

POST CONFLICT SITUATION

NEEDED ACTION

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A political transition that is clearer in the capital than in the World Heritage Sites particularly the eastern sites

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Coltan MINE in World Heritage Site



Elephant poaching increasing

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*But the WORLD HERITAGE
SITES OF DRC made progress
during conflict*

- The Congolese Conservation Institute –
ICCN is Recognized
- ICCN is United
- Conservation NGOs have a
Common platform with ICCN

RECOGNIZED AND UNITED



NGOs and ICCN UNITED



UNITY must be ACTIVE to exist

CoCoSi

CoCoCongo



THE NEED



FOR UNITY

IS CRITICAL



The World Heritage Sites were
Militia Strongholds



Even now where progress seemed to have been made ICCN must remain attentive -- WHSs are still viewed as free resources for militia



Unmarked graves of militia

CHALLENGE NOW IS NOT TO LOSE THE PROGRESS MADE

- The institutional gains – CoCoSi and CoCoCongo must be recognized and used by all conservation partners -- budgeted
- The partners must be many and work together to assure the voice of conservation within the government and to assure that the remaining challenges are addressed



The needs remain enormous

Training of guards for surveillance, training in information gathering



Community conservation initiatives expanded

Management Plans developed



And site monitoring expanded and coordinated

Current needs can not be met simply
by bringing in more NGOs

- Poorly controlled militias
- Anarchy

AS DRC BUILDS PEACE

THE WORLD HERITAGE SITES
MUST BE PART OF THE PEACE
AND THEY MUST BE
PEACEFUL







NOW MUST BE A TIME OF BUILDING



Calling into COCOCOCONGO a larger collaborative group

- Bilateral and Multilateral partners
- Representatives from other ministries

This means expanding the conservation agenda beyond the World Heritage Sites

- Other protected areas
- Re-writing of pertinent laws
- Having a voice in policies and strategies that affect conservation









