Early Warning System

GCF-FP312

Securing Permanent Forests to Combat Climate Change and Enhance Sustainable National and Local Economies in Cameroon (SPEFOCE)

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Quick Facts

Countries	Cameroon
Specific Location	Dja-Lobéké, Bakossi-Bamboutos and Waza
Financial Institutions	Green Climate Fund (GCF)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2026-10-27
Borrower	Government of Cameroon
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Climate and Environment
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 29.70 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 46.00 million

Project Description

According to bank provided information, Cameroon's Permanent Forest Areas are losing tree cover to deforestation and degradation, driven by unsustainable harvesting, population growth and a changing climate. Carbon stocks are at risk and forest-dependent communities are less able to cope; 2.2 million hectares of tree cover were lost between 2001 and 2024.

The project will transform land use and forest management in and around the Permanent Forest Areas across three landscapes: Dja-Lobéké, Bakossi-Bamboutos and Waza. It aims to restore or bring under sustainable management over 60,000 hectares, update outdated management plans, revise sustainable forest management policies and set restoration guidelines. It will develop non-timber forest product value chains, with equipment for micro and small enterprises and better access to financial services. It will build the skills of communities, local governments, cooperatives and the private sector, including women, youth and Indigenous Peoples.

This is one of Cameroon's first two single-country GCF projects and contributes to GCF's commitment under the COP30 Belém Call to Action for the Congo Basin Forests. It will strengthen the national system for forest carbon finance, including a revised reference emission level and measurement, reporting and verification, and connect government, communities and the private sector through multi-stakeholder platforms.

The project was developed with support from the GCF Project Preparation Facility (PPF).

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- Green Climate Fund (GCF)

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Bank Documents

- Environmental and social safeguards (ESS) report for FP312: Securing Permanent Forests to Combat Cli
- Gender action plan for FP312: Securing Permanent Forests to Combat Climate Change and Enhance Sustai
- Gender assessment for FP312: Securing Permanent Forests to Combat Climate Change and Enhance Sustain
- Project Preparation Funding for Securing Permanent Forests to Combat Climate Change and Enhance Sust
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