Identifying the clans' rights

Preliminary identification of the customary rights of communities of Botwali under the zoning process



In DRC, participatory mapping was initiated by civil society organizations in reaction to vast, centralized land allocation processes threatening local communities and indigenous peoples' customary land rights. Participatory mapping proved to be a very adequate tool, enabling the communities to identify their rights and claim them. RFN and partners have been cooperating since 2006, improving mapping technology, implementing it in various contexts, including in the Itombwe forest reserve.

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