

## Project title : CACAOFOREST - Local support for sustainable agroforestry

Project place	Project cost	Role in the project	Technical and financial sponsors	Dates
Côte d'Ivoire	651 000 Euros	Coordination	CIRAD - Agricultural Research for Development, ISARA-Lyon	January 2025 - January 2028

### Project's goals and results

#### Main goals

Supporting agroforestry transitions on cocoa farms in Ivory Coast through local farming advice.

#### Specific objectives

SO 1 - To help promote agroforestry cocoa in Côte d'Ivoire and support changes in producers' practices towards economically sustainable agro-ecological practices that not only preserve resources but also guarantee quality cocoa and regular production.

SO 2 - Accelerate soil restoration on cocoa plantations using a participatory research-action approach.

SO 3 - Improve training systems for agricultural advisers to provide appropriate, jointly-constructed support.

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#### Beneficiaries

**Direct:** Cocoa producers, professional organisations and rural communities.

**Indirect:** Cocoa sector companies, Ivorian government.

#### Results

R.1.1:

Stakeholders develop knowledge on the diversity of forest species present in FAS and offer training and identification tools on forest recrudescence.

R.1.2:

Technical itineraries for the agroforestry transition, co-constructed with producers, are put in place and enable participatory technical monitoring.

R.2:

Research is developing knowledge of cocoa farm soils, developing characterisation tools and identifying technical solutions, co-constructed with producers, that promote the restoration of soil fertility in cocoa plantations.

R.3:

Training modules focusing on production system diagnosis methods, diagnosis of farming practices and the mobilisation of technical solutions that can be adopted by farmers have been introduced to improve the attitude of agricultural advisers.

## **Activities**

Component 1:

### **Agroforestry practices**

- 1)Introduction of forest trees.
- 2)Support for the rehabilitation of old cocoa plantations.
- 3)Training in the identification of forest recruits.
- 4)Species multiplication trials.

Component 2:

### **Cocoa farm soils**

- 1)Producers' perceptions of soil management and collection of in situ soil data.
- 2)Construction of soil diagnostic tools.
- 3)Setting up a network of farmers to test agroecological practices.

Component 3:

### **Improving the training system and the attitude of agricultural advisers:**

- 1)Develop training modules.
- 2)Training workshops for technicians.