

Project title : Mé REDD+ Project - To tackle deforestation and forest degradation in the Mé region

Project place	Project cost	Role in the project	Technical and financial sponsors	Dates
Côte d'Ivoire	2 500 000 €	Coordination	Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MINEEDD), AFD - French Development Agency, REDD+ Permanent Executive Secretariat, Mé Regional Council, Alter Eco, Inprobois, Tropical Bois, Tranchivoire, CURAT	December 2016 - February 2021

Project's goals and results

Main goals

57% of the forests of Ivory Coast disappeared between 1990 and 2015 (BNETD, 2016). Only 3.4 million ha of forest remain and this decline is largely attributable to cocoa cultivation of which Côte d'Ivoire is the world's largest producer.

To address this situation, the objective of the REDD + Project (PRM) is to **reduce greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in the Mé region while improving living conditions of the populations bordering these forests.**

Specific objectives

Laying the foundation for a green economy by actively participating in current processes of decentralization and securing land rights

Preserving, renewing and adding value to regional agricultural and forestry capital by demonstrating that it is possible to reconcile the reduction of pressure on natural resources and rural development, with cocoa farming leading the way

Measure the impacts of the project and support the national REDD + process, particularly in terms of mobilizing the necessary funding for scaling up and deploying a jurisdictional approach

Beneficiaries

The forests of Mabi-Yaya and the climate!

The 7 intervention villages

2250 farmers and 5000 ha of agricultural plantations

150 forest and reforestation owners

15 charcoal burners

4 NGOs and 4 local entrepreneurs

Results

Activities

Spatial Planning

Land-use mapping at the regional scale through remote sensing (report below, in french)

Participatory elaboration of Local Development Plans and implementation through local call for projects (schools, health centers, etc.)

Land tenure security

Official delimitation of 7 village territories

Issuance of land certificates on 3500 ha of wooded areas (including agroforestry systems)

Agriculture zero deforestation

Technical assistance modulated with 2250 households: increase of the added value per hectare, incomes securing and diversification, support to sustainable value chains (organic and fairtrade certifications), development of Payments for Environmental Services dedicated to organic cocoa agroforestry in partnership with Alter Eco

Sustainable forest management and reforestation

Reforestation of 500 ha (including 50 ha of wood energy) in partnership with the private sector (Inprobois, Tropical Bois, Tranchivoire, FIP) and local NGOs (APFNP, GIREFOR, AYA, GAYA)

Technical and financial support to first clearings for 150 owners with unmanaged old reforestations

Sustainable domestic energy

Regional diagnosis of the bio-energies sector
Improved carbonization training for 15 charcoal producers

Technical and financial support to local NGOs and entrepreneurs: biogas, improved fish smokers, high-efficiency charcoal kilns, biocharcoal

Impact measurement and support to the REDD + process

Establishment of a Regional Reference Emission Level (report below, in french)

Establishment of a Socio-Economic and Environmental Reference State (report below, in french)

PhD dedicated to the early detection of land clearing and monitoring over time of land-use change, in partnership with CURAT