

PROGRAMME FOR THE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES CAMEROON –
SOUTH WEST REGION (PSMNR-SWR)

INTEGRATED CONSERVATION EDUCATION CENTRE (ICEC)

BUILDING AN ENVIRONMENTAL FRIENDLY GENERATION



ICEC exposition of six wildlife flag species.

Background

The long term conservation of biodiversity highly depends on collective behavioural changes. Without an appropriation of conservation values in particular by the younger generation the management of protected areas cannot be secured. PSMNR-SWR created the Integrated Conservation Education Center (ICEC) hosted in the Limbe Botanic Garden (LBG) as unit of the programme to up-scale conservation education and outreach programmes in targeted communities in/around the Protected Areas (PAs) where PSMNR-SWR intervenes.

ICEC aims at providing a platform for the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife and local/international partner organizations to organize events, conduct study tours, trainings and awareness raising campaigns.

Stakeholders are capacitated to become stewards of the natural and cultural environments that sustain them.

ICEC shall become in the future a hub for the promotion of biodiversity conservation in the South West Region.

Approach

The conservation education and outreach approach implemented by ICEC is two-fold :

- through the formal education system in schools where teachers integrate conservation education in their classes; students are encouraged to create environmental clubs.
- Directly in the target communities through the park services and cluster facilitators ; youth are encouraged to create environmental clubs.

Members of the environmental clubs from the schools and the villages are then brought for a 5 day conservation education study tours to ICEC in Limbe. ICEC itself, as well as the Limbe Botanical Garden (LBG) and the neighboring Limbe Wildlife Centre have valuable resources and capacities to host such study tours. ICEC also carries out communication and outreach activities for the general public visiting LBG.

The Centre animates scholarship and vocational training schemes for youth from PSMNR target villages.



Realizations PSMNR-SWR Phase IV

- Production of diverse outreach material for environmental clubs in schools and for communities treating park specific management issues ;
- Creation of an permanent exposition on 6 flagship wildlife species with 'Partners for Red Colobus' in the ICEC conference centre , a valuable tool for the study tours ;
- Production of mobile conservation education materials for secondary schools : story book, learning book, games ;
- Training-of-trainers for park staff, cluster facilitators local support organizations and teachers ;
- Animation of conservation education in 25 schools and creation of environmental clubs close to the five targeted Protected areas where PSMNR intervenes ;
- Organization of study tour in ICEC for members from school environmental clubs (30 students every two weeks) ;
- Initiating outreach activities in the communities and creation of environmental clubs ;
- Animation of two year scholarship scheme involving 23 students from targeted PA communities in various institutions offering forestry and wildlife related courses ;
- Organization of conservation events as World Pangolin Day, International day of environment, "Football for conservation" tournament...
- Follow-up of vocational training of 120 repented poachers in OIC training school in Buea.



Pupils around Mt Cameroon National Park learning about environmental challenges in their locality.



Practical exercises during study tour.



Eco-system game.



Visiting living collection in Limbe Botanical Garden.

For more information

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