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- AIA is a Mauritian holding company with African Crops Limited as the majority shareholder (90%). 10% is held by two resident DRC minority shareholders.
- AIA through a 100% owned DRC subsidiary company Congo BioFuels (CBF) owns the following assets:
 - Dima Port on the Kasai River (105 ha)
 - Dima Estate (10,000 hectares savannah agricultural land)*
 - Palm & Rubber Estates in Bandundu & Equateur (12,700 ha)*
 - Pusher (540 hp) “Honey”
 - 2 x Barges (470 ton each) “Lucky I” & “Lucky II”
 - A further 43,000 hectares are being pursued at present

(*Land is issued on a 25 year renewable leasehold basis)
- The company has been operating in DRC since May 2008

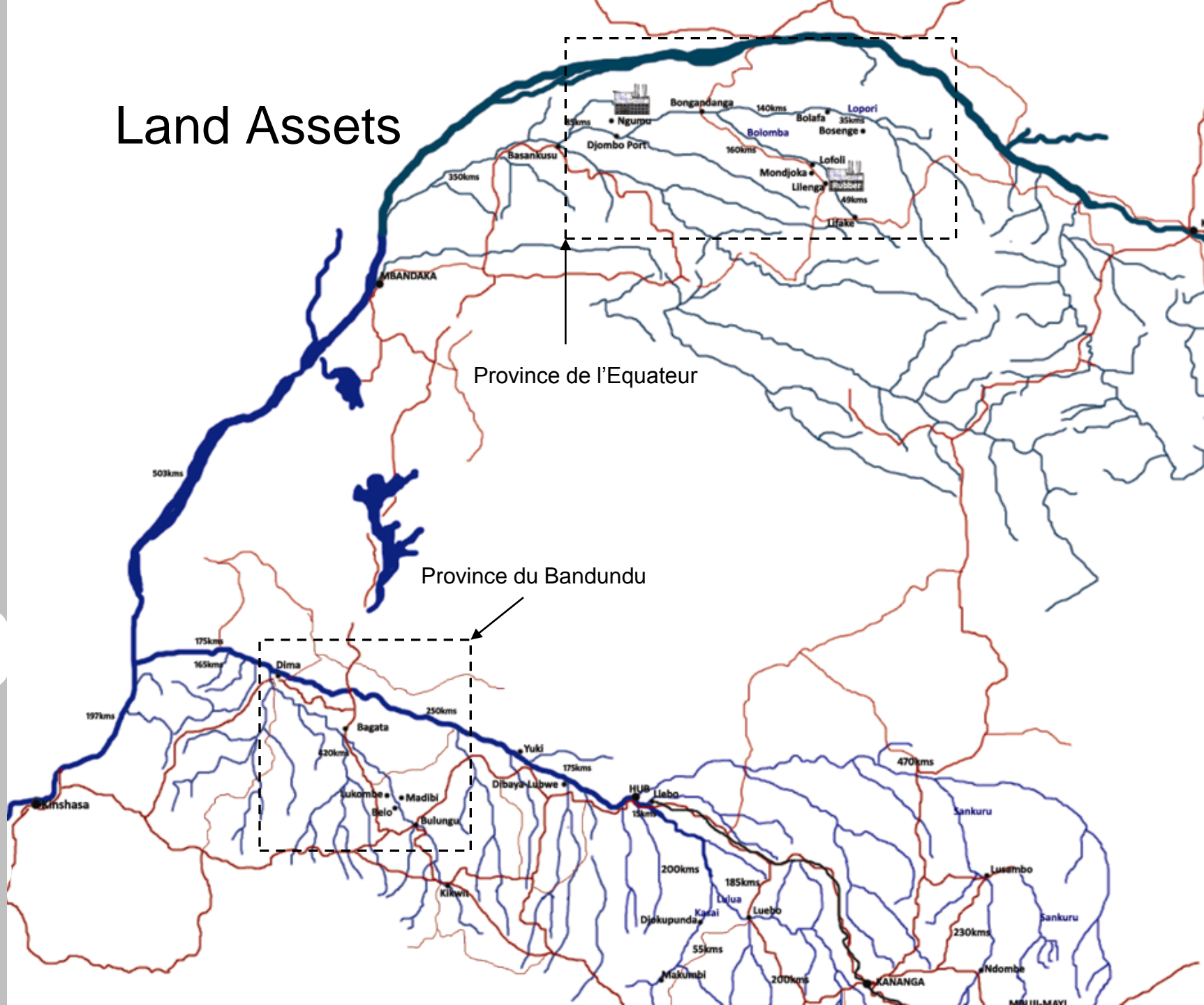


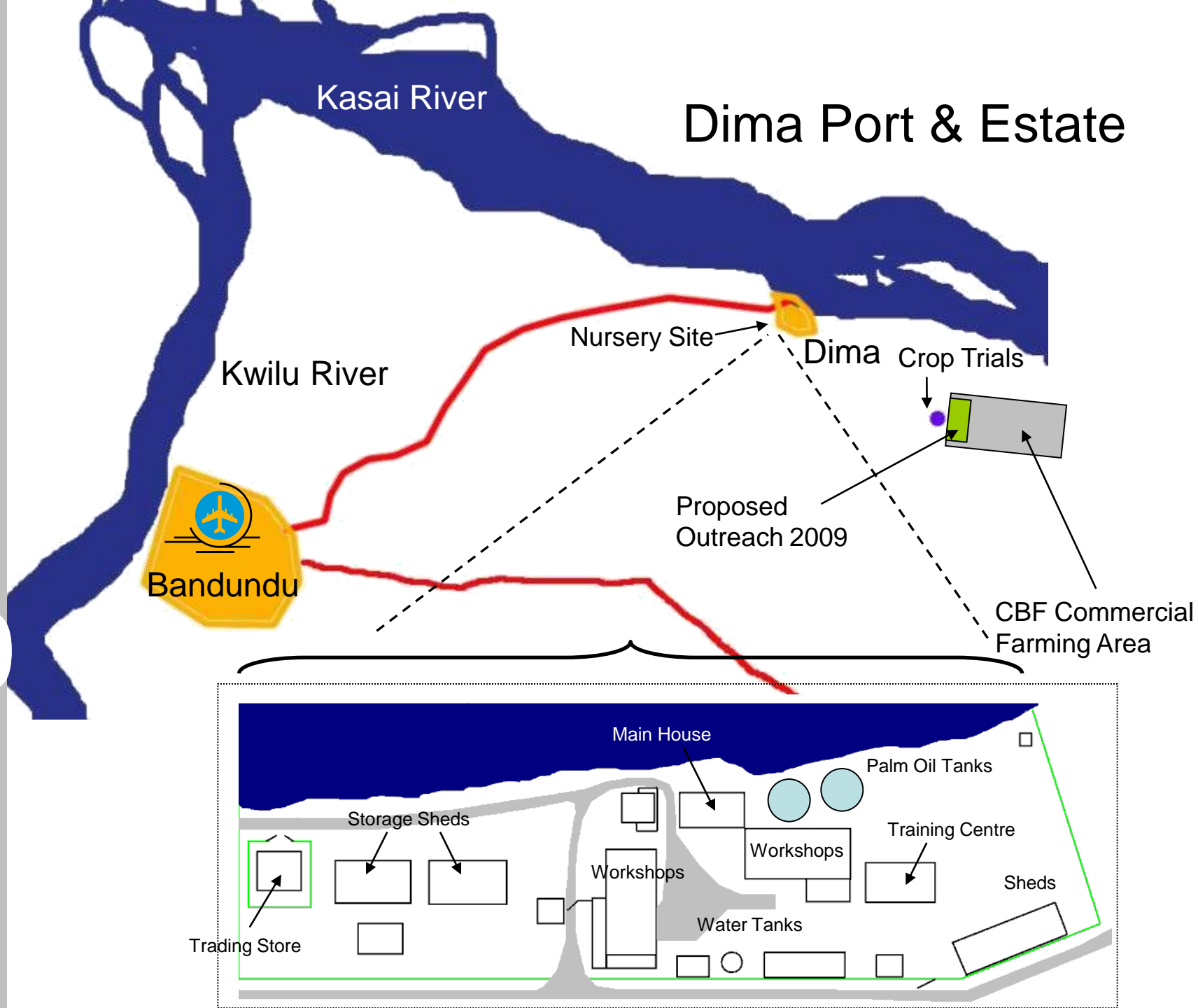
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- The core business and long term strategy of AIA is clearly focused on developing a diverse and vertically integrated agricultural network within the Bandundu & Equateur Provinces of the Congo Basin.
- AIA's portfolio is a complementary mix of both green field and rehabilitation agricultural projects incorporating short and long cycle crops in a manner that allows maximum flexibility and mitigates risk.
- Integrated into AIA's commercial agricultural ventures is the development of Outreach Congo, a sustainable agricultural model for small scale farmers to discourage slash-and-burn farming methods as well as increase the economic and social status of the local people.



Land Assets







Dima Nursery

- Palm
 - Currently the nursery has 53,000 seedlings in the nursery (local variety)
 - This is equivalent to approximately 360 hectares (146 seedlings per hectare)
- Eucalyptus
 - E.grandis, E.teretecornis & E.cloeiziana are under trial for the re-afforestation programme





Crop Trials



- Rice & Maize
 - Rice & maize trials were conducted in 2008 with an average yield of 4.5 tons per hectare
 - 7 varieties of maize and 7 varieties of rice planted
 - Local varieties produced better results than imported varieties
 - The trial site is currently being converted to a demonstration site based on the Outreach Congo model

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Dima Port





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Facilities & Infrastructure

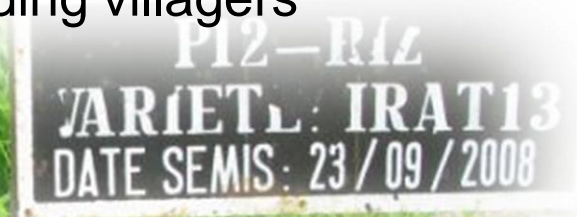
- Dima Port and the existing infrastructure can cater for volume river traffic and has numerous sheds on the rivers edge
- Workshops, stores, metal and joinery shops, staff houses and offices will be refurbished and sufficient to cater for expansion
- A trading store, clinic and school will be rehabilitated in the near future to cater for local needs
- Electricity has been established as far as Bandundu ville, only 12kms from the site
- The existing operational transport equipment is already servicing the site and will be expanded in line with operations
- Boat construction is underway on site, rehabilitating previously abandoned vessels.





Local Development

- The proposed road network will open up the region for trade and economic upliftment
- The establishment of large scale commercial activity will provide formal employment for more than 1500 people and indirect benefit for many others
- The local populace will benefit from skills training in agriculture which will have a positive impact on the environment
- The local success of the project should provide government support for the district as well as encourage like investors to engage in large scale agricultural activities in the area.
- The development of 'Outreach Congo' will increase the economic and social status of the surrounding villagers





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Plantations

- The 12,700 hectares of old Rubber and Palm in the Bandundu and Equateur provinces will be rehabilitated.
- 1,012 hectares are planted to Palm (Palmier), although only 184 hectares are below 20 years old
- 3,664 hectares are planted to Rubber (Hevea)
- 8,065 hectares are abandoned or have been taken over by local villagers.





Bandundu Province

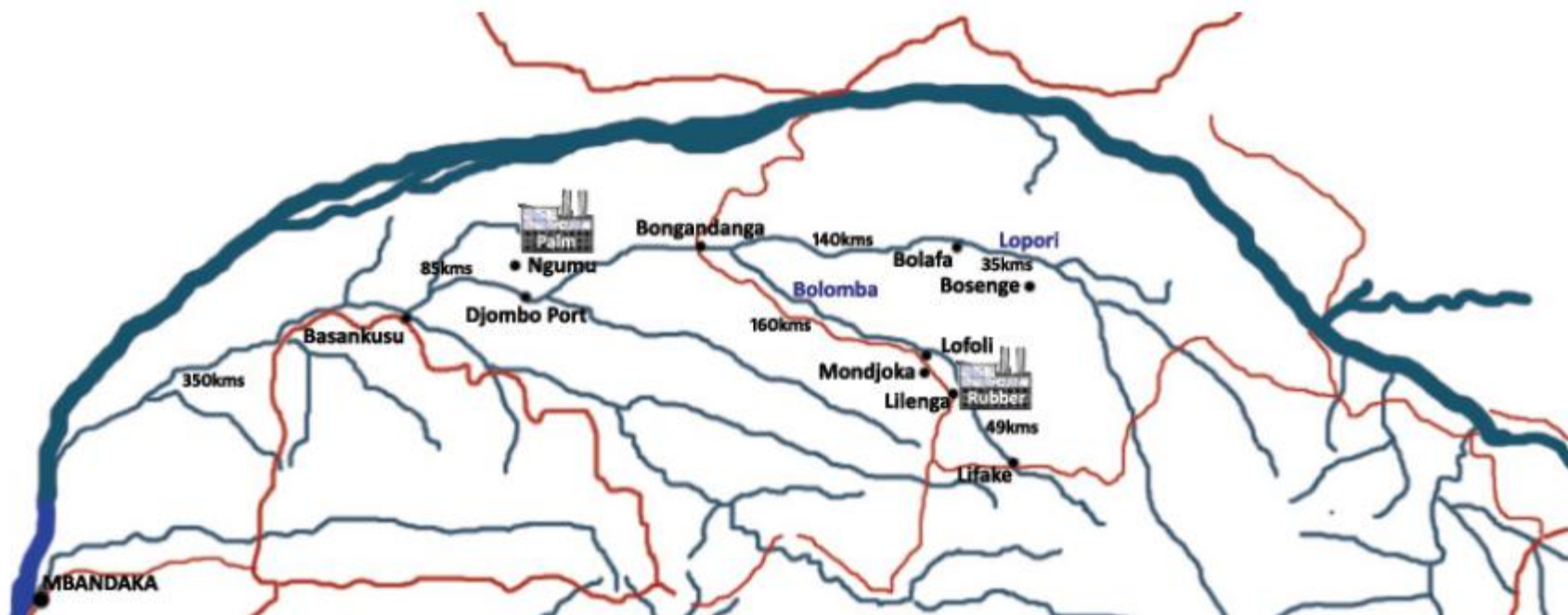
- 1,900 hectares are in the Bandundu Province which is where the company will focus during the coming year.
- This area has approximately 500 hectares planted to Rubber (Hevea), the balance will be planted to Rubber and Eucalyptus (E.grandis; E.cloeiziana or E.teretocornis)





Equateur Province

- 10,800 hectares are in the Equateur Province.
- Besides the 184 hectares of Palm under the age of 20 years, there is 3,160 hectares of Rubber. The balance is either abandoned or taken over by local villagers.



Outreach Congo

- Outreach Congo is a concept developed by AIA as a sustainable agricultural model for small scale farmers with a view to be rolled out within their areas of commercial agricultural activity.
- The Outreach model is based on individual 5 hectare unit plots
 - 1 hectare = Family food and staple production
 - 1 hectare = Palm Oil for own consumption + surplus for sale
 - 2 hectare = Mixed timber plantation for basic energy needs
 - ½ hectare = Sugarcane
 - ½ hectare = Family home, small scale livestock





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