

October 24: Optional field trip (3 options)

Visit to Imboulou (Hydroelectric dam)

The Imboulou Dam is a hydroelectric dam located on the lower section of the Léfini River, 14 kilometers from its confluence with the Congo River.

Departure will be by bus at 7:00. The visit will take place from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. We will be back in Brazzaville the same day by 6:00 pm.

Visit of the Lessio Louna Fauna Reserve

The Lessio Louna Reserve is located about 100 kilometers from Brazzaville. This protected area covered 44,000 hectares and was established for the protection of gorillas in the Republic of Congo.

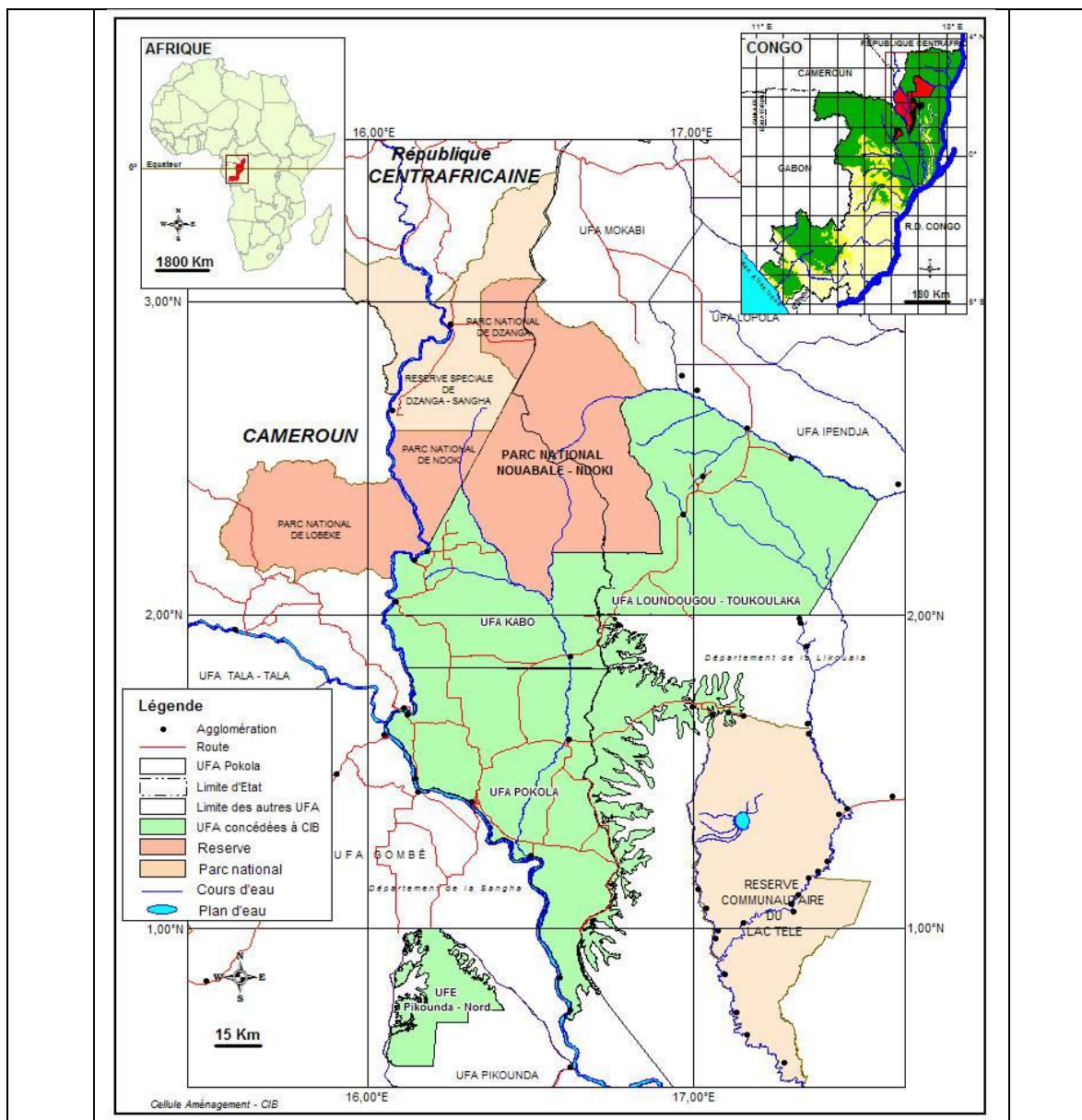
During this visit, members of the FCPF and UN-REDD will have the opportunity to approach infant gorillas in the nursery and reintroduced gorillas on Abio Island before visiting and admiring the wonders of the blue lake.

This botanical and touristic tour will be restricted to a limited number of visitors (in groups of 45 people).

Access to the Reserve will be by bus on a road paved at 80%. Departure will be at 7:00 am. The field visit will take place from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. We will be back in Brazzaville the same day by 6:00 pm.

Visit of a managed and certified forest concession (Pokola FMU) in the Sangha Department

The Pokola Forest Management Unit (FMU) covers an area of 452,200 hectares and is located about 800 kilometers from Brazzaville, in the Sangha Department in the northern part of the country.



The management plan for 2007-2036 for the Pokola FMU was launched in 2007. This baseline for the effective implementation of conservation and sustainable forest management led to its certification based on the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) standards.

During this visit, members of the FCPF and UN-REDD will have the opportunity to observe: i) the transition from a settlement of less than 50 people to a modern urban area of over 13,000 inhabitants; (ii) the effective implementation of sustainable forest management practices (application of reduced impact logging rules, effective integration of the social component, compliance with environmental standards, etc.).

Given the short length of stay of the FCPF and UN-REDD members in the Republic of Congo, the Pokola field visit will be restricted to a limited number of visitors (70-75 people).

Departure will be by plane (compliant with the United Nations safety standards) at 7:00 am. The field visit will take place from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. We will be back in Brazzaville the same day by 6:00 pm.

October 25: Sightseeing

Sightseeing on the Congo River

On October 25, 2012, a sightseeing tour will be organized on the Congo River. Delegates will have the opportunity to enjoy an ecological and touristic tour on the majestic Congo River, the second most powerful river in the world after the Amazon.

This tour will give visitors the opportunity to:

- Experience typical Congolese food and drinks;
- Discover the **cultural diversity of local and indigenous populations** of the Republic of Congo; and
- Admire the rich biodiversity of the Congo River and surrounding areas.

The sightseeing tour will take place from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.