

Central African Forests Commission (COMIFAC)



Region and countries of the network

Central Africa. Countries: Burundi, Cameroun, Chad, Central Africa Republic, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Rwanda and Sao Tomé & Principe.

Authorities involved

Forests and Wildlife administrations, CEEAC, RAPAC, international organizations (such as WWF, TRAFFIC, GIZ, JICA, WCS, etc.), Customs, INTERPOL, Police, Defense, Justice, Indigenous People and Local communities network, Civil Society Organization

Brief description

COMIFAC is an intergovernmental organization created by the Heads of State of central Africa Countries in 2000. It is responsible for directing, harmonizing and monitoring forest and environmental policies in Central Africa. According to the poaching and wildlife trafficking the region, the Council of the Ministers of COMIFAC adopted in 2012 a COMIFAC Wildlife Trade Enforcement Action Plan (PAPECALF) and put in place a working group on protected areas and wildlife coordinating by the COMIFAC Secretariat. This Working group is responsible to coordinate the combat on poaching, wildlife Trade and traffic. The key actors involved in this Working Group are mentioned in Paragraph 4. This working group serves WEN in Central Africa.

*Formal
working group*

(Reporting) structure / decision-making process

The activities of this working group are coordinating by the COMIFAC Secretariat. The members meet at least twice per year in order to analyze the implementation of PAPECALF and to evaluate the progress in combating poaching, wildlife trade and traffic in the Region. This working proposes to council of the COMIFAC's Ministers relevant decisions for adoption/consideration.

Key activities

This network focuses on Capacity building of keys stakeholders in combating poaching, wildlife trade and traffic, exchange of experience and the circulation of information on wildlife crime, Formulating draft decisions on the fight against poaching, illegal trade of wildlife products.

Key partners in the region

TRAFFIC, WWF, GIZ, IUCN, CEEAC and RAPAC

Website and other useful links

www.comifac.org

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