



Annual Report 2017

In 2017 we have mainly secured and developed our entities further. Resources and Synergies Development (R&SD) includes companies in Latvia (three companies), the Democratic Republic of Congo (one connected entity), in Belgium (one subsidiary and one not for profit organization), Luxemburg (subsidiary) and Singapore (subsidiary). In December 2017, our companies employed 82 people. Over the last three years our staff and annual turnover have evolved as given in figure 1.

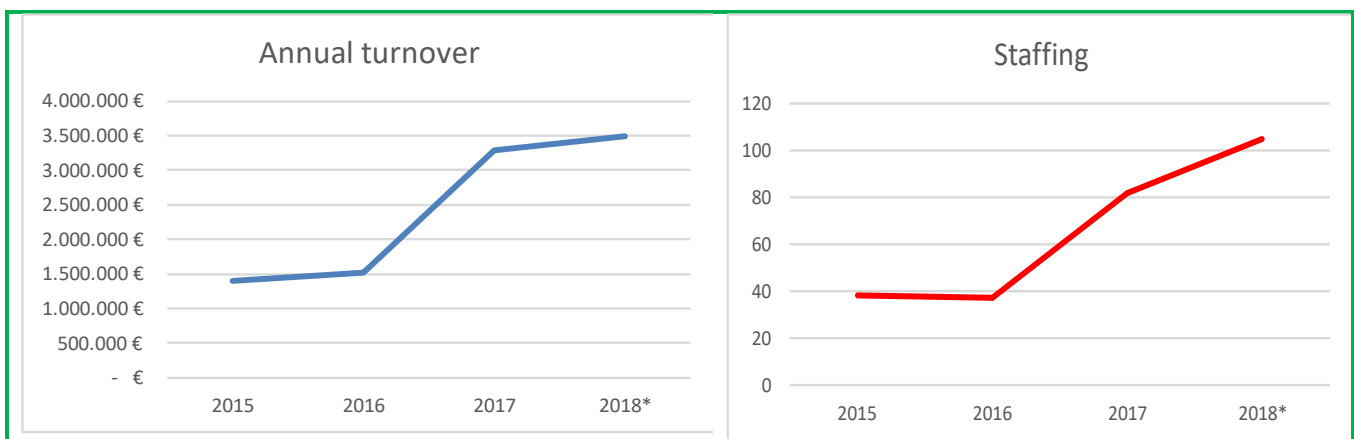


Fig. 1 – Annual turn-over(combined), staffing over the last three years and forecast for 2018*

The development of our company has exceeded our expectations in most areas. Our activities in Belgium and Latvia remain modest. Conversely, activities in Luxemburg, Democratic Republic of Congo and Singapore have improved a lot. In 2018, we aim at opening connected entities in Madagascar, Rwanda and possibly Indonesia. The main increase in labor force is caused by the number of workers in construction sites in DRC.

Project in Luxemburg

R&SD Technology (R&SD Tech) has secured a performance-driven collaboration with the Government of Luxemburg for 2017. Services delivered to the Ministry of Agriculture and the State Center of Information Technologies included the development and maintenance of WebGIS applications enabling the management of premium from the Common Agricultural Policy (European Union). Our tools allow efficient and reliable monitoring of specific rural and landscape activities.

The Luxemburg police also subcontracted our company for developing a WebGIS application to manage spatial database run by the state police administration.



Fig. 2 – The dashboard of the Climate Trail®.

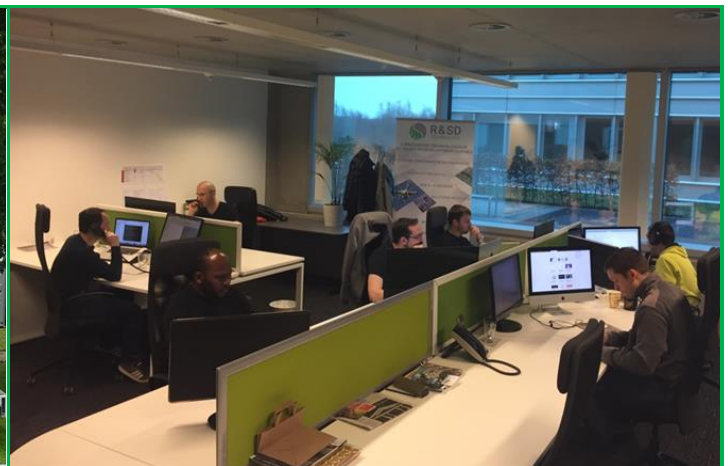


Fig. 3 – A team of experts in R&SD Technology offices.

R&SD Tech has strengthened their collaboration with several subsidiaries, notably in the scope of the FORETS Project as well as in organizing the Climate Trail®. Many activities of the FORETS Project require some GIS-related services including mapping, spatial

expertise, such as land use and land cover monitoring. Our team has participated in workshops and meetings in Goma (DRC), Ispra (Italy) and Bogor (Indonesia). In addition, R&SD Tech carried out a mission in DRC related to the design of a planning-monitoring-evaluation tool of economic, social and environmental impacts in the Yangambi Landscape. Our experts outlined the Information System and conducted an audit of the ICT features and capacity of the University of Kisangani. We also support Master level teaching in UNIKIS.

R&SD recruited two more experts in 2017, while pursuing a diversification of our activities and improving office equipment, hardware in particular.

In 2018, we aim at participating in more project in Europe and overseas, with a special emphasis on research and development of innovative IT solutions and technologies. We will strengthen the collaboration with other R&SD entities.

Projects in Belgium

R&SD sprl delivered logistics and procurement support to FORETS Project in Democratic Republic of Congo. In addition, the subsidiary is still involved in cadaster-related assignments. At the end of the year, Mr Chaidron was the sole permanent staff in the company. Mr Chaidron is now a licensed drone pilot, accredited by the Belgian authorities.

Projects in the Democratic Republic of Congo

R&SD sia and CIFOR have launched a new project, called FORETS (Fomation, Recherche et Environnement dans la Tshopo) funded by the European Union. The Project has the following objectives :

1. Contribute to conservation and valorization of biodiversity and ecosystemic services in the Yangambi Biosphere Reserve.
2. Encourage and sustainably use forest and agricultural products to benefit socio-economic development of communities in the buffer zones around the Yangambi Biosphre Reserve.
3. Mitigate deforestation in natural ecosystems, which is the main driver of global climate change, and increase carbon sequestration through protection, restoration, valorization and sustainable management of natural resources in and around the Yangambi Biosphre Reserve.

The Yangambi landscape includes the Reserve of Biosphere (UNESCO) as well as a buffer rural area on each sides of the Congo River.

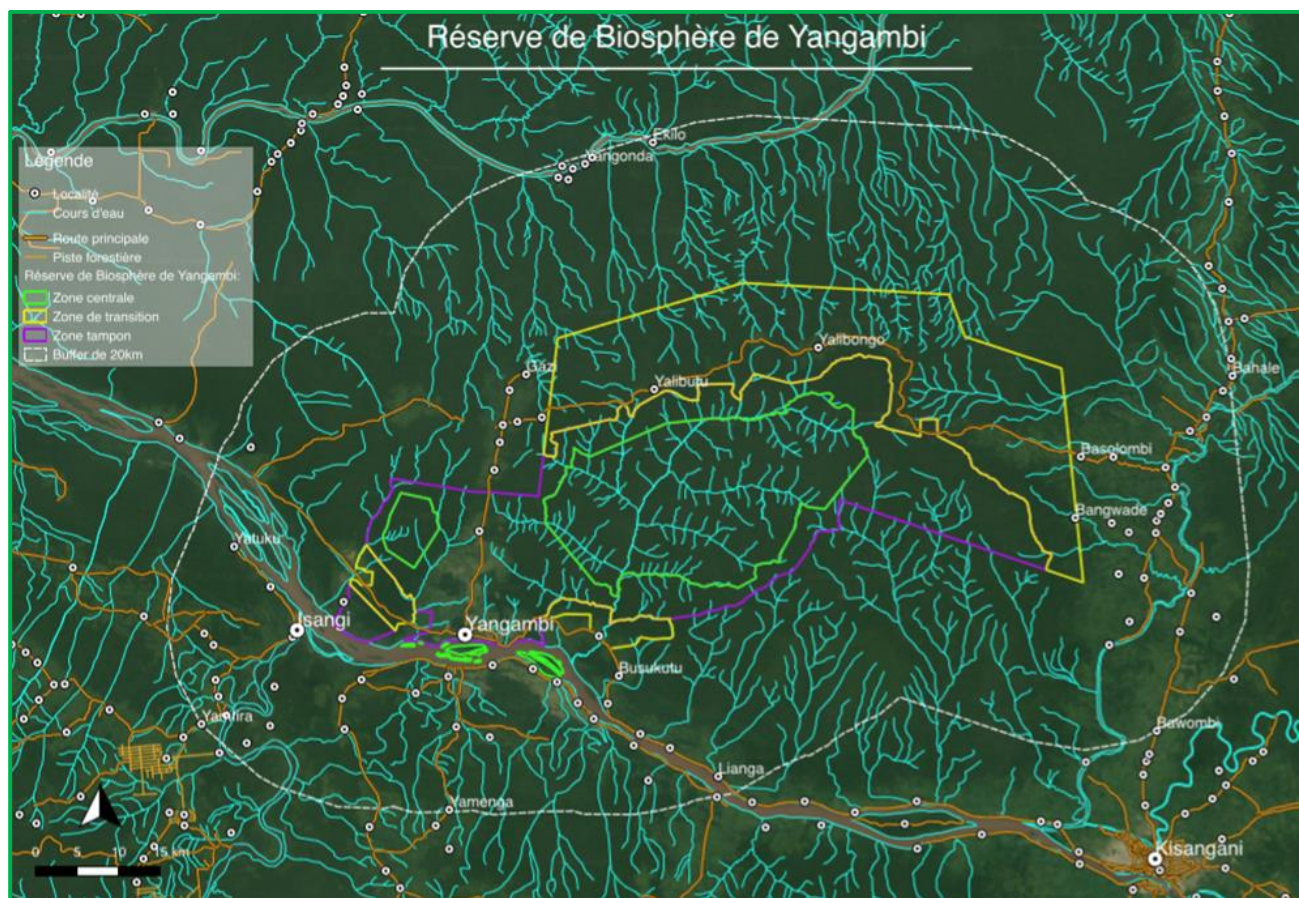


Fig. 4 – The Yangambi Landscape. The landscape is 8,435 km² in area and has a total economic value of circa. EUR billion 7.45.

R&SD sia could rely upon R&SD sarl regarding the management of local labour force. R&SD sprl in Belgium helped with procurement and logistics while R&SD Technology delivered IT and GIS-related services. Finally, R&SD Pte Ltd was increasingly involved with the recruitment of free lance experts involved in scientific, technical or administrative tasks required by the Project.

We supported CIFOR and their partners in terms of coordination, procurement, human resource management, events, teaching, financial controlling, accounting, logistics, office management, capacity building, infrastructures rehabilitation and construction (Fig. 2 & 3). R&SD contributed in the design and planning of a new project called Yangambi Pôle Scientifique, with a total budget of EUR 3.05 million funded by the European Union and implemented by CIFOR with the help of our companies.



Fig. 5 – Early 2017 the building showed impressive progress.



Fig. 6 – End of 2017. This building of 2500 m² should be completed by July 2018.

The Yangambi Pôle Scientifique au service de l'Homme, and abbreviated YPS. It has the following objectives :

1. The Biosphere Reserve of Yangambi preserves its integrity and sees anthropogenic pressure effects on natural resources decreasing as a result of a joint action and participation of stakeholders while it contributes to improve the food security among the local communities.
2. The BRY becomes a world class scientific center via the set up of a scientific coordination among Belgian, Congolese and international institutions, knowledge capitalization and management and support to Congolese researchers registered in an global network of universities and scientific institutions.
3. Two flux towers measuring CO₂ are installed and operational in the BRY and both the local and international scientific community benefit the data.

Activities of both FORETS and YPS Projects are coordinated since they these projects are implemented in the same landscape and aim at similar objectives.



Fig. 7 – The site inside the forest where the flux tower will be installed.

Other projects and assignments

The partnership with Incatema for implementing the ‘Banana Accompanying Measures’ in ACP¹, funded by the European Union has been extended in 2017.

Mr Hansart and Ducenne conducted fact finding mission in Turkey, looking at hazelnut production and hazelnut stand management opportunities.

Projects in Latvia

The acquisition of land assets has continued. R&SD manage 450 ha of land in Latvia. Projects have been identified as follows:

1. Outdoor and nature-based tourism activities. On-going activities.
2. Forestry and agroforestry on our land assets. On-going activities.

Growth

R&SD nurture an innovative business culture tailored to Small and Medium Scale enterprises. We aim at developing and supporting unique business models in more than fifty countries. The company is developing at steady pace. R&SD is pursuing a vision where small and medium scale businesses can be successfully managed along with personal development and sustainable use of natural resources. This leads to a cross-cutting approach involving the search for both talents and improvement of project efficiencies.

*80+ staff members, three continents, **connected** teams.*



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