

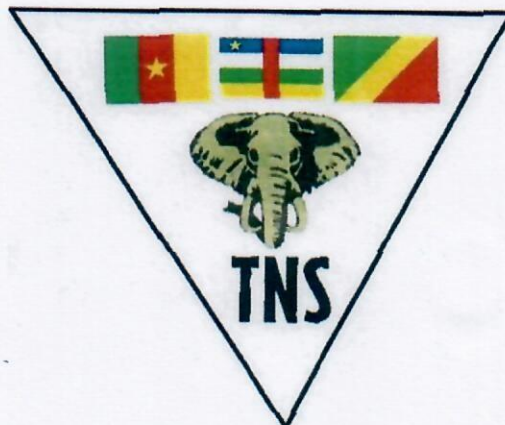
**CENTRAL AFRICAN FOREST COMMISSION
(COMIFAC)**

**PROTOCOL AGREEMENT
TO SET UP THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE OF THE
SANGHA TRI-NATIONAL (CST by its French acronym)**

BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF:

**THE REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON,
THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC,
THE REPUBLIC OF CONGO,**

**AS PART OF THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT
TO ESTABLISH THE SANGHA TRI-NATIONAL (TNS by its French acronym)
SIGNED IN YAOUNDE ON 7 DECEMBER 2000**



PROTOCOL AGREEMENT TO SET UP THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE OF THE SANGHA TRI-NATIONAL (CST)

The Governments of:

The Republic of Cameroon,
The Central African Republic,
The Republic of Congo,

Jointly referred to as State-Parties, and separately as State-Party:

CONSIDERING the provisions of the Cooperation Agreement to establish the TNS signed in Yaounde on 7 December 2000.

CONSIDERING the provisions of the Cooperation Agreement that makes the CST an advisory body of the TNS (Articles 11 and 16 of the Cooperation Agreement),

CONSIDERING the inclusion of the TNS in the UNESCO World Heritage list on 1 July 2012 in Saint Petersburg by virtue of its Exceptional Universal Values,

CONCERNED with the need to apply high scientific standards in the conduct of research activities within the TNS,

CONCERNED with the need to better exploit research findings to develop strategies for the conservation of the exceptional universal values of the TNS,

Hereby covenant as follows:

Article 1: Definition

The Scientific Committee of the Sangha Tri-national is an advisory body of the TNS. It shall render opinion on the relevance of protocols and findings of research programmes undertaken within the TNS.

It may propose all guidelines for research.

Article 2: Mission

The CST shall be entrusted with the mandate to:

- Pursue a holistic research vision in the landscape;
- Foster applied research to guide decision making;
- Facilitate the dissemination and exploitation of research findings.

Article 3: Composition

(1) The CST shall be made up of scientists of international repute, with recognised expertise in one of the areas of sustainable development, notably biodiversity, the social sciences, and climate change.

(2) The CST shall comprise 5 (five) members, 3 (three) of them from State-Parties.

Article 4: Nominations

(1) Members of the CST shall be selected following a call for nominations launched by the Tri-national Supervision and Arbitration Committee (CTSA by its French acronym);

(2) Nominations shall be scrutinised by the CTSA, assisted by a recognised International scientific organisation;

(3) The CTSA shall designate as its members, for a three-year period, renewable ones, candidates selected pursuant to paragraph 2 above.

Article 5: Operational procedures of the CST

(1) Designated members of the CST shall appoint a rapporteur;

(2) The CST shall convene either at a physical or virtual venue at least once a year;

(3) The duties of member of the CST shall be free; however, the activities of the CST shall form part of the biennial plan of the TNS funded with contributions by the State-Parties and assistance from donors.

Article 6

Any amendment hereto must be approved by the CTSA.

Article 7

This protocol shall cease to be valid in the event of termination of the Cooperation Agreement to establish the Sangha Tri-national signed by the three Parties.

Article 8

This protocol agreement shall take effect, for an indefinite period, as from its date of signature.

Done on **17 OCT 2019**

In three (3) original copies in French, all three being equally authentic.

For the Government of the Republic of Cameroon,



05 SEPT 2019

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