



USG-GoG Partnership for Enhancing Capacity for Low Emissions Development Strategy (LEDS) in Gabon

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EC-LEDS Program Overview

- A USG initiative to support developing countries' efforts to pursue long-term, transformative development and accelerate sustainable, climate-resilient economic growth while slowing the growth of greenhouse gas emissions.
- Country-driven; support for creating and implementing a LEDES is tailored to each country's unique capacity, technical, analytical, and policy needs.
- USG will Provide Targeted Technical Assistance for LEDES Development and Implementation
- Build a Shared Knowledge Base on LEDES
- US State Dept, USAID, US Dept Energy (NREL), USFS, EPA



Gabon LEDS

Background

- 2011 –Scoping trips and workplan development
- 2012 – SilvaCarbon activities start (#5 below)
- Feb 2013 – Diplomatic note signed
- 2013 – LEDS activities start

LEDS Workplan Components

1. Assist national climate council (USFS and all)
2. Review national communication (EPA)
3. National Inventory System (EPA)
4. Economics and emissions analysis (DOE-NREL)
5. Forest carbon measurement and monitoring (USFS-SilvaCarbon)
6. Land use planning (USFS)



SilvaCarbon Activities

- Quantification of forest carbon stocks
 - Pilot field plot design; field team training (USFS)
- Contribute to improving the accuracy of forest carbon stock assessment through the quantification of soil carbon stocks
 - Design methods to sample soils; assist national technicians in the collection of soils; and lead the analysis of soil carbon stocks (Duke)
- Development of national forest inventory (JICA)
- Capacity to process, archive and manage spatial data
 - Support data needs and management capacity (USFS and UCLA)



Proposed LUP Activities

- Evaluate and refine land use planning criteria
 - Evaluate Gabonese approach/strategy to land use planning, produce report with data needs, recommendations and next steps
- Fill data gaps for national land use planning
 - Reinforce capacity to manage data centrally
 - Calculate emissions spatially for different transitions; Evaluate suitability of soils; estimate the economic costs and benefits of different land use planning scenarios
 - Elaborate a version 1.0 of Gabonese land-use plan





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