

Early Warning System

GCF-FP022

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Quick Facts

Countries	Morocco
Financial Institutions	Green Climate Fund (GCF)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2016-10-01
Borrower	National Agency for the Development of Oases and Argan Zones (ANDZOA)
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Climate and Environment
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 39.30 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 49.20 million

Project Description

Supporting rural communities in the Argan Biosphere Reserve through the planting of argan orchards and the promotion of sustainable arganiculture to foster sustainable development, build resilience and support climate mitigation.
The argan forest of Morocco, covering 2.5 million hectares, is recognised by UNESCO as a Biosphere Reserve with a rich biodiversity. There has been a aEœmarket boomaE? in argan oil, and its rising demand has improved household income for local communities but generated serious pressure on the natural forest, threatening its sustainability. The forest is also threatened by the impact of climate change upon its regeneration.
Morocco committed within its INDC to reduce its Greenhouse Gases (GHG) emission by 32% by 2030 through mitigation activities. Morocco intends to plant 43,000 hectares of argan tree orchards and promote arganiculture as a priority activity to reduce GHG emissions. This project will strengthen the resilience of rural communities and the arganeraie biosphere reserve through planting 10,000 ha of argan tree orchards with soil conservation and rain water harvesting capabilities. Supporting argan plantations and arganiculture will also contribute to relieve the anthropic pressure on the natural forest, and improve livelihoods of the communities by moving from a model of fruit collection from natural forests towards sustainable forest co-management.

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Bank Documents

- ESS report [Original Source]
- Funding proposal [Original Source]