



## ANNOUCEMENT



The Central African Regional Program for the Environment (CARPE) and IUCN-The World Conservation Union wish to inform the general public that they have just launched the Seventh Phase of their Small Grants Program. We receive applications from January 29, 2013 to February 28, 2013. The main objective of the program is to strengthen civil society organisations to 1) Conserve and sustainably manage forest resources in Central Africa; and 2) facilitate the implementation of REDD+ processes and programs to mitigate the negative effect of climate change.

To this effect, interested NGOs and local associations, Non Governmental research centres, independent researchers, women and minority groups in all six countries covered by CARPE (Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo-Brazzaville, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon) are expected to send in their project proposals on or before February 28, 2013 to the respective IUCN-CARPE Focal Points (see addresses below)-each organization is expected to send in only one project proposal.

Just like in the previous Phases of the Program that witnessed the funding of 129 projects in 9 countries (including Burundi, Sao Tomé and Príncipe and Rwanda), priority will be given to Climate change mitigation and adaptation (REDD+ readiness, PES, etc). However, we potential applicants can also send proposals covering the following themes: Capacity Building (Training, study tour etc...); Natural Resource Management Policy; Natural Resource Management governance; Capitalization and sharing of lessons learned; Gender equity; Landscape issues related to policy and to build constituency for its sustainable management; and Bush meat management in term of Policy and regulation to set forth for advocacy

It should be recalled that the CARPE Program is an initiative funded entirely by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to promote the sustainable management of natural resources in the Congo Basin, notably by maintaining the ecological integrity of its humid forest ecosystem.

For further information please contact the CARPE Focal Point in your country using the addresses below.

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