



END OF PROJECT REPORT

UNDAF Outcome: Increased opportunities for people, especially the most vulnerable, to access and utilize quality basic services and realize sustainable employment, income generation and food security

Expected CP Outcome: Enhanced community and civil society participation on programmes seeking to reverse biodiversity loss and degradation of natural resources

Expected CP Output: Increased number of sustainable land use practices / interventions for biodiversity conservation and natural resources management

Implementing Partner: World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)

Other Partners: Ministry of Water and Environment, National Forestry Authority (NFA), Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), CSOs, NGOs, CBOs and District Forest Services

Brief description of the project, its objectives, etc.

The Albertine Rift Eco-Region is the most important forest system in Africa for biodiversity, extending across the Great Lakes Region of East and Central Africa (DRC, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi). However, the forests have been under increasing threat from growing commercial demands and from rural communities whose high levels of poverty make them dependent on forest resources for their livelihood. These pressures on the forest resources, coupled with weak conservation agencies at decentralized levels, and as yet untried collaborative forest management strategies with local people, have led to considerable loss of forest cover, especially on private and public land. This GEF project provided additional resources to the Government of Uganda and partners to implement innovative conservation activities in Planning Unit One – the Northern Albertine Rift Forests of Uganda. The project developed a Strategic Plan for the northern Albertine Rift under the Regional Framework, including a coherent M&E strategy. Project activities included support to collaborative forest management, capacity strengthening of the National Forest Authority for improved management of Central Forest Reserves, strengthening and maintenance of linkages between these protected areas through incentives for forest conservation on private land, and promotion of incentives for alternative resource use strategies and conservation on private lands. The project addressed the issues outlined in Strategic Priority BD1, and partially those of BD2, of the GEF. The project was implemented by WWF in conjunction with the Ministry of Water and Environment as an executing agency that set up a Steering Committee for the project, appointed a National Project Coordinator and set up a Project Management Unit.

Programme Period: Jan 2006 - Dec.2011
 Programme Component: OP 3 Forest Ecosystems
 Intervention Title: Conservation of Biodiversity in the Albertine Rift Forests of Uganda

Budget Code:
 Duration: 5 Years

Total project funds for the whole period:	USD 11,348,189
Allocated GEF resources:	USD 3,395,000
Co-finance resources:	
• Government	USD 418,099
• IFAD	USD 2,747,090
• EU	USD 2,500,000
• Macarthur	USD 730,000
• IGCP	USD 500,000
• WCS	USD 350,000
• FAO-DFID	USD 300,000
• WWF Danida	USD 408,000
(Total Co-Finance)	USD 7,953,189)

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