

COMIFAC WORKING GROUP ON PROTECTED AREAS AND WILDLIFE (SGTAPFS)



Region and countries of the network

Central Africa with eleven (11) countries:
Angola, Burundi, Cameroon, Central Africa Republic, Chad, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Rwanda and Sao Tomé and Principe

Authorities involved

Forests and Wildlife administrations, Customs, INTERPOL, Police, Defense, Justice, Indigenous People and Local communities network, Civil Society Organization, international organizations (WWF, TRAFFIC, GIZ, WCS, AWF)

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Brief description

COMIFAC Working Group on Protected Areas and Wildlife (SGTAPFS) was established in 2012 by the Council of Ministers of COMIFAC in order to coordinate the fight against the wildlife crime in the region and to build the capacity of the stakeholders on the law enforcement. This multi-actor platform brings together law enforcement agencies and wildlife and protected area administrations for the eleven countries members of COMIFAC, representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities, international organizations in charge of biodiversity conservation, and organizations working in the field of wildlife. This platform meets at least twice per year and help to follow up the implementation of the Sub-Regional Action Plan for the Wildlife law enforcement that has been adopted by the Council of Ministers of COMIFAC

(Reporting) structure / decision-making process

The coordination Unit has three members (the coordinator of the Central Africa Biodiversity Working Group, the Biodiversity Programme Officer of the COMIFAC and the Technical Director of OCFSA). The network report to the Executive Secretariat of the COMIFAC which report to the Council of Ministers of COMIFAC

Key activities

Capacity building of the law enforcement agencies, development of tools for the sustainable wildlife and Protected areas management, coordination of the fight against the wildlife crime, Public awareness on wildlife crime, finance resource mobilization for the biodiversity conservation, AFRICA-TWIX

Key partners in the region

IGOs (OCFSA, ECCAS), NGOs (TRAFFIC, WWF, GIZ, JICA, IUCN, USFS, etc)

Website and other useful links

www.comifac.org

Network focal points

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