforestation and forest degradation and related direct drivers using SEPAL*", implemented by FAO and approved by CAFI EB in 2019 [EB.2020.07](#) ;
 3. Approves the extension of the project until 30 June 2025 ;
 4. 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 CAFI and/or by the support programme for the coordination of the CAFI partnership with the Republic of Congo in order to carry out the analyses deemed necessary to achieve the objectives of the Letter of Intent ;
 5. 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 CAFI Multi-Stakeholder Trust Fund Office, in accordance with the CAFI Trust Fund Terms of Reference.
 6. Emphasises that, pursuant to decision [EB.2023.26](#), this extension decision was made possible by FAO's compliance with its reporting obligations under the current CAFI Operations Manual, both in terms of narrative and financial reporting.