



L'ERAIFT is organizing a workshop to present the results of the research on ecosystem services of the Luki Biosphere Reserve.

On Tuesday, December 9, 2025, ERAIFT hosted a workshop to present the research findings of the 'Assessment of the Value of Ecosystem Services of the Luki Biosphere Reserve (EVASE-RBL)' project. The event gathered participants from the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, the National Institute of Agronomic Research and Study, representatives of the Luki Biosphere Reserve steering committee, traditional leaders, ERAIFT scientific staff, as well as students from ERAIFT's 7th master's class and other local higher education institutions. The workshop was opened by ERAIFT's director, who praised the institute's role in advancing research and training for the sustainable management of forest ecosystems in the Luki Biosphere Reserve and, more broadly, in tropical regions.

The discussion focused on two key research projects: (1) assessing the demand for ecosystem services by riparian communities in the Luki Biosphere Reserve, Democratic Republic of Congo; (2) examining the use of woody resources and the monetary valuation of ecosystem services in the same reserve. The importance of ERAIFT in developing human capital across different levels was emphasized, as training is crucial for sustainable development. The exchange between science and policy was recognized as vital to ensure that political decisions are grounded in scientific evidence, aligning with the vision of the RESSAC program. These insights have offered a comprehensive view of human impacts on the Luki RB and underscored the significance of valuing ecosystem services to help prevent ecosystem degradation.



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