

2018 ACTIVITY REPORT

A word from the Board Chair



Dear readers/partners,

We are pleased to present you with this activity report of the Foundation for the Environment and Development of Cameroon (FEDEC).

In 2018, the Foundation received numerous contributions from various local and international partners that supported it to carry out its missions. As a result of these contributions, more than 550 indigenous children attended school, the health bills of 269 patients were paid and 19 hectares of land of the Bagyeli communities were secured.

With regard to environmental programs, the Mbam and Djerem National Park saw the visit of the first groups of tourists in March, and a solution to the damages inflicted by elephants on the people living near the Campo Ma'an National Park was found.

The FEDEC is increasingly positioning itself as a key and credible player in the promotion of indigenous peoples and the preservation of the ecosystem of the Congo Basin. The confidence bestowed on it by an ever-increasing number of partners confirms this positive trend and the contribution of the FEDEC to the attainment of sustainable development goals.

These include gender equality, inclusive economic growth and the fight against climate change. The solution to this great challenge of the 21st Century could, partially or at the very least, come from the forest. Ensuring forest preservation is ensuring the future of mankind. Protecting such precious ecological environments requires financial resources and the considerable commitment from State, institutional and non-State stakeholders.

In the current year (2019), the FEDEC team intends to continue striving in close collaboration with its usual and new partners for sustainable ecological development.

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List of Abbreviations

ADEPA	Association for the Protection and Promotion of Indigenous People
AWF	African Wildlife Foundation
BACUDA	Bagyeli's Cultural and Development Association
B/B	Bakola/Bagyeli
CNLS	National Committee for the Fight against AIDS
FEDEC	Foundation for the Environment and Development in Cameroon
MAETUR	Urban and Rural Land Development and Equipment Mission
MINFOF	Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife
MINAS	Ministry of Social Affairs
MINEPDED	Ministry of the Environment, Nature Protection and Sustainable Development
MINTOUL	Ministry of Tourism and Leisure
PNCM	Campo Ma'an National Park
PNMD	Mbam and Djerem National Park
PPAV	Indigenous Peoples Plan
WCS	Wildlife Conservation Society

The FEDEC at a glance

Mandate

The mission of the Foundation for the Environment and Development in Cameroon consists in providing long-term financial support to activities aimed at conserving the biodiversity and seeking the sustainable development of local communities in Cameroon.

Focus areas

Biodiversity conservation in
Cameroon

Sustainable development of
indigenous communities

Key activities

- Communicating and mobilizing financial resources;
- Managing funds;
- Granting subsidies to Implementing Organizations (IOs);
- Monitoring the activities of IOs.

Management bodies

- ***Board of Directors***



From left to right: Mr. MATIP NOUGA François Dany, Prof. Louis ZAPFACK, Mme. Bernadette KWEDI, Mr. Alfred AGUEKA ASSOBO, Mme. Virginie EDOA, Mr. Jules WACK MBALLA & Mr. Edmond DOUNIAS

- **Administrative Board**

It is responsible for financial and administrative management and steering the strategy of the FEDEC.

It is made of a(n):

- Executive Director;
- Program Coordinator;
- Accountant;
- Executive Assistant;
- Office Employee;
- Driver.

Major achievements of 2018

Administrative Board of the FEDEC

Increased financial contribution for the implementation of programs

In 2018, the FEDEC recorded an increase in the resources it mobilized. As a matter of fact, several partners provided the Foundation with financial support, or contribution in kind or human capital. These contributions helped improve the living standards and education of young people in indigenous communities. The donations obtained in 2018 by the FEDEC amounted to an estimated amount of 382,315,198 FCFA as against 334,574,000 FCFA in 2017.

DONOR	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (FCFA)
COTCO	FEDEC annual funding	302,717,971
Granby Zoo	Elephant and Gorilla Conservation Project	23,439,480
Embassy of Japan to Cameroon	Construction and equipment of a maternity home at the Ngovayang Hospital	31,510,247
UNDP	Mangrove Restoration Project in Lokoundjé Sub-division	13,837,500
Embassy of China to Cameroon	Donation of school materials to 400 primary and secondary school pupils	8,260,000
Mme. Nicole Myrand	Sponsoring of Dieudonné Ndiki in secondary school	500 000
Mr. Edouard Djeengue	Sponsoring of Cathérine Bika in secondary school	300,000
Mr. Edmond Dounias	Sponsoring of 2 pupils (Christine Akiende and Alphonse Mbamintou) in secondary school	600,000
Mr. Alfred Bagueka Assobo	Sponsoring of Paulette Bitoundi in secondary school	500,000
African Synergies	Support for the education of Bakola/Bagyeli indigenous pupils	300,000
Matériel Chinois de Publicité	Support for the education of Bakola/Bagyeli indigenous pupils	300,000
Cameroun Gold	Support for the education of Bakola/Bagyeli indigenous pupils	50,000
TOTAL		382,315,198

Increased contributions in kind and in human capital

ORGANISATION	PURPOSE OF DONATION	DONATION RECEIVED	APPROXIMATE VALUE (in FCFA)
Embassy of France to Cameroon	Support to the Ngoyang Child Center	Bags of rice, pasta, onions, cartons of oil, folders, chairs, school materials and storage furniture	1,500,000
The Anderson Family (Canada)	Support to the Ngoyang Child Center	2 beds with mattresses, 2 skipping ropes and 2 footballs	210,000
Lily Mattresses	Support to the Ngoyang Child Center	5 mattresses	100,000
ENEO	Support to the Ngoyang Child Center	20 bunk beds, 80 pairs of bedsheets and 10 storage cabinets	3,760,000
CUSO International	Provision of 4 country volunteers and 2 virtual volunteers	1 volunteer for communication and fund-raising 1 volunteer for organizational diagnostics 1 volunteer for gender and social inclusion 1 volunteer journalist for the community radio 1 virtual volunteer translator 1 virtual volunteer for fund-raising	18,600,000
Cameroon Association for Social Marketing (ACMS)	Bagyeli/ Fight against malaria in Bakola indigenous communities	200 mosquito nets	700,000

IFED: FEDEC's new strategic partner

The International Forest and Environmental Development (IFED) is a Canadian NGO specializing in forest resource management and mitigation of the effects of climate change. The FEDEC-IFED Collaboration Agreement signed in 2018 will contribute to the pooling of expertise in fund-raising and implementation of projects supporting the management of the biological and touristic heritage of the

national parks in Campo Ma'an, Mbam and Djerem, Deng Deng and the Mbéré Valley. Under the performance of this Agreement, an environmental project development expert has been recruited.

Boost in FEDEC-CUSO International relations

FEDEC worked with six CUSO International Volunteers in 2018. The latter supported the FEDEC in its communication and in building the capacities of Implementing Organizations including the Nkuli Makeli Community Radio, the Ngoyang Child Care Center, the l'Association pour la Défense et la Promotion des Droits des Peuples Autochtones (Association for the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples), ADEPA, and the Bagyeli's Cultural and Development Association (BACUDA).



Emile Anet, Journalism and Communication Volunteer



Xia Ting Li, Communication and Fund-raising Volunteer



Odette Kamanzi, Gender and Social Inclusion Volunteer inclusion



Clarence Ruth Badibanga B., Project Management and Organizational Development Volunteer

Ecotourism development in Cameroon's protected areas

November 2018 saw a team comprising two professors of the University of Sherbrooke and two officials of the Canadian firm Vertendre on a second visit in Cameroon. In the company of the FEDEC, our Canadian partners held working sessions with administrative authorities in Yaounde. A visit to the Campo Ma'an National Park enabled the team to discuss with communities and local administrative authorities in order to explore the opportunities to develop ecotourism in protected areas under the responsibility of the FEDEC.

Performance of the Environmental Protection Programme

Campo Ma'an National Park

Technology serving biodiversity conservation

An operation center made up of a web-linked plasma display panel serving as a monitor for the tracking of activities of field staff was set up. Through DeLorme tracking devices, field rangers of the Conservation Service of the Campo Ma'an National Park (PNCM) will now be able to communicate with their base in real time. Thirty-five of these field workers received refresher training on the use of browsing and data collection tools.



PNCM rangers

Laboratory for food-born zoonoses operational

A laboratory for food-born zoonoses was built at the Campo Ma'an National Park by the FEDEC, the Granby Zoo and the WWF. Gorillas were the first beneficiaries of this initiative. A WWF-recruited veterinary doctor is supervising the activities of this laboratory.



The new zoonoses laboratory

Bee-keeping Project: A move to improve the living conditions of local communities

Apiaries were built in communities living on the periphery of the Campo Ma'an National Park in 2018 in order to solve conflicts between humans and elephants by fencing farms with colonies of bees. Products of these apiaries (honey, bee wax, propolis and bee pollen) will help increase the incomes of inhabitants. Pollination of plants by bees will, on its part, help improve the yields of farm plants, the vegetation and the park's biodiversity. Every week, a ranger monitors the apiaries with the assistance of two community volunteers.



Maintenance of apiaries by the Conservation Service and local inhabitants

Isaac Djoko, a PhD of Concordia University, carried out research work on human-wildlife conflicts in and around the Campo Ma'an National Park. The trials to be carried out on solutions for the mitigation of human-elephant conflicts will provide an opportunity to people living near the park, whose crops are often damaged by wild animals.

Valérie Michel, a Veterinary Technician working at the Granby Zoo, was assigned to the Campo Ma'an National Park to provide assistance in the monitoring of gorillas, collection of data, sensitization of communities on zoonotic diseases and the importance of conserving the park's resources.



PhD Student Isaac Djoko (Right) and Veterinary Technician Valérie Michel (Center) in sensitization workshop

Mbam and Djerem National Park (PNMD)

First tourists visit Mbam and Djerem National Park

French and American tourists visited the Mbam and Djerem National Park in 2018 following efforts begun by the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) and the FEDEC since 2003 to preserve its biodiversity and promote ecotourism. The arrival of these groups of tourists in the park replete with touristic attractions marks the start of a new era. The tarring of the Batchenga-Ntui-Tibati road augurs well for a sharp rise in the demand for region's ecotourism products.



French tourists at the Kpayeré clearing

Secure tourist attractions conducive for the observation of animals

The Kpayeré clearing located in the northern part of the PNMD remains a highly visited site. Observation on hidden cameras have shown that more than a dozen species including Black and White Colobus monkeys, baboons, buffalo, elephants, bush pigs, cob buffoons, bongos, bushbucks and sitatunga antelopes visit it.



Wildlife in the Kpayeré clearing

Satisfactory conservation status

The PNMD conservation status is, on the whole, satisfactory. Field work and anti-poaching operations that were carried out enabled a 97.32% coverage of the park.

Women groups formed to improve living conditions of inhabitants

With the support of the FEDEC, the WCS in 2018 carried out a farming campaign aimed at increasing income sources in communities. A group of Mbororo ladies obtained not only maize seeds and agricultural equipment, but also the coaching of local services of the agriculture department and the WCS.



2018 farming campaign

A Conservation service with enhanced capacities

The Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife (MINFOF) donated 24 firearms and pieces of ammunition to help neutralize poachers of large mammals like elephants and chimpanzees. Moreover, the MINFOF provided our rangers with military training and internships on investigating crimes against wildlife.

In addition, the over 50 rangers protecting the park were trained on telecommunications focusing on satellite imagery and retrained on the use of the SMART software, which is a necessary tool for the fight against poaching and ecological monitoring in protected areas.



Rangers receive arms and ammunitions and firearms training

Performance of the Indigenous Peoples Plan

Citizenship

19 hectares of land were legally transferred to 4 Bagyeli communities (Bidou 1, Angouanvouri, Bakoussi and Loundabele) in 2018.



Members of communities that benefited land tenure

Education

Partners gave a powerful push in support of the education of pupils of Bakola/Bagyeli origin during 2018-2019 school year. The ENEO, the Chinese Embassy in Cameroon and local Chinese firms donated school materials, beds and beddings and other materials to support the youth in Bakola/Bagyeli. African Synergies and other individual donors continued sponsoring children in secondary schools.



Ngoyang nursery school pupils with their donated materials

Pupils in Bakola/Bagyeli recorded outstanding success during the 2017/2018 school year, obtaining:

- 11 First School Leaving Certificates;
- 3 Junior Secondary Education Certificates;
- 1 Probatoire Certificate

School enrollment increased in 2018-2019 school year with 34 indigenous pupils (as against 21 in 2017) registered in various secondary schools as follows:

SCHOOL	NUMBER OF STUDENTS
Collège Christ Roi d’Obout	16
Lycée technique de Lolodorf	13
Lycée classique de Lolodorf	1
Collège Don Bosco d’Ebolowa	1
Collège d’enseignement secondaire de Makouré et Bipindi	2
CETIC de BIPINDI	1



Bakola/Bagyeli students of the Collège Christ Roi of Obout

Agriculture

Happy at harvesting first fruits

Cocoa and plantain farms opened in 2016 bore their first fruits in 2018. In Bidou, Ndtoua and Bizambo, Bagyeli farmers relished the first fruits of their fields. The Bagyeli Cultural and Development Association (BACUDA) continued the opening of two new farms of a hectare each in Yanebotsi and Bifoum in the Bipindi Sub-division.



A farm in Bidou

Health

Strengthening of health care strategies for Bagyeli/Bakola patients. 269 patients were received at the Ngovayang Hospital, some one hundred patients monitored at the Ebomé Hospital and more than 400 people sensitized during advanced strategy missions in Bagyeli/Bakola communities.

The major ailments treated at the Ngovayang Hospital are malaria, skin diseases and venereal diseases.

Communication for behavior change: Radio Nkuli Makeli's health component unfolds

Radio Nkuli Makeli carried out a behavior-changing sensitization on diverse topics like prenatal consultations, tuberculosis prevention, hygiene rules and alcohol consumption.

Treated mosquito nets distributed in Bagyeli to fight malaria

The World Malaria Day provided the opportunity for the FEDEC, the BACUDA and health centers to carry out sensitization on this disease and share out mosquito nets to indigenous peoples. 240 treated mosquito nets were distributed to 114 families in camps and the Ngoyang Child Care Center thanks to a donation from the Cameroon Association for Social Marketing (ACMS). In addition, prophylactic malaria drugs were administered to pregnant women and all malaria patients in the community.



Sharing of mosquito nets at the camp in Mbikilik

Sensitization against HIV/AIDS

An HIV/AIDS screening and sensitization campaign was organised in Ngoyang with support from the National Committee for the Fight against AIDS. 91 people, mostly from Bakola, were screened. One case tested positive with two others giving inconclusive results. They will be monitored by the Nkouampboer Health Center.



1 A Bakola lady being tested by a technician of the Mobile Unit

Maternal and child health: Upgrading of the technical pool of the Ngovayang Hospital

The FEDEC built a 130 m² modern maternity facility at the Ngovayang Hospital. This maternity was equipped with ultrasound equipment, a hematologic counting device, a delivery table, an incubator, six beds, six cradles and ten weighing brackets.

This initiative funded by the Japanese Embassy in Cameroon will contribute to the reduction of mother and child mortality in local communities in the region.

Radio Nkuli Makeli

Enhancement of skills of female community radio presenters

Marie Thérèse Manzouer and Nicaise Azo'o attended a training session in computer and communication at the Institut Africain d'Informatique (IAI) in Kribi. The knowledge gained will enable them to improve their performance in the use of broadcasting equipment.



Marie Thérèse Manzouer at work



Nicaise Azo'o on air

Most outstanding radio station in the Ocean Division

For the International Press Freedom Day in May, the Nkuli-Makéli Radio was selected by the *Collectif des communicateurs de l'Océan* as the best community radio station in the Ocean Division, and Marie Thérèse Manzouer came out as best mother tongue presenter.

Wider coverage area

With funding from the Canadian High Commission to Cameroon to implement the activities of the project to promote the participation and promotion of Bagyeli natives in local decision-making, Radio Nkuli Makeli built a 51 meter mast which will improve its area of coverage.

Some forty radio sets were acquired and distributed to the 25 camps of the PPAV in order to enable Bagyeli communities to tune in to the Nkuli Makeli Radio programs.



The new mast of the Nkuli Makeli Radio

Empowerment of radio stations on the move

The Nkuli Makeli Radio is poised for financial empowerment and an audience increase through the efforts of local and international partners such as the WWF, the CADER, the Center for the Environment and Development and the Network for the Fight against Hunger of the Granby Zoo, all of whom are using its channel to sensitize local indigenous people on various topics.

Traditional partners like the ENEO, public administrative departments and businesspersons have also been collaborating with the radio station.

Conclusion

2018 was marked by an increase in the resources allocated for the implementation of the major programs of the FEDEC owing to the efficient communication and fund-raising strategy put in place. Tangible results were obtained in both biodiversity conservation and the raising of living standards of the local indigenous inhabitants.

The FEDEC participated in the sponsorship of more than 550 indigenous pupils, contributed to health care for more than 250 B/B patients and in the informing and sensitizing more than 10,000 people through the Nkuli Makeli Community Radio. It also coached some 20 families on agricultural and income-generating activities.

In the environmental sphere, the FEDEC contributed to biodiversity conservation in the Campo Ma'an and Mbam and Djerem National Parks.

Relations between the local indigenous population and the national parks improved and are today better poised to support initiatives aimed at valorizing our natural resources.