

CENTRAL AFRICAN FORESTS FOREVER

'It is a masterpiece.'

Minister Philip Ngwese Ngole
of Forests and Wildlife in Cameroon

**'The first book I have come across
which addresses all major issues
related to forest conservation in
the Congo Basin.'**

Professor René Boot,
University of Utrecht, the Netherlands
Director of NGO Tropenbos International

**'Amazing work about solutions
in nature conservation and
sustainable development in
Central Africa.'**

Romain Beville,
consultant at the World Bank in Gabon

**'The book Central African Forests
Forever is a key source of
information and new of its kind,
by its content and by its form.'**

Pierre M. Desclos,
Owner of Forest Products Consultants, Rome, Italy
Fellow of the Society of Wood Experts, France

Central Africa holds the second largest continuous rainforest in the world after the Amazon: the magic Congo Basin rainforest. It is still relatively intact. But for how long? Illegal, unsustainable logging, conversion of forests to unsustainable small-scale and large-scale agriculture, pressure on wood resources to meet energy needs, international pressure on natural resources, unsustainable infrastructure development are among the major threats. Rapid population growth, widespread poverty, injustice and corruption are major underlying problems.

However, the Congo Basin forests can largely be preserved when countries in Central Africa are able to take the turning to sustainable development, when the people – both men and women – are empowered and their rights are respected, and when companies from outside, which operate in Central Africa, take their responsibility.

Central African Forests Forever offers an inspiring overview of opportunities and solutions to preserve the Congo Basin forests and their megabiodiversity. It is an intriguing mix of eyewitness reports, interviews and opinions of experts, most of them native to Central Africa itself. This book is an eyeopener to everyone who is interested to know more about this exceptional and beautiful part of the world.

China is a major player in Africa. In this second, revised and extended edition, Chinese experts give their view on how Chinese companies that operate in central Africa can do so in a sustainable and responsible way. That makes this edition a special one.



ABOUT THE EDITOR

Meindert Brouwer (1951) is an independent conservationist and writer, based in the Netherlands. He is specialised in the economic value of conservation and sustainable use of nature. His previous books *The Ecosystem Promise* and *Amazon Your Business / Opportunities and solutions in the rainforest* have received excellent reviews and have been distributed all over the world.