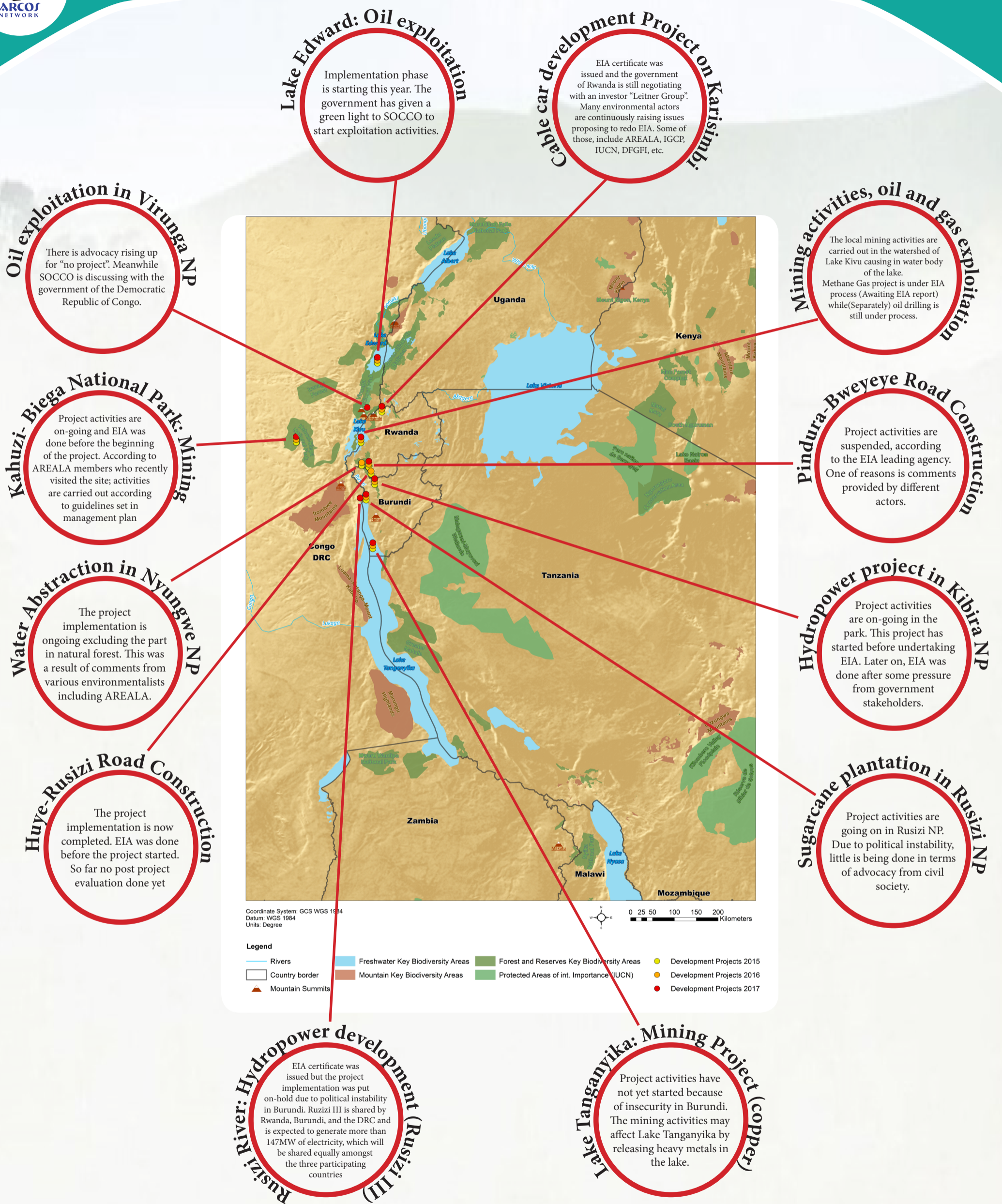


# Development projects targeting Key Biodiversity Areas in the Albertine Rift (2015, 2016, 2017)



**Lake Edward: Oil exploitation**

Implementation phase is starting this year. The government has given a green light to SOCCO to start exploitation activities.

**Cable car development Project on Karisimbi**

EIA certificate was issued and the government of Rwanda is still negotiating with an investor "Leitner Group". Many environmental actors are continuously raising issues proposing to redo EIA. Some of those, include AREALA, IGCP, IUCN, DFGFI, etc.

**Oil exploitation in Virunga NP**

There is advocacy rising up for "no project". Meanwhile SOCCO is discussing with the government of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

**Mining activities, oil and gas exploitation**

The local mining activities are carried out in the watershed of Lake Kivu causing in water body of the lake. Methane Gas project is under EIA process (Awaiting EIA report) while (Separately) oil drilling is still under process.

**Kahuzi- Biega National Park: Mining**

Project activities are on-going and EIA was done before the beginning of the project. According to AREALA members who recently visited the site; activities are carried out according to guidelines set in management plan

**Pindura-Bweyeye Road Construction**

Project activities are suspended, according to the EIA leading agency. One of reasons is comments provided by different actors.

**Water Abstraction in Nyungwe NP**

The project implementation is ongoing excluding the part in natural forest. This was a result of comments from various environmentalists including AREALA.

**Hydropower project in Kibira NP**

Project activities are on-going in the park. This project has started before undertaking EIA. Later on, EIA was done after some pressure from government stakeholders.

**Huye-Rusizi Road Construction**

The project implementation is now completed. EIA was done before the project started. So far no post project evaluation done yet

**Sugarcane plantation in Rusizi NP**

Project activities are going on in Rusizi NP. Due to political instability, little is being done in terms of advocacy from civil society.

**Rusizi River: Hydropower development (Rusizi III)**

EIA certificate was issued but the project implementation was put on-hold due to political instability in Burundi. Rusizi III is shared by Rwanda, Burundi, and the DRC and is expected to generate more than 147MW of electricity, which will be shared equally amongst the three participating countries

**Lake Tanganyika: Mining Project (copper)**

Project activities have not yet started because of insecurity in Burundi. The mining activities may affect Lake Tanganyika by releasing heavy metals in the lake.