



Mapping social and environmental relevance

Engaging Pygmy populations with GPS to define locally significant forest sites in the Congo Basin

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FSC's mission

...is to promote environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial, and economically viable forest management worldwide.



Environmentally appropriate

...ensures that the harvest of timber and non-timber products maintains the forest's biodiversity, productivity, and ecological processes.



Socially beneficial

...helps both local people and society at large to enjoy long term benefits and also provides strong incentives to local people to sustain the forest resources and adhere to long-term management plans.



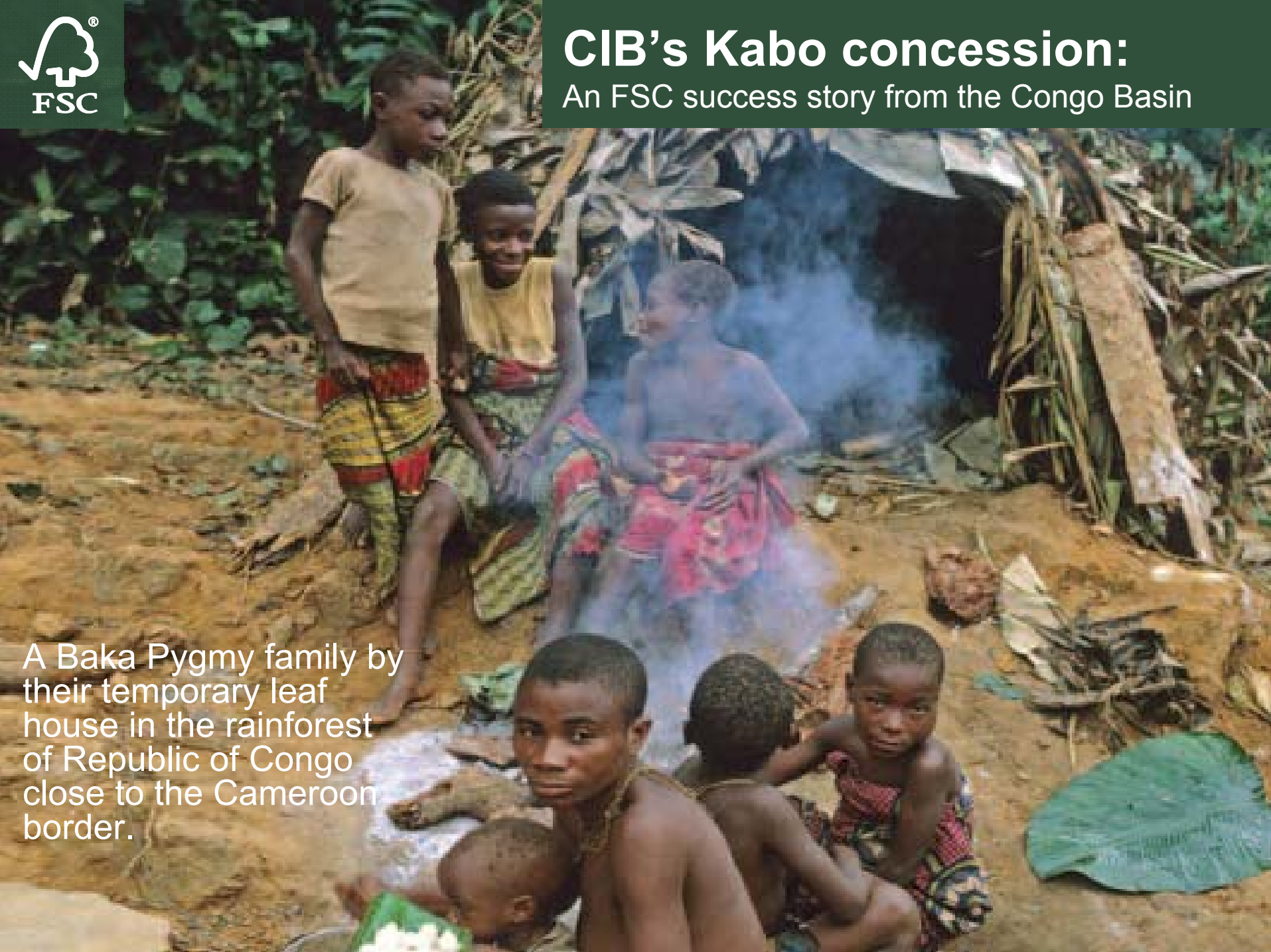
Economically viable

...forest operations are structured and managed so as to be sufficiently profitable, without generating financial profit at the expense of the forest resource, the ecosystem, or affected communities.



CIB's Kabo concession:

An FSC success story from the Congo Basin



A Baka Pygmy family by their temporary leaf house in the rainforest of Republic of Congo close to the Cameroon border.



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Community resource areas are identified and mapped



Semi-nomadic communities of each zone are directly contacted



The forest expedition starts... semi-nomadic communities and CIB communicators



Key resources and sensitive areas are identified with precision



GPS handheld computer specially made for non-literate people and for forest use

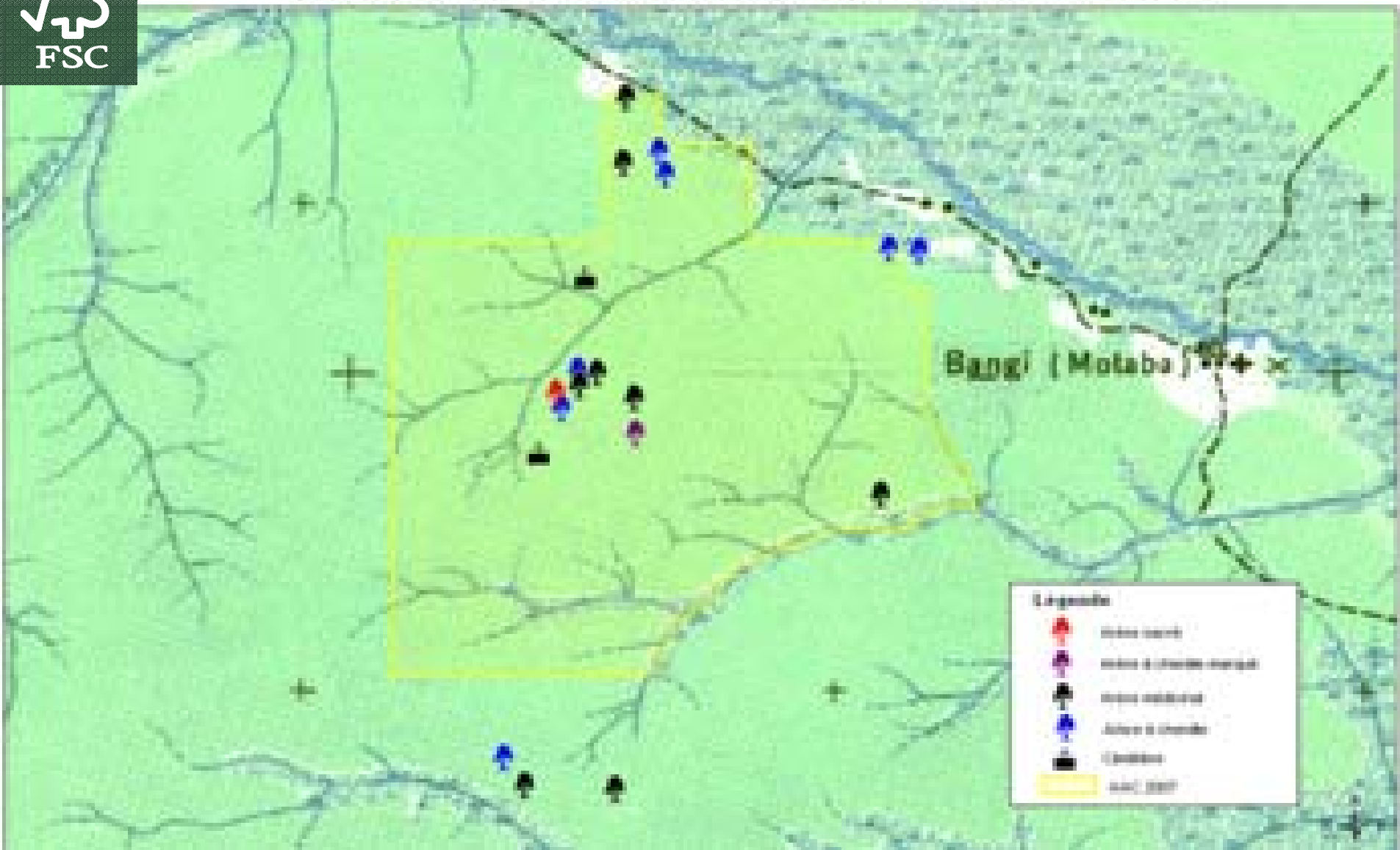


Back from the expedition, data are transferred and analyzed on the computer





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Maps show key resources and sensitive areas - integrated in management planning





Another expedition... communities mark the key resources with paint



Maps are given back to the communities





FSC's vision

...the world's forests meet the social, ecological, and economic rights and needs of the present generation without compromising those of future generations.



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