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«Support project for the vulgarization of Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) in Cameroon»

« Promoting the conservation and management of Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) in Cameroon »



BACKGROUND



S upport project for the vulgarization of Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) in Cameroon has been developed to fill gaps in accessing biodiversity data through the networking of active conservation actors in Cameroon. Indeed, considering various threats facing different fauna and flora species as well as ecosystems in Cameroon, conservation and sustainable management actions in different sites have been carried out by the government, national and international organizations, grassroots community organizations, local and indigenous communities, researchers, and academic institutions, forestry

and agro-industrial companies, development partners, etc. Actions carried out by these actors have contributed to reducing threats on the biodiversity of these sites. Data on the state of biodiversity (status, distribution, threats, species abundance) produced by various actors have enabled us to undertake actions that contributed to reducing threats on species and ecological habitats. However, data collected by the various actors on different corridor and landscape sites are very often not accessible to the public and sometimes obsolete. The lack of availability of factual ecological data at the landscape/corridor scale does not allow concerted conservation actions that take into consideration ecological connectivity of different significant sites for biodiversity. However, the networking of the various actors involved in collecting and documenting biological data could solve the problem of information deficits. The lack of coordination of data from significant sites for conservation at the landscape level hinders concerted actions for the conservation and sustainable management of biodiversity. The Support project for the vulgarization of Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) in Cameroon, therefore, aims to promote the conservation and management of Key Biodiversity Areas in Cameroon.

OBJECTIVES - DURATION

The Support project for the vulgarization of Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) in Cameroon is being implemented by the Organization Forêts et Développement Rural (FODER) for six (06) months (October 2021-March 2022). During this period, activities planned under the project will:

- Vulgarize the global standard for the identification of Key Biodiversity Areas;
- Facilitate the creation of a National Coordination Group (NCG) for Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) in Cameroon.

TARGET GROUPS

The Support project for the vulgarization of Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) in Cameroon is aimed at the following main target groups:

- Administrations: Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection and Sustainable Development (MINEPDED), Ministry of Forests and Fauna (MINFOF), Ministry of Scientific Research and Innovation (MINRESI)
- Universities,
- Researchers,
- Forestry companies,
- Agro-industrial companies,
- National civil society organizations (CSOs),
- Indigenous peoples' organizations,
- International organizations.



RESULTS AND IMPACTS

Ultimately, the project will contribute to:

- Build capacity of at least 30 actors from civil society, government, private sector, and local and indigenous communities on the global standard of Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA),
- Create a network (National Coordination Group of Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) constituted of scientific institutions, sectoral adminis-

trations, civil society organizations, companies (forestry and agro-industrial), indigenous peoples, and local communities to improve conservation and management of biodiversity, and to identify and validate new Key Biodiversity Areas that are not yet recognized at the global level,

 Reassess according to the criteria of the world standard for Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) at least 100 species of birds, mammals, amphibians, and reptiles present in the Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) of Tchabal Mbabo and Yabassi

• Update IUCN Red List assessments of species at several sites.







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