

Name of project: Collaborative Forest
Management (CFM)

Objective:

The project focuses on enhancing community capacity to manage forest resources by scaling up existing activities to: improve relationships with government; increase the benefits from use rights of the forests; stimulate sustainable harvesting

practices, and; promote sustainable use of forest biodiversity resources to alleviate poverty in central Uganda.

Approach

Special points of interest:

Lake Victoria catchment and High Conservation Value Forests (HCVFs)

Community participation in Sustainable Forest Management (SFM)

The project uses a Participatory Rural Assessment (PRA) methodology that involves all target groups, including women, men and young people, in all stages from problem identification and analysis through planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. Method development and documentation is an on-going activity, ensuring

each step in the project management process, from planning to evaluation, analyzed and documented based on Best Management Practices (BMPs) for forest conservation, and to enhance learning and development.

AUC developed the project and will oversee its implementation. Participating partners will identify respective

representative staff that will function as the partner lead person and who will participate in the planning and implementation of mutually agreed activities on the steering committee. AUC is responsible for financial and technical reporting.

Relevance to INTO members



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Progress:

Currently the project team leader is strengthening CFM in Central Uganda with financial support from Rufford Foundation. The strengthening of CFM is implemented with National Forest Authority (NFA) pushing the forest adjacent communities to sign agreements and MoUs with the authority. This progress is aimed at addressing poorly managed human activities in Uganda that have resulted in the degradation of forests; destroyed or impaired habitat is important for robust biodiversity and its loss has contributed to a decline in sustainable livelihoods (community values). The once continuous forest ecosystem has become fragmented, but still provides critical habitat for threatened and endangered biodiversity; seven remaining fragments are designated as Important Biodiversity Areas (IBAs).

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