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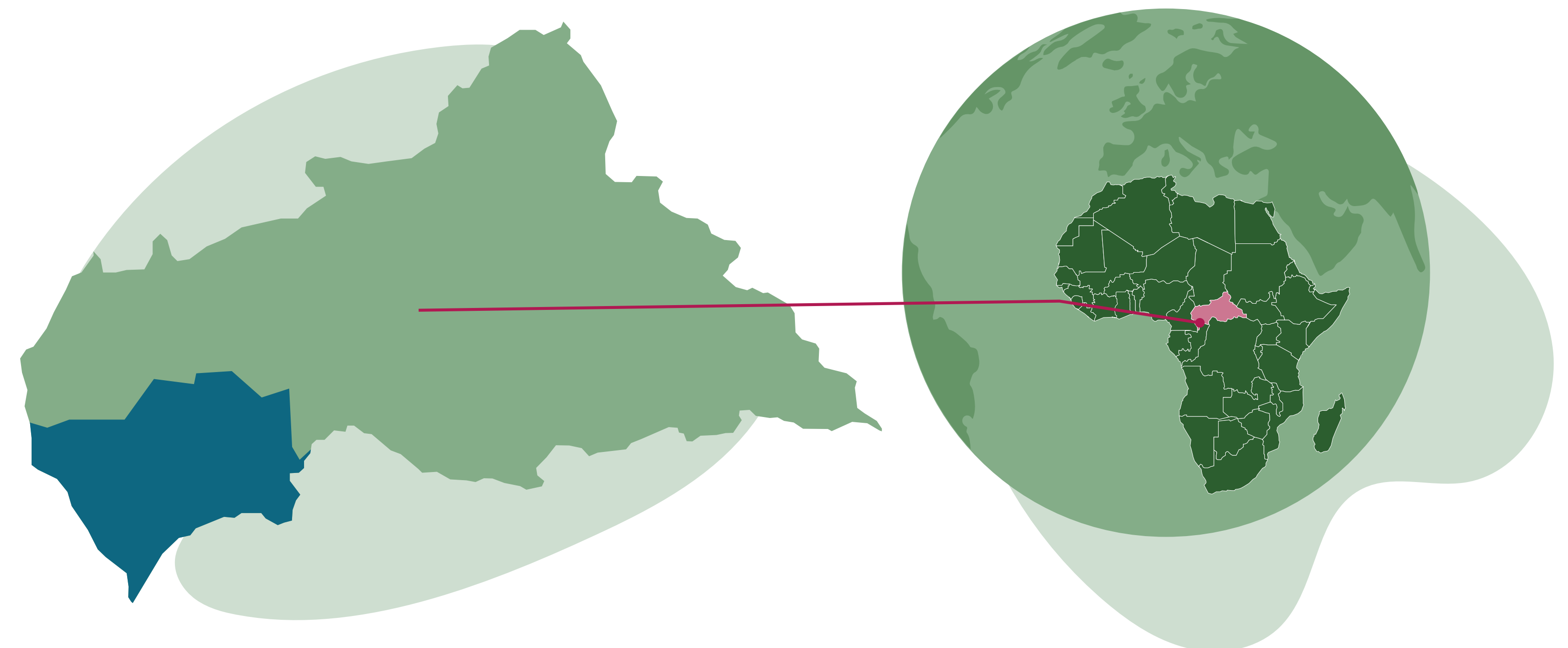
A Central African Republic Journey

Five different zones in the southern region: Bangui, Mbaïki, Bayanga, and Pissa

Bangui   Bayanga

Mbaïki   Pissa

2019   2020   2021   2022   2023   2024   2025

① Project landscapes

36%
Now, but once the third largest forest cover in Africa

Densest remaining forest cover in the southwestern province

Conflicts, unsustainable agriculture, timber exploitation

Landlocked, sparsely populated (just under 5 million inhabitants)

② TRI Project Overview

Use biodiversity mapping to select restoration sites and guide sustainable land management.

Support agroforestry, reforestation and assisted natural regeneration.

Activate the National FLR Coordination mechanism as a milestone to integrate FLR into the National Development Plan.

Diversify food crops and non-timber forest products (NTFPs) through agroecology.

③ The TRI Strategy

Develop nurseries and restore ecosystems with local species.

Establish indigenous community forests through comprehensive participatory forestry development programs, supporting local communities and benefiting biodiversity conservation.

Provide training in restoration techniques and sustainable practices.

Support income-generating activities prioritizing women: improved stoves, nursery jobs, processing of agricultural products.

Set up agroforestry plantations through Public-Private Partnerships.

Capacity building for government partner institutes ISDR and ICRA to incorporate FLR in their training curricula with nation-wide reach.

④ Achievements (as of June 2024)

501 ha
of land under restoration

300 ha
of land under improved management

2
policies adopted to support forest and landscape restoration

15
knowledge products to support forest and landscape restoration

4,630
direct beneficiaries

*Revision of the CAR Forest code

"Before, we cut down trees without worrying about the consequences. We knew the forest was moving away but didn't know what to do. Thanks to the TRI project, we learned how to restore and preserve our forests while generating income opportunitie"

**Daouda Oumaro,
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