

Project title : GABOKOUME - Support to the organization of producers of Moabi oil and Okoumé resin and their insertion into sustainable and equitable sectors

Project place	Project cost	Role in the project	Technical and financial sponsors	Dates
Gabon	35 000 €	Expertise in NTFP sectors	FSBO, UEBT - Union for Ethical BioTrade, Gabon Boutique, ANPN - Agence nationale des parcs nationaux	July 2011 - July 2012

Project's goals and results

Main goals

Forest covering 85% of Gabonese territory, NTFPs are a source of food products, pharmaceuticals, fishing equipment, construction and combustion materials but also income for rural forest populations. Following market studies, some NTFPs have been identified as particularly interesting, especially for their cosmetic applications. The objective is therefore to develop income-generating activities for local communities and preserve Gabon's natural resources.

Specific objectives

- Support the organization of sustainable sectors of non-timber forest products
- Promote the social and environmental sustainability of the sectors
- Structuring of production: capacity building on Good Practices and support for the organization of producers
- Definition of criteria for the sustainability of value chains: Convention on Biodiversity, principles of Fair Trade, UEBT (Union for Ethical BioTrade) standards
- Nagoya Protocol: consultation of local communities, rights of access to genetic resources, traditional know-how, geographical indications

Beneficiaries

Three communities of people living in the forests, about one hundred producers and thirty villages in three regions of Gabon: around the Waka National Park, around the Iboundji Mountain and in the Bouroubou area.

Results

R1. Relevant indicators are selected and associated with the development strategy

R2. An organizational development strategy is defined, associating the beneficiaries with the definition of the strategy

R3. Formal organizations are accompanied in the definition of Orientation and Action Plan validated by the members

R4. A quality and traceability program is set up within each accompanied OPA

R5. The economic management capacities of FOs are strengthened

Activities

A1. Development of educational tools adapted to local communities

A2. Facilitating the linking of the different actors in the sectors

A3. Setting up a consultation methodology for local communities