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Quick Facts

Countries	Benin
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2025-05-05
Borrower	Government of Benin - Ministry of Economy and Finance / Ministry of Environment and Transport
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 74.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 74.00 million

Project Description

According to the Bank’s website, the objective of this project is to improve the integrated management of targeted GFs, to increase access of the main consumption cities to fuelwood produced sustainably, and to strengthen selected value chains for forest-dependent communities.

The project is articulated around the following four components: (i) Support to Forest Governance; (ii) Integrated Management of Gazetted Forests; (iii) Development of Selected Non-Timber Forest Product (NTFP) Value Chains; and (iv) project management.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

At the design stage, the project is considered to present a moderate environmental and social risk. The environmental risk is rated moderate because the project aims to enhance the integrated management of 15 Gazetted Forests through actions with significant environmental and climate benefits, including reforestation, tree planting, biodiversity monitoring, and agroecological promotion. It also involves small infrastructure activities, such as the rehabilitation of forest administration buildings, development of boreholes, and rehabilitation of forest tracks. These activities will lead to localized, temporary environmental impacts but are not expected to pose critical, irreversible, or unprecedented risks to the gazetted forests.

The main environmental risks and impacts include the destruction of wildlife habitat, vegetation loss, landscape alteration, soil erosion, waste production, potential water, soil, and air pollution, modification of soil structure, and the possible destruction of soil microorganisms from chemicals pesticides. Reforestation and plantations in the dry season may lead to high water consumption, potentially straining local water resources. The social risk is also moderate but includes specific considerations.

Investment Description

- World Bank (WB)

IDA Shorter Maturity Loan (SML): US$ 74.00 million

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Bank Documents

- Concept Environmental and Social Review Summary (ESRS) - Gazetted Forests Management Project 2 - P50
- Concept Project Information Document (PID) (English)
- Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) Gazetted Forests Management Project 2 (P508182) (Eng
- Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) Gazetted Forests Management Project 2 (P508182) (French)

Other Related Projects

- WB-P514694 Gazetted Forests Management Project 2