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# AFRICA BIODIVERSITY COLLABORATIVE GROUP

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# Presentation Overview

- Collaborate
- Learn – examples from Central Africa
- Share

**Takeaway:**

**By working together, we learn more, understand more, and do more for conservation**

**Collaborate**

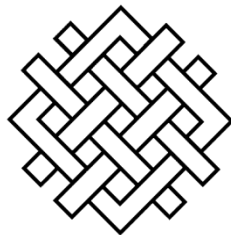
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# ABCG's Mission

To **tackle complex and changing conservation challenges** by catalyzing and strengthening **collaboration**, and bringing the **best resources** from across a continuum of conservation organizations to effectively and efficiently work towards the vision of an African continent where natural resources and biodiversity are securely conserved in **balance** with sustained human livelihoods.

# The Dar Vision for the Future of Biodiversity in Africa

By 2025, environmental degradation and biodiversity loss in Africa have been significantly slowed, people and nature are adapting to climate change, and species and ecosystem services are providing a foundation for human welfare in a society committed to sustainable economic development and equitable sharing of natural resource benefits.

# Implementing the Dar Vision

1. **Prioritize:** Mainstream biodiversity in human well-being and development agendas
2. **Promote** good conservation **practices**
3. **Partner:** Strengthen the role of **social and development institutions** in biodiversity conservation and human well-being



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# Key ABCG Issues

- A. Future of Biodiversity in Africa
- B. Managing Extractive Industries to Protect Biodiversity
- C. Governance and Land Use/Tenure
- D. Biodiversity and Tropical Forestry Assessments
- E. Integrating Food Security and Biodiversity
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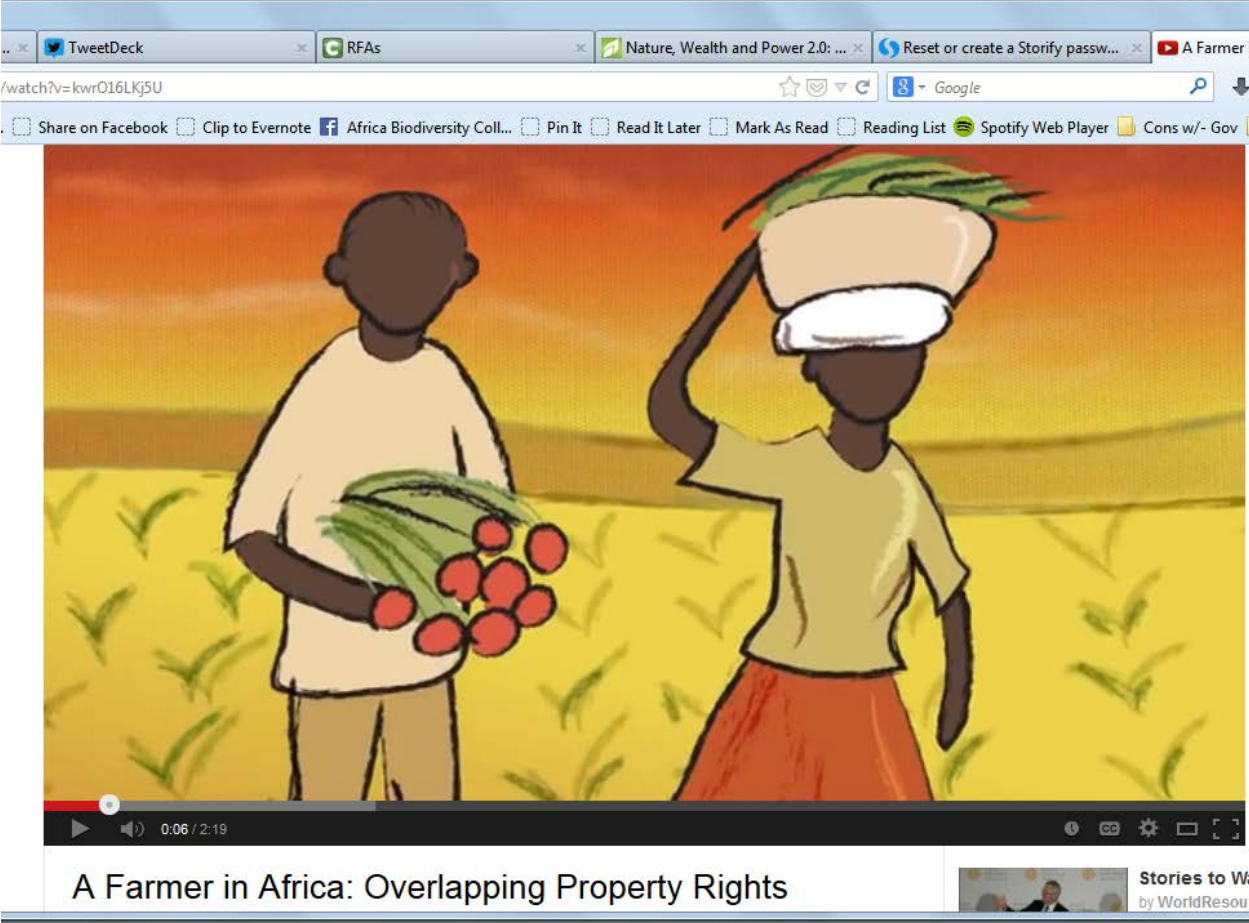
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Learn

# Land & Resource Rights

- Who owns the land/resource?
- Who has rights to use it?
- Consent of local people required?
- Payments required?
- NR rights trump land rights
- Petroleum rights highest
- Improve social safeguards



The image shows a screenshot of a web browser displaying a video player. The browser's address bar shows the URL `/watch?v=kwr016LKj5U`. The video player features a cartoon illustration of two farmers in a field. One farmer is holding a basket of red tomatoes, and the other is carrying a basket of green vegetables on their head. The video title is "A Farmer in Africa: Overlapping Property Rights". The video player interface includes a play button, a progress bar showing 0:06 / 2:19, and various control icons. The browser's tab bar shows several open tabs, including "TweetDeck", "RFAs", "Nature, Wealth and Power 2.0: ...", "Reset or create a Storify passw...", and "A Farmer in". The browser's search bar shows "Google". The browser's toolbar includes "Share on Facebook", "Clip to Evernote", "Africa Biodiversity Coll...", "Pin It", "Read It Later", "Mark As Read", "Reading List", "Spotify Web Player", and "Cons w/- Gov".

# Land Use Planning: Tradeoffs are a Fact of Life

Biodiversity



+

Oil



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Human expansion



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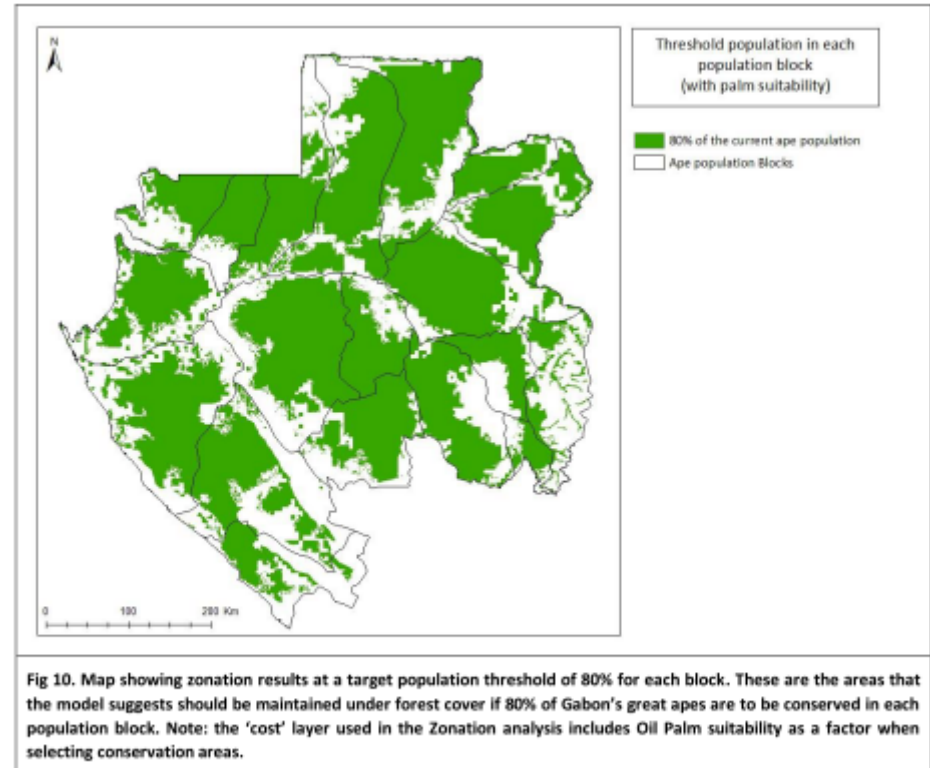


**MARXAN** decision-support software helps us:

- Minimize overall cost
- Subject to selected constraints (e.g. meet critical biodiversity targets; preserve 30% of all habitat types; conserve critical habitat for endemic species)

# High Conservation Value

- Developed by FSC
- Emerging industry standards
- Establishing means and approaches to set limits & thresholds to aid national planning
- Endemic plants
- Great apes
- Elephants
- Application for biodiversity offsets



Note on publication of preliminary results

# SMART Law Enforcement

- SMART 1.0 & 2 updated launched
- French & English training materials
- First training workshops for 45 SMART trainers from 13 countries in Africa
- Field testing in 5 demo sites
- Building support for adoption of SMART as standard PA monitoring & adaptive management toll in 3 countries



# Wildlife & Forest Monitoring using Mobile Mapping



# Mining & Conservation

- ABCG workshop held June 2013
- Promoting & increase implementation of best practices in mining sector
- Mitigate impacts on biodiversity & ecosystem values from mining development

## ABCG Mining & Biodiversity in DRC Workshop Report



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December 19, 2013



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# Understand Values & Shared Goals



# Keep Working Together!



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FY2013 ANNUAL REPORT  
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# Preview of New ABCG website

The screenshot shows a Firefox browser window displaying the website [abcg.sonjara.com/index](http://abcg.sonjara.com/index). The browser's address bar and tabs are visible at the top. The website's header features the text "AFRICA BIODIVERSITY COLLABORATIVE GROUP" in white on a dark background, with social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Pinterest to the right. The main content area has a green background with a large image of a green iguana. A white text box on the left contains the following text: "The Africa Biodiversity Collaborative Group (ABCG) comprises seven U.S.-based international conservation non-governmental organizations (NGOs) with field programs in Africa. ABCG explores emerging and high priority African conservation issues, shares lessons learned, and seeks opportunities for collaboration." Below this text is a circular icon with a downward arrow. At the bottom of the page, there is a navigation menu with buttons for "THEMES", "EVENTS", "PUBLICATIONS", "NEWS", and "ABOUT US". The footer is orange and contains the text "Welcome!" on the left and a search bar on the right.

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