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# 2017 - 2018 MAYOMBE TFCA REPORT

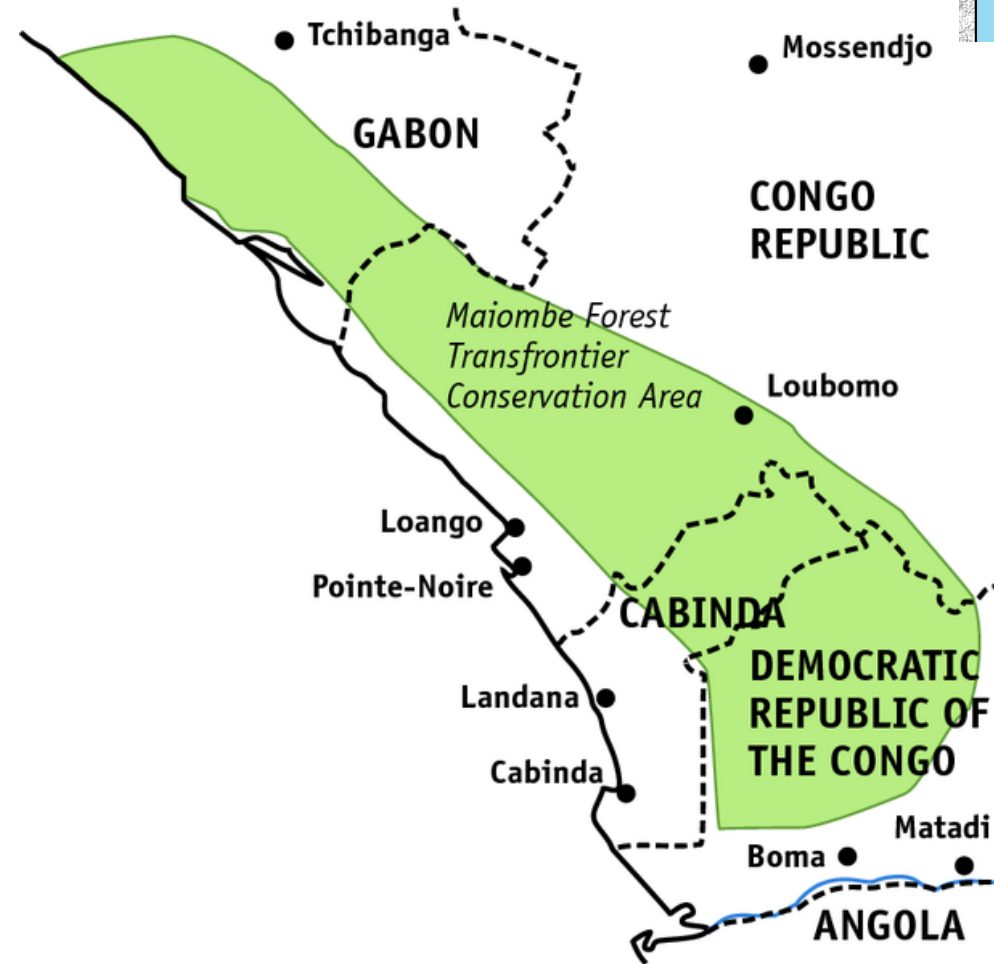
TRANSBOUNDARY FOREST INITIATIVE OF MAYOMBE (ANGOLA, CONGO, GABON, DRC)

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# MAYOMBE INITIATIVE

It is a regional cross-border agreement for the sustainable management of the Mayombe Forest ecosystems (2009) between four countries that includes the following protected areas:

- Luki Biosphere Reserve (RDC),
- Mayombe National Park (Angola),
- Dimonica Biosphere Reserve (Congo),
- Concouati-Douli Park (Congo),
- Mayumba Marine Park (Gabon).



# Institutional status and update

- ▶ Initially identified as a potential area to become TFCA, Angola established the Mayombe National Park in 2011 and joined the initiative.
- ▶ There is an **agreement signed between the parties**, and a **participatory rural diagnosis (DARP)** has been made, which is the participatory instrument that establishes the management mechanisms of this cross-border area.
- ▶ The implementation of the DARP resulted in the elaboration of the **Transboundary Strategic Plan for the management of the ecosystems of the Forest of Mayombe**,
- ▶ the country is coordinating or presiding over the initiative since 2012 and intends to host the headquarters of the same being that the works of its infrastructures are implementation rate of 90%.

# Activities carried out in 2017-2018

- ▶ A national meeting was held to prepare for the Conference of the Parties on September 26, 2018.
- ▶ Sustainable and participatory management of Mayombe ecosystems.
- ▶ GEF 5 Expansion and strengthening AC, combats poaching by GEF 6 and US Wildlife Service, Stop Ivory, Transfer of Primates.
- ▶ It receives sporadic tourists to observe primates (gorillas and chimpanzees).

# Future plans

- ▶ Revision of the agreement of the initiative to allow the adhesion of other countries that include the Forest of the Mayombe, with focus on Equatorial Guinea and São Tomé e Príncipe;
- ▶ Completion of works at headquarters;
- ▶ Construction of the Primate Sanctuary in the Maiombe National Park;
- ▶ Conduct of the Conference of the Parties;
- ▶ Elevate the park to the category of MaB.

# Constraints and added value

## ▶ Constraints:

- ▶ Lack of harmonization of legislation for better joint monitoring;
- ▶ Poaching Steals animals away from a viable tourism;
- ▶ Resource Mobilization;
- ▶ Timber Exploitation
- ▶ Itinerant Agriculture.

## ▶ Added value:

- ▶ Possibility of having high-income tourism, Creation of employment for local communities, Existing Biodiversity Conservation.

# How can the SADC TFCAs Unit help?

- ▶ Exchange of experiences;
- ▶ Mobilization of resources;
- ▶ Capacity building (in area management, community participation, monitoring)