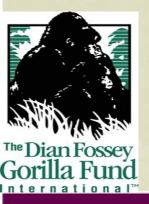




# **Community-Centered Conservation Program**

## in the

## **Democratic Republic of Congo** (DRC-CCC)





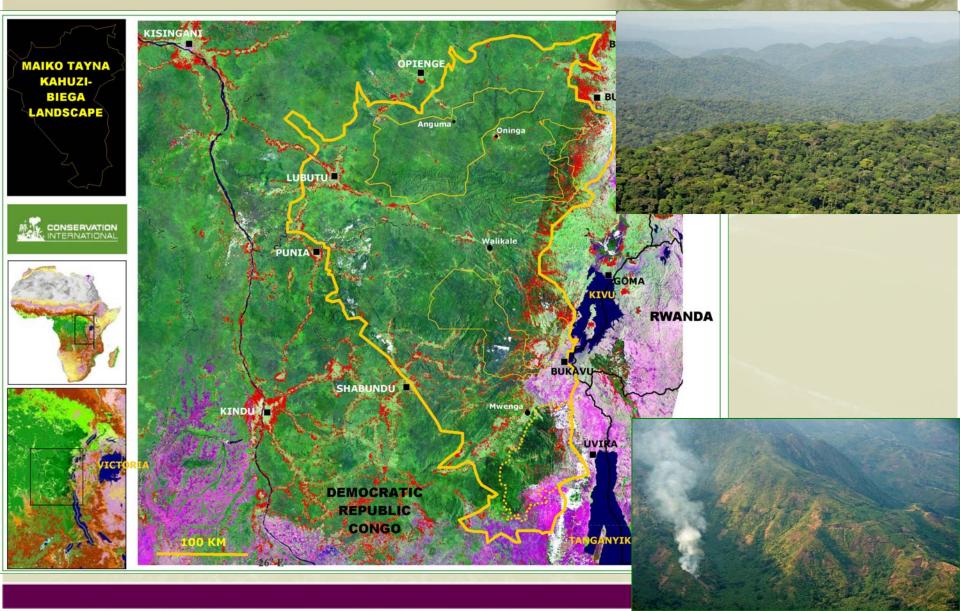


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## Landscape 10







# Landscape 10 Overview

- Rich in biodiversity/endemic species
- 90% of Eastern Lowland Gorilla range
- 80% of intact forest
- 50,000 sq km
- Availability of fresh water sources













## **Threats to Landscape 10**

- Insecurity
- •Extreme poverty
- Illegal mining
- Illegal hunting
- Charcoal extraction















#### **DRC-CCC Program**

#### **Program Goal:**

Sustainable local development in targeted zones in Graueri landscape which will contribute to conservation results in community reserves

- Promote activities that support environmentally sustainable economic growth
- Support a community-based Primary Health Care system
- Communities are partners





#### **Supporting Economic Growth**

#### Micro-Hydro Electric Power Plant in Kasugho village

- Community participation
- 35kw of electricity
- Local management committee
- Sustainability
- Income generating activities







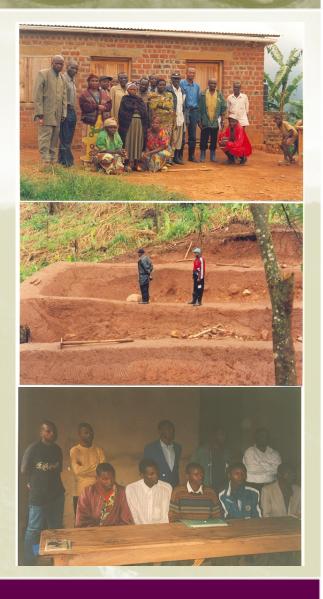




#### **Supporting Economic Growth**

**Agriculture and Livestock development** 

- Training
- Provision of farm inputs
- Demonstration units in fish faming and small livestock keeping







#### **Supporting Conservation Efforts**

# Field equipment for 300 community eco-guards and park rangers

- Creation of 2.220.000 ha of Community Reserves
- 229 patrols (1,930 snares)
- 160 eco-guards
- 40% forest covered

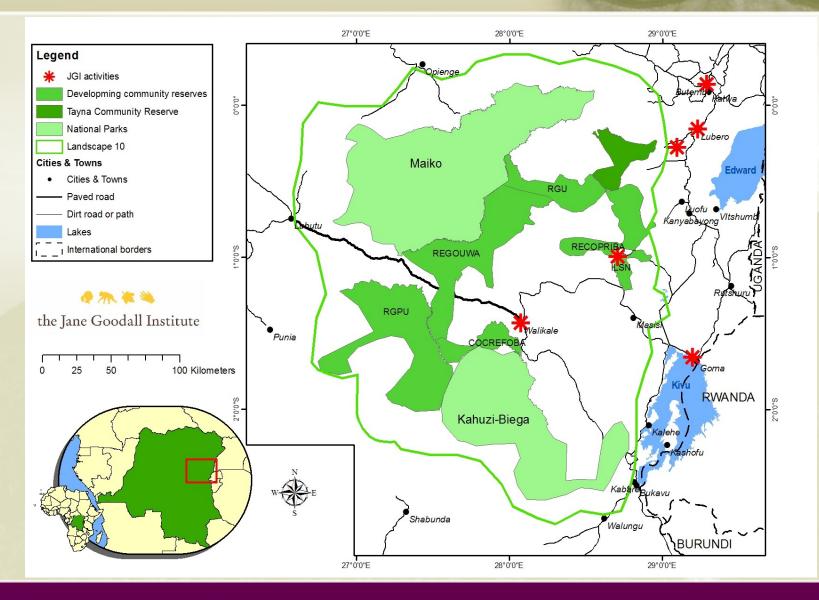








#### **Community Reserves**







#### **Implementing a Health Program**

#### **Malaria Prevention**

- Provision of mosquito nets for mothers and their under-five years old children (6,500)
- Distribution of anti-malaria doses for the 3 Health zones (10,000 doses)





## **Implementing a Health Program**

### **Family Planning**

- Training of Health Care Providers
- **Provision of Family Planning Methods**
- Rehabilitation of Health Services
- Sensitization on FP(radio/theater/CBDAs)
- Provision of supplies for health centers
- Monitoring and supervisory visits













#### Implementing a Health Program

Health zones	Health facilities	Total population	FP/RH Target/ Reproduction age women
3	71	580,289	123,073

#### Family Planning Results (2004 – 2008)

- 41 training sessions
- 894 service providers trained
- 6 health facilities renovated
- 236,47 doses of FP methods provided to Health Zones
- 489 CBDA's
- 41,256 individuals counseled on FP
- •15,818 new acceptors of FP





## **Lessons Learnt**

- Achieving program results is possible even in a conflict environment
- Community governance of resources is key
- Working with the traditional communitybased leaders provided entry into the communities
- Community-based volunteers are key in educating and mobilizing communities
- Use of media for sensitization on family planning and conservation
- Partnerships are important









#### **Program Challenges**

- Instability/Insecurity in Eastern DRC
- Lack of infrastructure (road & communication)
- Health facilities are in deplorable state
- Lack of Government Support & Provision of Social Services
- Religious & cultural barriers







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