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CONGO NETWORK

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The Congo Network project

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CONGO NETWORK

who

- Belgian Science Policy (BELSPO)
- initiative of Consortium Congo 2010

framework

- increase efficiency of Congo 2010 project
- enhance relationship Congolese and intl researchers in biodiversity research and ecology
- contribute to capacity building

CHANGE OF FOCUS !!

OBJECTIVES

- linking to national and international stakeholders
- promoting data exchange
- identifying existing databases !
- identifying knowledge gaps !
- increasing visibility of Congo 2010 project/CBI
- developing activities to ensure continuation of Congo 2010 beyond official end !

TASK 1: PROJECT NETWORKING

- inventory of projects, researchers, organizations
- networking with international stakeholders

TASK 2: COMMUNICATION

- www.congobiodiv.org
- data.congobiodiv.org
- newsletters
- networking in Congo to stimulate involvement of local stakeholders

TAKS 3: WORKSHOPS

- Workshop I January 2010 - Belgium
- Workshop II May 2011 - Kisangani
- Workshop III June 2011 – Belgium
- Workshop IV 2012 – Belgium

Focus

- cooperation stakeholders/researchers/Consortium
- provide input for the development of the activities of the CSB

TASK 4: CONGO BASIN DATA INVENTORY

- Biodiversity and ecological data
- accessible online (Metafro – GBIF, ...)

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

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- Hilde Keunen, coordinator
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- Dries Lauwers, assistant coordinator in Belgium



**provide input for the development of the activities
of the CSB**

Questions:

- local, national, regional scope ?
- combination biodiversity-natural resources ?
 - which ecosystems ?
 - disciplines ?
 - ecosystem services ?
 - reinforcement needs ?
- collection management ?
- training and education ?
 - networking ?

Merci de votre attention!

