DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

CONGO BASIN CONSERVATION SOCIETY
« CBCS »

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024

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A. **INTRODUCTION**

A.1 HISTORY of CBCS-Network

The Congo Basin Conservation Society (CBCS) is a Congolese civil society organization founded in 2016, dedicated to preserving the Congo Basin forests and conserving biodiversity. CBCS operates in a collaborative conservation dynamic with the support of Green Revolution Initiatives PNUD GEF SMAL GRANT, WWF, Agroécology Fund, CS Fund, Banque Mondiale, Global Greengrant Fund UK , Global Greengrant Fund USA, Campaign of Nature, Agir ensemble, AFSA, GRI, IUCN Netherlands, IUCN France, the European Climate Foundation (ECF), GIZ, the GEF Small Grants Programme, and the Primary Forest Alliance. This partnership aims to strengthen civil society to join forces and collectively examine how to define a common vision to combat climate change, protect key biodiversity habitats, community forests, and conservation, particularly for endemic and vulnerable species such as great apes, elephants, hippos, giant pangolins, waterbirds, leopards, Nile crocodiles, etc.

The Congo Basin Conservation Society (CBCS) works on the land access rights of indigenous peoples and local communities living on the periphery of protected areas (PAs). CBCS also advocates to prevent authorities from making decisions that destroy biodiversity habitats, such as poaching, mining in protected areas, and the illegal trafficking of wildlife and other natural resources and key ecosystems like wetlands and peatlands.

In partnership with the Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA) and the Agroecology Fund, the NGO works on agroecological transition policies in South Kivu and Maniema and promotes food sovereignty in Africa through the "My Food is African" campaign via the local seed multipliers program. As part of these actions, CBCS works on a community forestry program aimed at empowering indigenous peoples and local communities to manage ancestral lands and forests and restore degraded landscapes.

The NGO has developed a community protection strategy for hippos and waterbirds on the Ruzizi River and Lake Tanganyika, a transboundary area with Burundi and Rwanda, as well as agroecological activities in terms of economic resilience, climate adaptation, and the value chain of these products. With the International Centre for Climate Policy supported by the ECF, we are implementing the forest finance project to strengthen the political financing mechanism of the Congo Basin forests in collaboration with six local universities in the DRC, including ISDR-Kindu, ISDR-Bukavu, ISP-Bukavu, UOB-Bukavu, IFA YANGAMBI, and UNIKIN, and the environmental civil society SOCEARUCO DRC.

Conservation approaches are based on nature-based solutions and the support for incomegenerating activities (IGA) that respect the rights of indigenous peoples, gender, and support for fishermen on Lake Tanganyika. We are implementing the project "Advocacy for Conservation Initiatives and Restoration Projects" with funds from Green Revolution Initiatives GRI and Africa Climate Justice, advocating with policymakers in the DRC and the sub-region. We have already established a civil society coalition for lobbying on climate justice and fighting against false climate solutions such as geoengineering in Africa and for a fossil-fuel-free DRC in fragile areas.

A.2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The primary objective of this mission was to express an independent and professional opinion on the accuracy of the financial statements of CBCS as of December 31, 2024. The mission also aimed to review the effectiveness of the operations and accounting processes in place within

the Congo Basin Conservation Society (CBCS) and to ensure the correct use of the funds mobilized for the implementation of activities.

Our report and opinion are included in section B of this document.

B. **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

We have audited the financial statements and resource-usage of the Congo Basin Conservation Society (CBCS), which include the balance sheet, the income statement, and statements of resources and uses, as well as the cash flow position for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the accompanying notes, including a summary of significant accounting methods.

Management and Auditor's respective Responsibilities

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the award accounts, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of accounts that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the award accounts as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control;
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management;
- We communicate with the Management regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (IAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the

ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Unqualified Opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements and resource-usage present, in all material respects, a true and fair view of the financial position as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, as well as its financial performance and cash flows for the years then ended, in accordance with the agreements signed with financial partners and the SYCEBNL framework and accounting policies, as outlined in section D.2.

Denis BAFULWA

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GLOBOFAN CONSULTANTS
PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

BUKAVU DRC CONGO

Date: 31st MARCH 2025

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Pour Réception et accord de la Direction :

Josué ARUNA

Directeur exécutif

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31/03/2025

C. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SUMMARY AND COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS 2024 AND 2023 (Expressed in USD)

Réf	ASSETS	Explanatory notes	31-déc-24			31-déc-23
			Gross	Depreciation/ Prov	Net	Net
	FIXED ASSETS					
AA	**Fixed assets intended for sale from donations and legacies not yet received and temporary usufruct**		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
AB	Intangible assets		0	0	0	0
AC	Tangible and financial fixed assets		0	0	0	
AD	**Intangible assets**		**0**	**0**	**0**	**3,676**
AE	Patents, licenses, software and similar rights		0	0	0	3,676
AF	Other intangible assets				0	0
AG	Advances and down payments on intangible assets				0	0
AH	**Tangible fixed assets**	.(1)	**21,060**	**9,300**	**11,760**	**24,876**
AI	Land			0	0	0
AJ	Buildings			0	0	0
AK	Development, layout and installations		0	0	0	14,114
AL	Equipment, furniture and biological assets		11,060	5,390	5,670	7,666
AM	Transport equipment		10,000	3,910	6,090	3,096
AN	Advances and down payments on tangible fixed assets				0	0
AO	**Financial fixed assets**		**0**	**0**	**0**	**39,709**
AX	Equity securities				0	0
AY	Other financial fixed assets				0	39,709
AZ	**TOTAL ACTIF IMMOBILISE (I)**		**21,060**	**9,300**	**11,760**	**68,261**
BA	Actif Circulant HAO		0			0
BB	Stocks et Encours				0	1,103
BC	Fournisseurs débiteurs		0		0	0
BD	Adhérents, Clients-usagers		0		0	0
BE	Autres créances	.(2)	51,113		51,113	0
BT	**TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS (II)**		**51,113**	**0**	**51,113**	**1,103**
BU	Investment securities		0		0	0
BV	Cashable securities		0		0	0
BW	Banques, Etablissements fianciers, caisse et Assimilés		1,410		1,410	4,193
BX	**TOTAL CASH-ASSETS (III)**	**.(3)**	**1,410**	**0**	**1,410**	**4,193**
BY	Currency translation differences-Assets (IV) (Probable exchange loss)		0		0	0
BZ	**GRAND TOTAL (I+II+III+IV)**		**73,583**	**9,300**	**64,283**	**73,557**

The explanatory notes included herein are an integral part of the financial statements.

SUMMARY AND COMPARATIVE LIABILITIES BALANCE SHEETS 2024 AND 2023 (Expressed in USD)

Réf	LIABILITIES	Explanatory notes	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
CA	Non-consumable allocation without recovery right		17,610	52,612
CB	Non-consumable allocation with recovery right			0
CC	Entry fee			0
CD	Consumable allocation			0
CE	Revaluation differences			0
CF	Reserves		2,813	5,655
CG	Carried forward (+ or -)		1,000	1,300
CH	Net result for the financial year (surplus + or deficit -)		713	1,000
CI	Investment subsidies		1,450	12,243
CJ	Regulated provisions			0
CK	**Total Equity and Similar Funds**	**.(4)**	**23,586**	**72,810**
CW	Allocated funds and funds from donations and legacies of real estate			0
CX	Deferred funds (temporary usufruct)			0
CY	**Total Allocated and Deferred Funds**		**0**	**0**
CZ	**TOTAL OWN AND SIMILAR RESOURCES (I)**		**23,586**	**72,810**
DA	Borrowings and financial debts			0
DB	Lease-acquisition debts			0
DC	Provisions for risks and charges			0
DD	**TOTAL FINANCIAL DEBTS AND SIMILAR RESOURCES (II)**		**0**	**0**
DE	**TOTAL STABLE RESOURCES (I+II)**		**23,586**	**72,810**
DF	Current debts HAO			0
DG	Members, creditor customers-users			0
DH	Suppliers			0
DI	Other debts	.(5)	40,697	412
DV	**TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES (III)**		**40,697**	**412**
DW	Banks, financial institutions and treasury credits			
DX	**TOTAL CASH-LIABILITIES (IV)**		**0**	**0**
DY	Conversion differences-Liabilities (V) (Probable exchange gain)			335
DZ	**GRAND TOTAL (I+II+III+IV)**		**64,283**	**73,557**

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COMPARATIVE INCOME STATEMENT 2024 AND 2023
(Expressed in USD)

INCOME STATEMENTS : EXPRESSED IN USD					
REF	**DESCRIPTIONS**	**Note**		**31/12/2024**	**31/12/2023**
RA	contributions		+		
RB	Expendable endowments transferred to the income statement		-	-	1,000
RC	Income related to generosity		-/+	713	-
RD	sales of goods			-	1,000
RE	sales of services and finished products		+	-	-
RF	operating grant	.(6)	+	179,070	453,902
RG	other income and transfers of expenses		+		4,420
RH	reversals of provisions, depreciation, subsidies and other reversals		+	103,370	938
XA	**INCOME FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES (Sum RA to RH)**			**283,153**	**460,260**
TA	Purchases of goods and services related to the activity	.(7)	-	103,137	336,661
TB	Change in inventories of purchases and goods and services related to the activity		-/+	-	-
TC	Purchases of goods and raw materials		-	-	-
TD	Other purchases		+		-
TE	Change in inventories of goods, raw materials and others		+	-	-
TF	Transports		-	946	-
TG	External service		-/+	67,916	3,862
TH	Taxes and duties		-	3,151	5,031
TI	Other charges		-	1,000	363
TJ	Personnel expenses		-	103,400	101,082
TK	Financial expenses and similar expenses		-	648	8,829
TL	Depreciation, provisions & depreciation and others		-	2,242	3,432
XB	**EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES (Sum TA to TL)**			**282,440**	**459,260**
XC	**RESULT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES (XA-XB)**			**713**	**1,000**
TM	H.A.O Product		+		-
TN	H.A.O Charges		-		-
XD	***H.A.O RESULT (TM-TN)***			**-**	**-**
XE	***NET RESULT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR (+surplus, -deficit) (XC+XD)***			**713**	**1,000**

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EMPLOYMENTS & RESOURCES TABLE FOR PROJECTS 2024 (Expressed in USD)

		DESCRIPTION	Amount Given		
		Year 2024			
N⁰	Donor's Name	Supported Project	RESSOURCE	EMPLOYMENTS	BALANCE
	Solde clôture 2023	Solde d'ouverture 2024 et préfinancement deuxième tranche projet d'agroécologie et défense de l'environnementale en RDC.	**4,193**	**4,193**	0
1	PNUD GEF SMAL GRANT	Support for community strategies for hippo conservation and the resilience of the bio-circular economy of local communities and indigenous peoples affected by COVID-19	**30,000**	**30,000**	-
2	WWF	Lead the Change II Program (DRC), advocacy support project on natural resource governance in the DRC.	**32,617**	**32,420**	**197**
3	Agroécology Fund	Project to support forest governance for climate resilience and conservation through the promotion of agroecology among indigenous peoples in Kivu, DRC.	**35,000**	**35,000**	-
4	CS Fund	Agroecology and environmental defense project in the DRC.	**40,000**	**39,630**	**370**
	Banque Mondiale	Project to develop an addendum to the PGES contained in the EIES for the sub-project of the construction of the Kavimvira border post within the framework of the Trade Facilitation and Integration Project in the Great Lakes Region (PFCIGL).	**34,150**	**34,020**	**130**
6	Global Greengrant Fund UK	Project to support the development of a community action plan for climate in the province of South Kivu, DRC.	**3,000**	**3,000**	-
7	Global Greengrant Fund USA	Support for structures and community groups of indigenous Pygmy peoples to strengthen good governance and sustainable management of the Kahuzi Biega National Park.	**5,000**	**5,000**	-
		Sub-total Operating Grant	**183,960**	**183,263**	**697**
8	Campaign of Nature	Support for environmental civil society actors for their participation in COP 16 on biodiversity in Colombia, as part of the United for Congo Basin Forest consortium.	**10,000**	**9,885**	**115**
9	Agroécology Fund	Additional support for environmental civil society actors for their participation in COP 16 on biodiversity in Colombia.	**15,000**	**14,832**	**168**
10	Agir ensemble	Protection support for Environmental Rights Defenders in Wamaza.	**14,850**	**14,850**	-
13	AFSA	Validation meeting of the COBCAI project for the DRC and coverage of the exchange meeting in Zimbabwe. "Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa".	**14,000**	**13,850**	**150**
11	Campaign of Nature	Support for environmental civil society actors for their participation in COP 27 on climate in Dubai as part of the United for Congo Basin Forest consortium.	**50,000**	**49,720**	**280**
		Sub-total funds for specific activities	**103,850**	**103,137**	**713**
		GRAND TOTAL	**287,810**	**286,400**	**1,410**

The explanatory notes included herein are an integral part of the financial statements.

D. EXPLANATORY NOTES ACCOMPANYING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

D.1. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT CBCS Network

LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND ACTIVITIES

In accordance with the decree-law of September 18, 1965, relating to non-profit associations and public utility establishments, Ministerial Orders No. 0884/CAB.MIN/PE-EL/PKY/KM/2019 & No. 96/CAB/MIN/JINC/-CN/CJA/YBZ/2023 and F92/32.122 giving favorable opinions for the creation on December 24, 2016, of a non-governmental, apolitical, and non-denominational development organization called "The Congo Basin Conservation Society-Network".

The head office and administrative office of CBCS are established in Bukavu, Avenue de la Résidence 14, South Kivu Province in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The Head Office may be transferred to any other location in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the host country of the organization occupying 62% of the Congo Basin, by a majority vote of the founding members present during the deliberation.

CBCS's area of activity covers the entire DRC and aims to establish representative offices in other provinces (currently in Kivu, Kinshasa, Grand Kasai, Tanganyika, Tshopo, North Kivu, etc.) and countries where the signatory members and those who will join the network managing the Congo Basin in the future are located.

VISION AND MISSION

CBCS Network Vision To be the leading forum supporting investments that demonstrate the value of ecosystem services in the Congo Basin and help local communities live in harmony with nature.

CBCS Network Mission To help communities harness the benefits of environmental services in order to take ownership of the rational and sustainable management of the Congo Basin ecosystems.

OBJECTIVES OF CBCS Network

Social Purpose To provide appropriate responses to the multiple issues of sustainable management of natural resources in the Congo Basin, as well as to the various socioenvironmental and economic consequences that arise from it.

Specific Objectives for Natural Resource Management

- Work on the conservation of community forests and protected areas and endangered species;
- Promote integrated water resources management (IWRM);
- Develop, execute, and monitor hydro-agricultural developments to enhance floodplain areas;
- Promote participatory management of community reserves;
- Work for the protection, conservation, and restoration of ecosystem services;
- Invest and work effectively in the themes of Water, Hygiene, and Sanitation and the construction of mini hydroelectric plants, irrigation, installation of solar stations, construction of all kinds of buildings, bridges, and roads, etc.;

- Identify and conduct environmental and social impact assessments (ESIA), socioeconomic and scientific research, as well as cultural studies focused on the efficient management of natural resources, and make the results available for development.

Specific Objectives for Agribusiness

- Contribute to the development of agricultural value chains through agroecology and soil health;
- Develop and implement agricultural advisory/support to professional agricultural organizations;
- Promote the diversification of income-generating activities;
- Promote hydro-agricultural developments and the use of renewable energies for the development of agribusiness;
- Promote profitability standards for agricultural operations;
- Invest and work effectively in the promotion of parent crops (cocoa, coffee, palm) through women's agricultural associations;
- Promote food security and sustainable food systems through agroecology, sustainable livestock, and fisheries resistant to climate change by enhancing the entrepreneurial spirit of young and indigenous women through the promotion of incubation and access to competitive markets.

RESSOURCES OF THE ASSOCIAITON come from:

- Voluntary contributions and member dues;
- Grants, donations, liberalities, compensation, legacies;
- Revenue-generating activities (RGA) for self-financing;
- Public fundraising, sale of services.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The administrative structure of CBCS consists of the General Assembly, the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, and Technical Departments. The Board of Directors supervises the work of the Executive Secretariat, which is the coordinating, planning, evaluation, planning, monitoring, and decision-making body of CBCS. Its mandate is 5 years, renewable based on work performance and project execution.

D.2. SUMMARY OF THE MAIN ACCOUNTING RULES OBSERVED

Accounting organization, CBCS maintains accrual accounting according to the Accounting Framework for Non-Profit Entities "SYCEBNL" effective from January 1, 2024. The financial statements are presented in U.S. Dollars (USD).

Basis of preparation and presentation of financial statements : as in the previous year, CBCS's accounting has been maintained in accordance with the uniform act for non-profit entities made mandatory since January 2024 for all OHADA member states. Before January 1, 2024, a physical inventory and valuation (current value) were carried out for non-valued assets during donations and the update and legalization of the donor register.

Accounting treatment of grants. Grant is assistance provided to the entity to cover certain expenses, supported by a "GRANT AGREEMENT" signed by both parties, namely the funder and the Principal Recipient. Grants received by CBCS from international organizations are of two types: investment grants and operating grants, recorded respectively on the liabilities side of the balance sheet in the equipment grant account and the operating grant account.

At the end of the fiscal year, the investment grant is neutralized by depreciation allocations for the review period, the unused operating grant is spread over several fiscal years by virtue of the separation of fiscal years principle. CBCS was solicited as an environmental civil society to participate in specific activities (COP 16 & 27, WAMAZA for capacity building environmental defenders, COBCAI/National consultation AFSA Congo Basin project), and all expenses related to the execution of these specific activities were recorded in account 601, subdivided into 5 sub-accounts for proper tracking. At the end of the fiscal year, the funds allocated were accounted for in (7925) from the income statement to clean up the (1652) account of the entity's stable resources, and the balance of unused funds in (704) generosity resources, as the activities do not extend over more than one year.

D.3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Figures expressed in U.S. dollars – USD)

1. Tangible and Intangible Assets

DESIGNATIONS	Computer Software	Development, Layout & Installation	Office Furniture	Office Equipment	Computer Equipment	Rolling Stock	Work in Progress	Total
Gross Fixed Assets								
As of January 1, 2024	6 771	19 406	2 129	9 933	11 054	25 443	285	75 021
Acquisitions			150	750	350			1 250
Disposals/Declassifications								
Adjustments	-6 771	-19 406	321	-6 573	-7 054	-15 443	-285	-55 211
Revaluations								
As of December 31, 2024 (1)			**2 600**	**4 110**	**4 350**	**10 000**		**21 060**
Depreciation								
As of January 1, 2024	3 094	5 292	1 069	7 453	7 211	22 346		46 465
Provisions			220	350	958	714		2 243
Reversals								
Adjustments	-3 094	-5 292 -	246,95	- 5 830,49	- 5 794,04	-19150,31		-39 408
Revaluations								
As of December 31, 2024 (2)			**1 042**	**1 973**	**2 375**	**3 910**		**9 300**
Net Values as of December 31, 2024			**1 558**	**2 137**	**1 975**	**6 090**		**11 760**
Net Values as of January 1,	**3 677**	**14 114**	**1 060**	**2 480**	**3 843**	**3 097**	**285**	**28 556**

As of December 31, 2024, CBCS's fixed assets consist of:

- Office furniture (desks and office chairs, cabinets, shelves, etc.);
- Office equipment (safe, television, video projector, and camera);
- Computer equipment (color and black-and-white printers);
- Transport equipment (office vehicle).

The depreciation calculated for the same period amounts to USD 9,300, consisting of the provision for the period of USD 2,243 and the adjustment of USD 39,408 related to the physical inventory taken on January 1, 2024, and valuation (current value) for assets not valued during donations.

2. **Other Receivables rise to : 51,113**

As of December 31, 2024, this section mainly consists of the USD 40,000 debt from CS Fund on TIDES FOUNDATION GRANT USA "TF2405-120937" for the promised funding of the second tranche in July 2025 as part of the Agroecology and Environmental Defense Project in the DRC.

3. **CASH The "Cash" section is detailed as follows:**

Banks	697
Cash	713
Total Cash Assets	**1,410**

As of December 31, 2024, the "Cash" section mainly consists of bank balances totaling USD 967 held at Access Bank/Kinshasa.

4. **Equity and Long-Term & Medium-Term Liabilities** section is broken down as follows:

Non-consumable Endowment without Right of Reversal	17,610
Reserve	3,813
Retained Earnings (+ or -)	
Net Income for the Year (Surplus + or Deficit -)	713
Equipment Grant	1,450
Total Equity and Long-Term & Medium-Term Liabilities	**23,586**

CBCS's equity corresponds to what permanently or durably belongs to the association. As of December 31, CBCS's equity includes contributions, reserves, the result of the fiscal year, and equipment grants.

5. **International Organizations** Debts is : **40,697**

As of December 31, 2024, the amount of USD 40,697 in this section concerns the counterpart of the funding promise recorded as an asset in terms of the second tranche of the CS Fund on Tides Grant "TF2405-120937" expected in July 2024, as well as the remaining grant funds to be justified to donors: WWF, CS Fund, and the World Bank.

6. **Operating Grant** amount to: **179,070**

This section records the operating grants received from various partners for project implementation (UNDP GEF SMALL GRANT, WWF, Agroecology Fund, CS Fund, World Bank, Global Greengrant Fund UK, Global Greengrant Fund USA) and constitutes subsidized expenses that have been recognized as income.

7. **Purchases of Goods and Services Related to Activity** rise to : **103,137**

This section includes expenses related to participation in specific activities (support for: environmental civil society actors at COP 16 in Colombia & COP 27 in Dubai, environmental rights defenders in WAMAZA, the COBCAI project exchange meeting in Zimbabwe) expenses recorded as income.

D.4. COMMENTS ON THE RESOURCES AND USES TABLE

The funding received from various donors and sponsors during the review period is as follows:

TER	**BUDGET**	**EXPENDITURE**	**BALANCE**	**BURN**
	(1)	**(2)**	**(3)=(1-2)**	**(4)=(2)/(1)**
RESSOURCES				
Opening Balance		4 193	-4 193,00	
Pre-financing (CS Fund 2ndinstallment)		-4 193	4 193	
Transfer Received	283 617,00	283 617,00	0,00	100%
Total Resources	**283 617,00**	**283 617,00**	**0**	100%
EMPLOYMENTS				
PNUD GEF SMAL GRANT	30 000,00	30 000,00	0,00	100%
WWF	32 617,00	32 420,00	197,00	99%
Agroécology Fund	35 000,00	35 000,00	0,00	100%
CS Fund	40 000,00	39 630,00	370,00	99%
Banque Mondiale	34 150,00	34 020,00	130,00	100%
Global Greengrant Fund UK	3 000,00	3 000,00	0,00	100%
Global Greengrant Fund USA	5 000,00	5 000,00	0,00	100%
Sub-total Operating Grant	**179 767,00**	**179 070,00**	**697,00**	**100%**
Campaign of Nature	10 000,00	9 885,00	115,00	99%
Agroécology Fund	15 000,00	14 832,00	168,00	99%
Agir ensemble	14 850,00	14 850,00	0,00	100%
Alliance pour la Souveraineté Alimentaire en Afrique AFSA	14 000,00	13 850,00	150,00	99%
Campaign of Nature	50 000,00	49 720,00	280,00	99%
Sub-total Funds for Specific Activities	**103 850,00**	**103 137,00**	**713,00**	99%
TOTAL EMPLOYMENTS	**283 617,00**	**282 207,00**	**1 410,00**	**100%**
CLOSING BALANCE		**1 410,00**	**-1 410,00**	

In general, the funding received in terms of operating grants and specific activities has been fully utilized to finance the activities of their respective projects.

E. SECTION

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE REGULATIONS OBSERVATIONS FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR

OBSERVATIONS FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR

1. Monitoring compliance with the list of persons under EU sanctions

Observations	The audit TORs recommended that we verify that CBCS screens Suppliers's to ensure that they are not subject to the European Union's financial sanctions list of persons, groups and organizations (EU Sanctions list). We obtain a statement from CBCS on anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism, however, we have not received an evidence from LAB screening of suppliers before entering into a relationship with the organization.
Risk	- Risk of sanctions for IPs exclusion from the project process for activities carried out with persons indexed by the EU. - Risk of Facilitating Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing - Exposure to the risk of sanctions imposed by SENAREP
Risk Level	High
Recommandation	*We recommend that CBCS put in place a mechanism to ensure that it does not enter into relations with people indexed on the EU list and other international sanctions*
Observations	*We will request WWF to provide us with the lists of information for each project at SOCEARUCO to enable us not to enter into contact with persons on the EU list and other international sanctions.*

2. Absence of the budget and the key for the distribution of expenses of the workshop in favor of private sector economic operators held in Bukavu

Observations	On 20/06/2024, CBCS and CBFC co-organized the workshop for the 50 private sector economic operators held at the Mt KAHUZI hotel in Bukavu. We have not obtained the budget, nor the key to the distribution of the workshop's expenses validated by the two parties. There is a risk of overlapping expenditures in the books of the Congo Basin Conservation Society .
Risk	- Risk of overlap in the justification of expenditures by the partner - Risk of loss of project funds;
Risk Level	Medium

Recommandation	*We recommend establishing a common budget for co-organized activities between the partners, with each partner's share shared*
Auditee's Opinion	We will make an effort to draw up a joint budget for the activities coorganized by the partners, with each partner's share of the total.

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3. Proceed with the pre-selection of suppliers.

Observations	Orders for the acquisition of services and the acquisition of consumable or investment goods amounting to more than USD 500 are subject to written offers followed by the selection of the best offer. Purchases of less than USD 500 without a written offer, i.e., through direct negotiation. These purchases of more than USD 500 should be made based on price quotations from pre-selected suppliers to allow for the establishment of a needs statement with a real price and easy location of goods, but also to avoid the procedure for each purchase. However, during our visit, CBCS does not have a list of pre-selected suppliers/database of suppliers.
Risk	- Establishing needs statements without considering the reality of market prices and difficulty in easily locating goods in the market; - Risk of subjectivity in selection procedures due to the need to proceed with selection for each purchase.
Risk Level	Medium
Recommandation	Proceed with the pre-selection of suppliers to have a list of suppliers (supplier database) that will allow for the establishment of needs statements considering the reality of market prices and avoid the difficulty of easily locating goods in the market
Auditee's Opinion	*We thank the external auditor for this recommendation and will take it into account to allow us to establish needs statements based on the prices listed from pre-selected suppliers, and these prices will be regularly updated.*
Follow-up on Recommendations	***Recommendation followed.***