



## **Subgroup on Protected Areas and Wildlife (SGTAPFS) of the COMIFAC (Central African Forests Commission)**

**Region and countries of the network**  
Central Africa

### ***Authorities involved***

Administrations in charge of wildlife and protected areas, Police, Customs, Justice, Gendarmerie, Indigenous and Local communities Networks.

*Formal network*

### ***Brief description***

[Subgroup on Protected Areas and Wildlife (SGTAPFS) was established in 2012 by the Council of Ministers of COMIFAC in order to coordinate the combat against the wildlife crime in the region and to build the capacity of the stakeholders on wildlife crime. This multi-actor platform brings together law enforcement agencies and wildlife and protected area administrations for the ten countries members of COMIFAC (Burundi, Cameroon, Central Africa Republic, Chad, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Rwanda and Sao Tome & Principe), representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities, international organizations in charge of biodiversity conservation, and organizations working in the field of wildlife. Non-governmental organizations and civil society. Member's countries meet at least twice per year. This platform has a Sub-Regional Action Plan for the Wildlife law enforcement that has been adopted by the Council

### ***(Reporting) structure / decision-making process***

The coordination Unit has three members (the coordinator of the Central Africa Biodiversity Working Group, the Biodiversity Programme Officer of the COMIFAC and the Technical Director of OCFSA). The network report to the Executive Secretariat of the COMIFAC which report to the Council of Ministers of COMIFAC

### ***Key activities***

Capacity building of the law enforcement agencies, development of tools for the sustainable wildlife and Protected areas management, coordination of the combat against the wildlife crime, Public awareness on wildlife crime, finance resource mobilization for the biodiversity conservation, lobbying.

### ***Key partners in the region***

IGOs (OCFSA, ECCAS), NGOs (TRAFFIC, WWF, GIZ, JICA, IUCN, USFS).

### ***Website and other useful links***

[www.comifac.org](http://www.comifac.org)

### ***Network focal points***

As per WEN focal points contact contained on CITES webpage