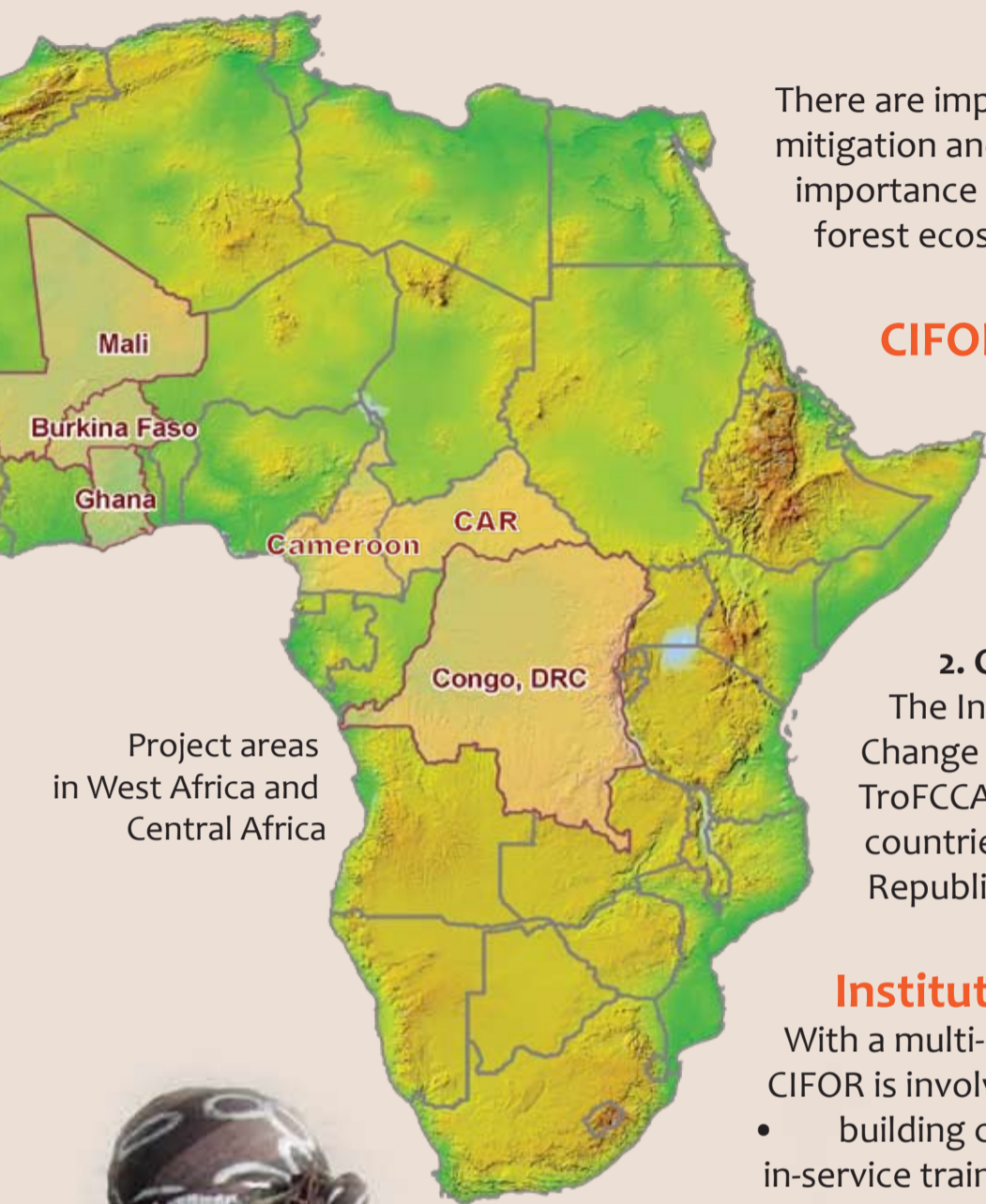


Developing African Capacity for Climate Change Adaptation with Forest Ecosystem Services



Project areas in West Africa and Central Africa



There are important synergies and mutual benefits managing tropical forests for mitigation and adaptation. This however requires raising awareness of the importance of forests for adaptation and developing human capacity in linking forest ecosystem services to livelihood and national development.

CIFOR Initiative on Forests & Climate Change in Africa

1. Tropical Forests & Climate Change Adaptation (TroFCCA)

West Africa is part of the global TroFCCA project financed by the European Commission, also implemented in Southeast Asia and Central America. In West Africa, the project currently works in Mali, Burkina Faso and Ghana.

2. Congo Basin Forests & Climate Change Adaptation (CoFCCA)

The International Development Research Center (IDRC) under the Climate Change Adaptation for Africa (CCA) project is funding the extension of the TroFCCA initiative into the Congo Basin Forests with three participating countries; Democratic Republic of Congo, Cameroon, and Central African Republic.

Institutional Profile for Capacity Development

With a multi-disciplinary team of scientists conducting impact-oriented research, CIFOR is involved in:

- building capacity by supplying information to policy makers, providing in-service training and workshops for scientists and students & highlighting the role of forests for climate change adaptation
- producing knowledge & methods for forest management and assessing vulnerability to climate change
- influencing global and national forestry policies

Through high quality research and wide-ranging networks, CIFOR is recognized as a center of excellence on forest management and well placed to provide capacity building for both people and institutions.

Capacity Development Highlights on Adaptation

- Organization of training workshops for regional climate simulations (PRECIS modeling), and hosting the continuation of the simulations.
- Annual TroFCCA graduate fellowship awards for selected regional students
- Graduate field research theses & student internship programmes
- Contributions to scientific knowledge-base on adaptation & policy briefs

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