



# MOUNT CAMEROON NATIONAL PARK

## BIODIVERSITY HOTSPOT AT THE FOOT OF AN ACTIVE VOLCANO



is amongst the wettest places in the world with 10,000 mm rain fall. The park harbours forest elephants, Chimpanzees, drills, Preuss guenons, red ear guenon and many other wildlife species. It is an important bird area.



### Background

The Mount Cameroon National Park (MCNP) was created by a Prime Ministerial degree of 18th December 2009 with a surface area of 58,178 ha. It is located between 4.055° - 4.378° N and 9.031° - 9.294° E. The MCNP is located in the South-West Region of Cameroon, between Fako and Meme Divisions including Buea, Limbe II, West Coast, Mbonge and Muyuka sub divisions. The Head Office of Mount Cameroon National Park is in Buea.

The park has a high ecotourism potential. Mount Cameroon is an active volcano erupting approximately every 20 years with numerous craters, crater lakes, caves, lava flows and ash fields. It presents a fascinating, diverse and astonishing landscape, ideal for hiking tours. Visitor can choose either Buea or Limbe as base for discovering Mount Cameroon National Park; most tours into the National Park start from Buea. Buea and Limbe are 65 km and 75 km respectively from Douala (Douala international airport). Buses and taxis are regularly circulating between Douala-Buea, Douala-Limbe and Limbe-Buea.

### Biodiversity hotspot

lowland rainforest at sea level through sub montane and montane forest to alpine grassland near its summit at about 4100m above sea level. It is a biodiversity hotspot with many endemic flora and fauna species. The western slope of Mount Cameroon National Park (Debundscha)

### Achievements with the Programme for Sustainable Management of Natural Resources Cameroon, South West Region (PSMNR-SWR)

- Support to all park management activities: law enforcement, bio-monitoring, boundary demarcation, management planning, managing Human Wildlife Conflicts...
- Construction of park and eco-tourism infrastructure: Park Head quarter, Eco-guard accommodation facility, two eco-lodges on Mt Cameroon ;
- Provision of potable water: 10 Villages (Batoke, Upper Boando, Lower Boando, Etome, Mueli, Munyange, Bokosso, Bomana, Likoko membea, Bokwaongo) have benefited potable water ;
- Water management committees established and trained on community water management in each community.
- More communities identified to provide potable water and feasibility studies conducted in Mapanja, Likombe, Bwassa, Ewonda, Bova, Bonakanda and Woteva.





**This public tap constructed by PSMNR-SWR in Likoko Membea - Buea is a great relief to the community.**



**Repentant poacher with his pigs and pigsty.**



**Modern beekeeping training.**

- Repentant poachers in collaboration with eco-guards removed several thousand traps from the forest ;
- 51 Repentant poachers from 04 pilot villages have been engaged and trained in modern pig farming. Each beneficiaries has been supported with Pig pens, feed, drugs, 10 piglets, water tank, wheel barrow, shovel, bucket, cutlass, scale, and hoe ;
- 141 beneficiaries (wild honey collectors and interested bee farmers) from 14 target villages engaged and trained on modern bee keeping in 2021 ;
- Beneficiaries have received support of over 400 beehives, and protective materials for proper beehive management ;
- A modern processing unit of honey products established and managed by a cooperative of bee farmers ;
- 02 Giant multipurpose nursery established and managed by Bakingili and Bova II communities. They have been trained on plant vegetative propagation and nursery business management since 2015 ;
- Over 50,000 plants of different species (NTFP, Fruits and Timbers) produced and sold. Some plants were used for agro-forestry practices ;
- More than 10,000,000 FCFA (Ten Million FCFA) have been generated by the nursery group and shared to members using a benefit sharing scheme ;
- Income generated from all projects is used to continue implementing the project, household needs, schooling and health service to household members and savings.

For more information

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