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**The Central
Africa Regional
Program
for the
Environment:
Past, Present
and Future**

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TODAY'S EVENT



- *Overview of CARPE* by Diane Russell, U.S. Agency for International Development
- *Conservation Planning* by Andrew Plumptre and Kirstin Siex, Wildlife Conservation Society
- *Improving Forest Mapping and Monitoring* by Crystal Davis, World Resources Institute/Global Forest Watch
- *African Wildlife Foundation's Approach and Lessons from Community Involvement in PA Management* by Daudi Sumba, African Wildlife Foundation
- *Challenges and Solutions for Combating Poaching and Illegal Wildlife Trafficking in Central Africa* by Emma Stokes, WCS
- *Are We Making a Difference? Five Measures to Assess our Conservation Impact* by David Wilkie, WCS



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CARPE OVERVIEW



- Created in 1995 by USAID: Conservation and climate change mitigation objectives
- Integral part of the Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP)
- 1st phase: analysis, mapping, priority setting, small grants
- 2nd phase (2002-13): began site based conservation based on biodiversity priorities → the landscapes
- CARPE III: Launched in 2013. 5 year program with Government of Norway
 - 2 interrelated projects



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ACHIEVEMENTS



- Created a base for conservation action
- Stabilized key species
- Reduced wildlife crime
- Attracted other donors and built shared investments
- Slowed deforestation through improved forest management
- Conducted path-breaking research
- Strengthened African conservation capacity
- Informed national policymaking processes



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LANDSCAPES



- Twelve original landscapes covering seven countries
- Now USAID is focused on eight landscapes in DRC and ROC
- US Fish and Wildlife Service is supporting work in Gabon and ROC as well as within DRC with CARPE funding
- CBFP continues to work across the region on policy harmonization and best practices, drawing on CARPE partnerships



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USFWS INVESTMENTS

Gabon: Multiple, one-year grants; cooperative agreement with ANPN

Tsuapa-Lomani-Lualaba (TL2) in DRC: A single, five-year cooperative agreement

Reducing Bushmeat Consumption and its Commercial Trade: Multiple, two-year grants

Wildlife Security – Legal Systems: Multiple, one-year grants

Wildlife Security – Field Conservation and Conservation Area Creation: Multiple, one-year grants

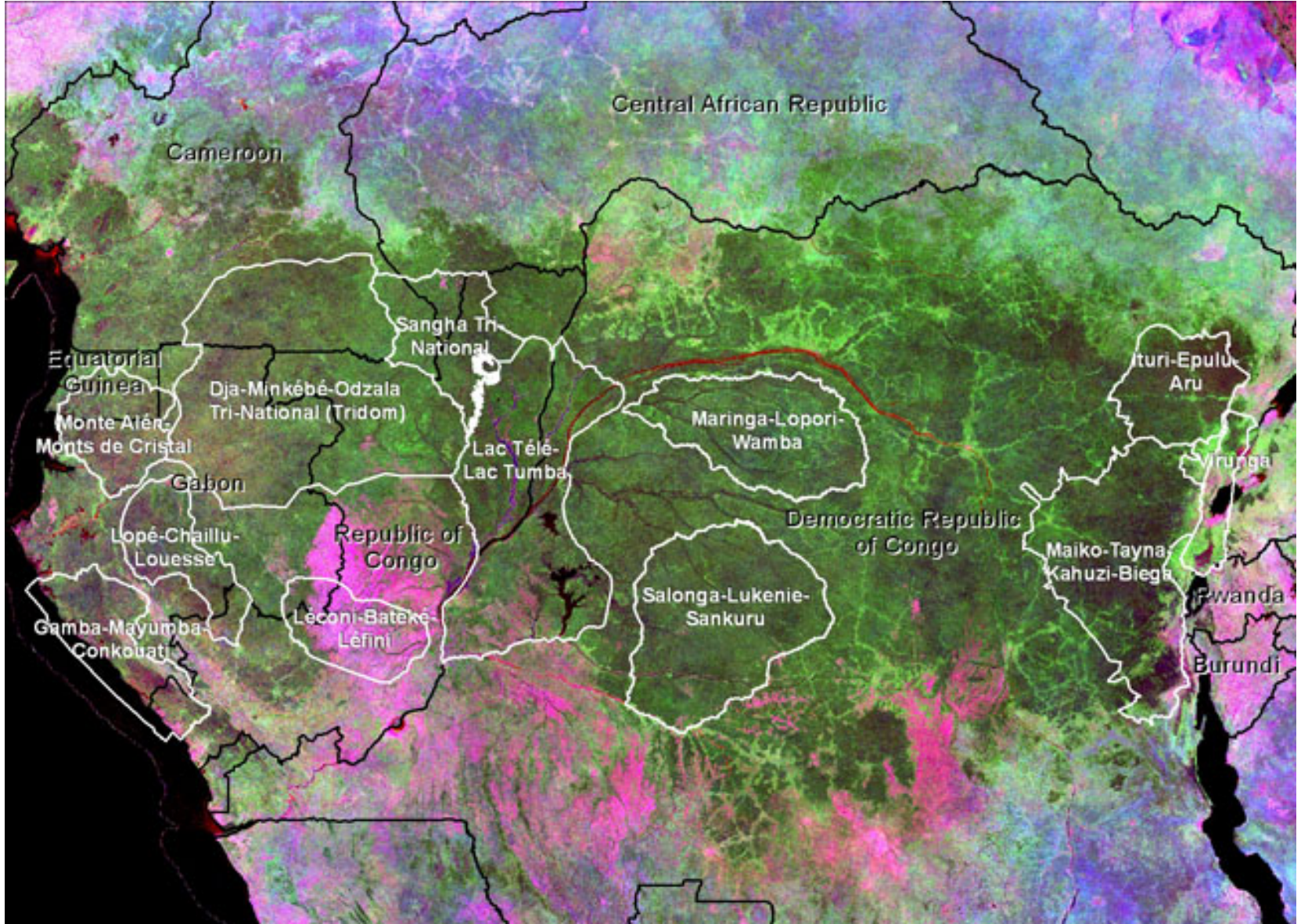
Applied Wildlife Science: Multiple, one to two year grants

USFWS MENTOR Signature Initiative: A single, two-year cooperative agreement



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CARPE II -- CBFP LANDSCAPES





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SUPPORT TO PAs

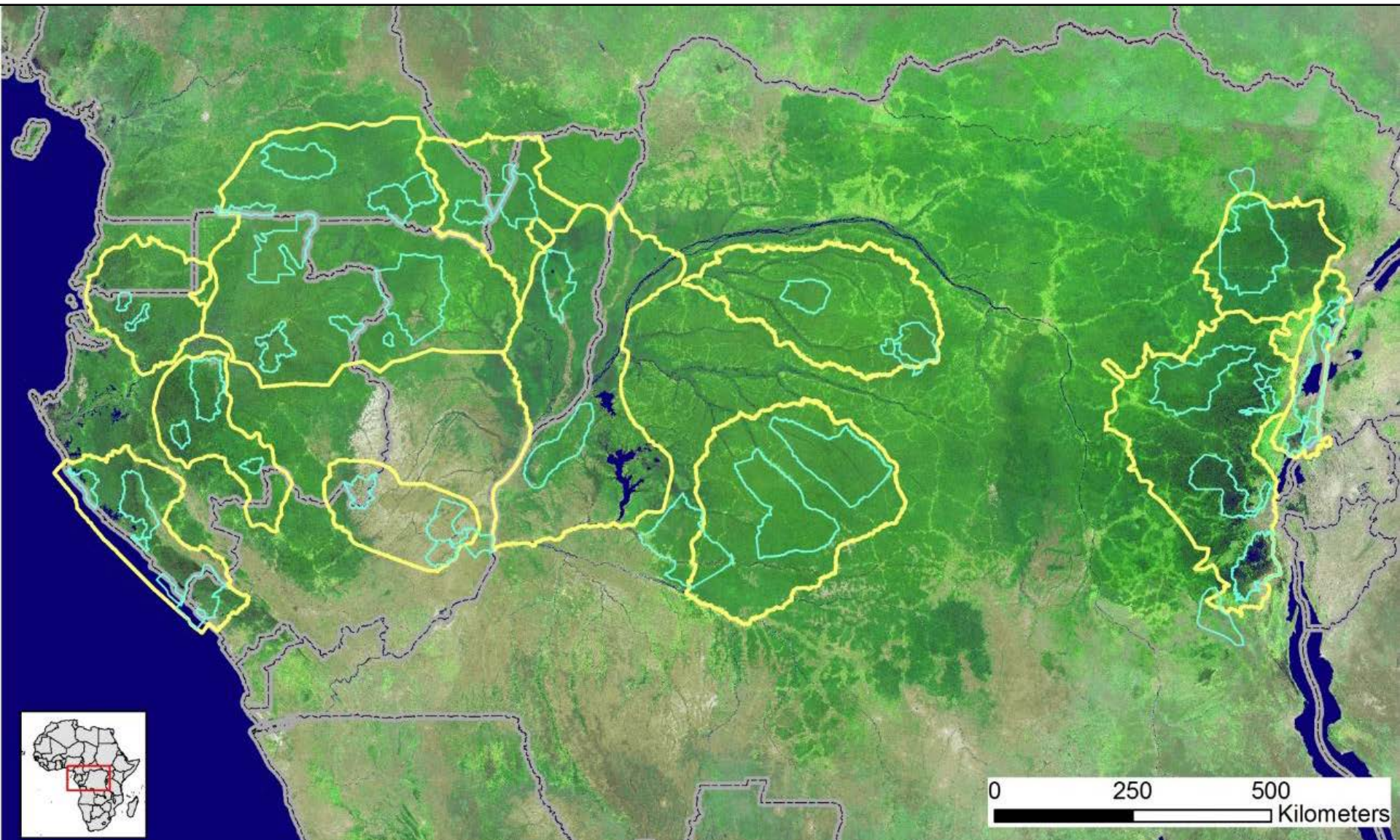


- Support to different types of PA
 - Community protected areas: Tayna community reserve, Iyondji Community Bonobo Reserve
 - World Heritage Sites: Salonga NP, Okapi Faunal Reserve, Virunga NP
 - Transboundary PAs and collaboration: Sangha Tri-National (TNS), Lac Tele-Lac Tumba, Virunga
- Support governments to meet commitments under CBD
- Strengthen wildlife and forest monitoring
- Improve community engagement



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LANDSCAPES & PAS



Congo Basin Forest Partnership Landscapes and associated Protected Areas



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SUSTAINABILITY



- Trust funds
- Working with industry: certified forests on 53,000km²
- REDD+ at large scale, support to DRC REDD+ strategy
- Strengthened local and national institutions, including monitoring, enforcement, community engagement
- Economic improvements (sustainable agriculture, strengthening trade networks)



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MEETING NEW CHALLENGES



- Integration of REDD+ and biodiversity conservation
- Systematic and science-based approach to combating wildlife trafficking
- Strengthened M&E across the program: joint Theories of Change
- Gender equality and women's empowerment; support to indigenous peoples' groups
- Governance measures
- Education and youth



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