

Strengthening Urban Resilience Project (PRRU)

Country: Republic of Congo

Cities: Brazzaville and Pointe-Noire

Implementing Agency: The World Bank

Executing Agency: Ministry of Coordination, Development Infrastructure and Territorial Planning (MCIDAT); Ministry of Construction, Urbanism, and Habitat (MCUH)



Project Overview

Project development objective (PDO): is to reduce erosion and flood risks and improve access to climate-resilient and sustainable infrastructure and services in selected areas in Brazzaville and Pointe-Noire.

- **Main investment components**
- Component 1: Strengthening Urban Resilience and Access to Infrastructure and Services
- Component 2: Policy Support, Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building
- **GEF financing and co-financing (US\$):** US\$ 6.47 million from GEF 8 and EUR 51.1 million (US\$60.0 million equivalent) from IBRD.
- **Names of beneficiary cities:** Brazzaville and Pointe-Noire.



Implementation Status

Current stage and key milestones

- Approval / effectiveness status:
Effective on September 17, 2026.
- Technical studies / consultations:
Ongoing / under procurement.
- Activities started / completed: Erosion and flood risk assessment and prefeasibility studies; NBS opportunity scan
- Next milestone and expected date:
Completion of technical/feasibility studies for erosion and flood investments and critical infrastructure (roads, schools, health centers and markets) and launch of procurement for civil works [March 2027].



Immediate Priorities

Next 6–12 months

- Priority 1: Launch of key strategic studies, including drainage master plans, green city action plans, sustainable urban mobility plans, master solid waste management plans – February 2027
- Priority 2: Completion of technical/feasibility studies for priority investments – March 2027
- Priority 3: Procurement of contractors and launch of civil works – July 2027



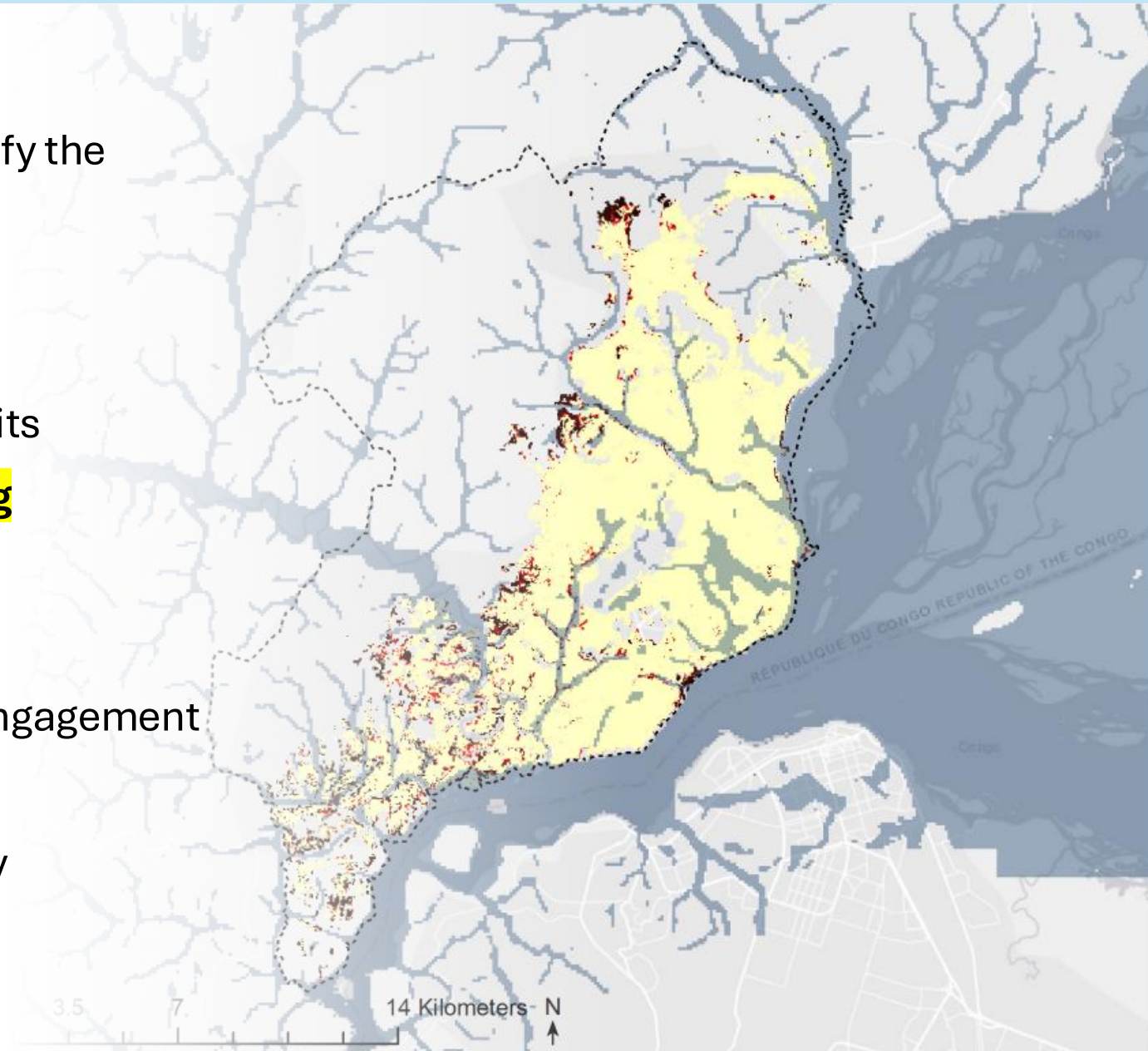
Key Challenges

Challenge	Support Needed
Institutional coordination	Peer to peer exchanges with other SCIP/GPSC cities. TA to strengthen coordination between national ministries and municipalities on urban resilience planning and implementation.
Technical capacity	Capacity building and training on key green urban topics (e.g., sustainable infrastructure, NBS, risk-informed urban planning, etc.). TA on urban resilience investment prioritization.
Financing / co-financing	Identify additional financing opportunities; exchange on global good practices on municipal finance and private sector engagement for resilient infrastructure investments.
Policy / regulatory	TA for the preparation of policies, regulations and planning instruments on green and integrative urban development.
Other	Support urban data and analytics, Earth observation applications, and knowledge exchange with other cities facing similar challenges.

Where GPSC & Partners Can Add Value

Select up to 3 areas and specify the support needed:

- ☐ **Technical assistance**
- ☐ Peer-to-peer learning
- ☐ Knowledge products / toolkits
- ☐ **Training / capacity building**
- ☐ Expert advisory support
- ☐ **South-South exchange**
- ☐ Financing / private sector engagement
- ☐ Monitoring & evaluation
- ☐ Communications & visibility
- ☐ Other: _____



Area of river and rainwater

Flood risk zone

Year of urban expansion

Before 1985

1986–1995

1996–2005

2006–2015

Lessons learned

- Urban resilience requires a combination of infrastructure, policy support, and institutional strengthening
- Nature-based solutions should complement grey / classic urban infrastructure
- Global platforms can complement and improve project design and implementation through knowledge exchange, capacity building, and knowledge products

