Mapping the future of forests: an introduction to the Moabi crowdsourcing system



What is Moabi? A collaborative mapping system that builds a community of users to share, edit, and discuss spatial information



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Block V - Operated by SOCO International, Dominion Petroleum, and Cohydro

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#### **Conservation context**

- Virunga National Park, DRC
- Charcoal collection
- REDD+ Projects
- Oil and gas exploration



# What are these projects?

Where are they?

Who can help us?

What we need to know

When are they going start?

Who is backing them?



# **Challenges in data collection**

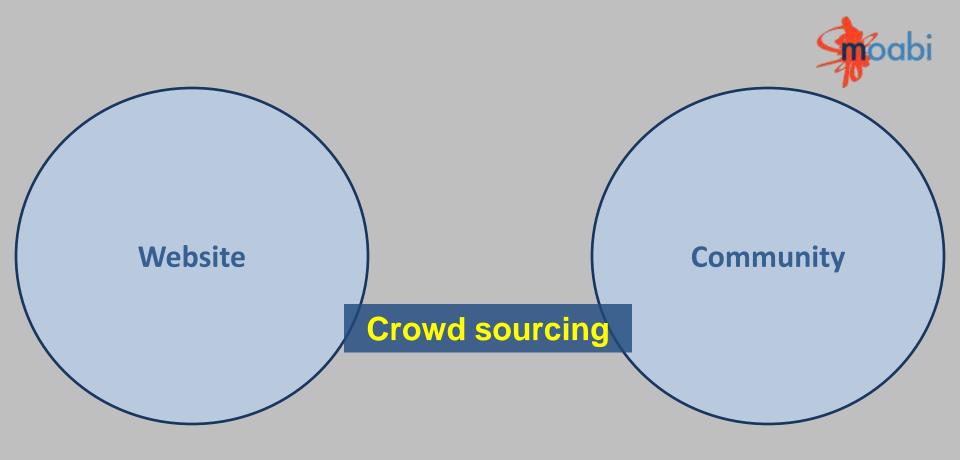
- Lack of coordination of organizations collecting data
- Use of closed systems
- Lack of capacity and resources
- Sensitive
- Proprietary
- Dynamic



# Why do we need the data

- Project future rates of deforestation
- Integrated conservation and development planning
- Climate adaptation





## **Moabi RDC**

Provide a open and transparent forum for civil society to inform REDD+ in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Review proposed REDD+ projects
Identify other land uses

3. Flag illegal REDD+ projects



- Limited internet access and cellphone coverage
- Lack of a culture of sharing
- Sustainable financing



#### Demo



#### Milestones

- 1. Launched in March 2011
- 2. Built partnerships
- 3. > 5000 projects ready to share

### **Next Steps**

- 1. Implement
- 2. Moabi 2.0



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## **Questions?**