



## COUNTRY FACT SHEET: REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (1/4)

### Selected sectors



**Agriculture**



**Mines**

Status of voluntary commitment (VC) process in Congo:

**DIAG 2 commitment scenarios**

### STAKEHOLDERS INVOLVED IN DIALOGUE PROCESS IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

#### AGRICULTURE



Bilateral meetings



1 closing workshop where VC scenarios were discussed

**Stakeholders :**

- Public sector (local authorities)
- Private sector (umbrella and producers organisations)
- CSOs
- Media

#### MINES



Bilateral meetings





1 closing workshop where VC scenarios were discussed

**Stakeholders :**

- Public sector (local authorities)
- Private sector (umbrella and producers organisations)
- CSOs
- Media

### PRODUCTIVE PRACTICES MOST HARMFUL TO BIODIVERSITY IDENTIFIED BASED ON DIAG 1 AND DIAG 2



<p><b>Agriculture</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Food crops:</b> bush fires, conversion of forests into cultivated areas</li> <li>• <b>Vegetable crops:</b> land degradation due to the repeated use of pesticides and lack of adequate training on agrochemical use ; reduction in soil fertility</li> <li>• <b>Agroindustry</b> (sugar cane, palm oil, rubber): extensive land footprint, bush fires, deforestation, pollutions linked with use of pesticides</li> </ul>
<p><b>Mines</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Land cleared</b> for road construction, exploratory drillings and tailing ponds</li> <li>• <b>Pollution: discharge in waterways</b> (mining residues in water) and <b>in the air</b> (dust and emissions from foundries), light and noise pollution</li> <li>• Forest habitat fragmentation</li> <li>• Poaching</li> </ul>





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### VOLUNTARY COMMITMENT SCENARIOS IDENTIFIED IN DIAG 2 IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

<p><b>Agriculture</b></p> 	<p><b><u>Ship-owners</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ship-owners and fishermen commit to organise themselves into groupings</li> <li>• Ship-owners commit to support fishing administration towards the establishment and implementation of fisheries management plans by 2030</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Farmers</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farmers commit to gradually using agroecological principles</li> <li>• Smallholders commit to reducing the use of chemical pesticides by 80% in urban and suburban areas</li> <li>• Partners commit to supporting the fishing administration in projects aimed at immersing artificial reefs in the artisanal fishing zone</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Government</u></b> (<i>Enabling conditions – EC</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Government commits to setting up a legal framework by 2025</i></li> <li>• <i>The Government commits to encouraging climate and eco-friendly agriculture</i></li> <li>• <i>The Government commits to promoting the development of agroforestry in the savannahs</i></li> <li>• <i>The Government commits to strengthening the legal framework on fisheries</i></li> <li>• <i>The Government commits to strengthening monitoring mechanisms</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>Mines</b></p> 	<p><b><u>Industrial mines</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mining corporations commit to support the implementation of protected areas and fisheries management plans in the vicinity of industrial mining sites</li> <li>• Mining corporations commit to gradually rehabilitating 100% of degraded sites</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Small-scale mines</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Government commits to incentivising the creation of a sub-federation of small-scale mining operators within the UNICONGO</i></li> <li>• Small-scale mining operators commit to having environmental conformity certificates and to implement Environmental and Social Management Plans (PGES)</li> <li>• Small-scale mining operators commit to gradually rehabilitating 100% of degraded sites</li> <li>• Small-scale mining operators commit to using prohibited-chemical-free exploitation techniques, according to legal dispositions</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Artisanal miners</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Government commits to formalising the artisanal mining sector through the Ministry in charge of mining industries</i></li> <li>• Mining cooperatives commit to signing conventions encouraging biodiversity conservation</li> <li>• Artisanal miners commit to using prohibited-chemical-free exploitation techniques</li> </ul>



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### FACTORS THAT HAMPERED THE VC PROCESS IN THE CONGO

<b>Internal project factors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Late start of the project, with a first steering committee meeting in February 2021 only</li> <li>• Low initial intervention capacity of the operator and late start of technical assistant work (in May 2021 only)</li> <li>• Delay in recruitment process for DIAG 1 and DIAG 2 consultants compounded by contract termination</li> </ul>
<b>External factors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of project appropriation by private stakeholders</li> <li>• Difficulties gathering stakeholders for the validation of project deliverables and of the choice of sectors (sector identification in February 2022)</li> <li>• Limited time available for dialogue</li> </ul>

### EVALUATION OF VOLUNTARY COMMITMENT (VC) SCENARIOS IDENTIFIED IN DIAG 2

Criteria	Agriculture	Mines
<b>« SMART » nature of identified VC scenarios</b>		
<b>[Specific]</b> Naming and relevance of stakeholders involved in draft VC	Partly	Partly
<b>[Measurable]</b> Quantitative targets	Partly	Partly
<b>[Acceptable]</b> Coherent with DIAG 1 (threats) and DIAG 2 (harmful practices) = “science-based”	Yes	Yes
<b>[Acceptable]</b> Alignment with NBSAP	Yes	No
<b>[Acceptable]</b> Alignment with Kunming – Montreal framework (main targets addressed)	7 ; 10 ; 14	1 ; 2 ; 14
<b>[Realistic]</b> Enabling conditions required for implementation	Yes	Yes
<b>[Realistic]</b> Existence of budgeted action plan	No	No
<b>[Time-bound]</b> Mention of deadlines	No	No
<b>Conclusion</b>	No draft VC discussed beyond the scenarios identified in DIAG 2	





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## BIODEV2030 IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE IN ALL 16 INTERVENTION COUNTRIES (MARCH 2020 – DECEMBER 2022)

