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## **USAID's forest programme: twenty-five years of experience and new programme direction**

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The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) recently presented a new development assistance model: to change the way USAID implements its foreign assistance mandate through partnering with the private sector. The Agency's work within the forestry sector involves efforts to encourage forest industries operating in developing countries to capitalize on emerging markets such as those associated with responsibly harvested forest products and environmental services. The development challenge facing USAID is to facilitate local industry and community participation in, and benefits from, these expanding market opportunities. This paper presents an overview of three new forest programmes currently funded by USAID to illustrate the new development model.

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## **Surveillance for invasive wood borers: national and international perspectives**

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Numerous exotic bark and wood-boring beetles have recently been "discovered" around the world, usually well after their initial introduction. Each incursion has served to highlight the same question: How can effective surveillance for adventive bark and wood borers be undertaken? National and international surveillance projects are reviewed, research priorities are summarized, and possible approaches identified.

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## **Elements of policies for the sustainable forest management of the Congo Basin**

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Prior to Modern Times, the people of Central Africa lived in near equilibrium with their natural environment. The massive introduction on national and international markets of many forest products (logs, bush meat and various