

# Carbon: an alternative source of finance for conservation



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# Background

- The emerging carbon market
  - Global warming – a threat even to Uganda
  - Land use, land use change and forestry (LULUCF)
  - Industrial reductions
- Voluntary Emission Reduction Certificates (VERs)
- The Clean Development Mechanism (CDM)

# Current situation

- **PLAN VIVO**
  - one of the leaders of carbon offsets in the world, operating over 11 years
  - A system for carbon with associated benefits; social and environmental
  - Mexico, Uganda, Mozambique, Rwanda, Malawi, Tanzania, Madagascar



# Trees for Global Benefits

- Working in 3 districts
- Independent third party verification
- Community and socioeconomic benefits: Over 200 small holder farmers participating
- Biodiversity benefits: Threatened habitats in area bordering protected areas / forest reserves
- Environmental benefits: Soil and water conservation



# The future

- REDD (Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation)
  - Baselines, additionality, methodologies, perverse incentives
- Stern review: 20% emissions from deforestation
- How this can be adapted for the Rwenzori
- The future for ECOTRUST