

Facilitating capacity-building with technology assistance and technology transfer for monitoring and managing mercury in Central Africa

PROJECT OBJECTIVE


To establish the Central Africa Region Mercury Monitoring and Evaluation Network (CARMEN), led by Gabon in association with four other Parties to the Minamata Convention in the region (Sao Tome and Principe, Equatorial Guinea, Republic of the Congo and Cameroon)


PROJECT SUMMARY


The project will launch a regional mercury monitoring hub through the establishment of a central laboratory in Gabon for mercury analyses and other environmental assessments. Through this project, mercury data specific for the Central Africa Region will be collected and used for mercury management policy development. In addition, by filling a key gap in the global dataset, the project will contribute to global mercury assessments. Focal Points from Sao Tome and Principe, Equatorial Guinea, Republic of the Congo and Cameroon will collaborate with Gabon to consolidate expertise within the Central Africa Region and to provide a forum for communication, networking and collaboration of laboratory personnel, relevant field personnel responsible for sample collection, and policymakers.

BUDGET	DURATION	RELEVANT ARTICLES	PARTNERS
 USD 249,500 Application contribution USD 52,615	 4 July 2022 - 3 July 2024 (24 months)	 Article 7 - Artisanal and Small-Scale Gold Mining Article 9 - Releases Article 12 - Contaminated Sites Article 14 - Capacity-Building, Technical Assistance and Technology Transfer Article 16 - Health Aspects Article 17 - Information Exchange Article 18 - Public Information, Awareness and Education Article 19 - Research, Development and Monitoring Article 22 - Effectiveness Evaluation	 Biodiversity Research Institute, The Nature Conservancy – Gabon, Cornell University, University of Wisconsin – Madison, Institut des Recherches Agronomiques et Forestières of Gabon

PROJECT RESULTS

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OUTPUT 1
Central laboratory in Gabon to serve as a regional hub for analysis of mercury within the Central Africa Region developed
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OUTPUT 2
Regional mercury monitoring program that meets national interests and obligations to the Minamata Convention developed
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OUTPUT 3
National dialogues with public health officials about mercury in the air and biota initiated and experiences of regional mercury hub shared

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Ministry of Forests, Oceans, Environment and Climate Change of Gabon

RELEVANT SDGs



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