

Project title : GILE PFNL - Sustainable use of Non-Timber Forest Products around Gilé National Park Mozambique

Project place	Project cost	Role in the project	Technical and financial sponsors	Dates
Mozambique	74 000 €	Biodiversity & market expertise	Fondation François Sommer - Fondation Internationale pour la Gestion de la Faune (FFS-IGF), ANAC - National Administration for Conservation Areas	January 2017 - December 2020

Project's goals and results

Main goals

The project for the valorization and marketing of Non-Timber Forestry Products (NTFPs) around Gilé National Park (GNAP), coordinated by FFS-IGF started in 2017 with the financial support of the French Development Agency (AFD). The project aims to i) **strengthen the GNAP team capacities to protect natural resources**, ii) promote the legalization and organization of the **NTFPs sustainable use** by local communities living in the Buffer zone, and iii) **develop the NTFPs production** by identifying and implementing methods, tools and channels of use and valorization. Nitidæ aims to support the NTFPs project by evaluating the potentiality of storing and commercialisation of NTFPs, namely wild **mushrooms** and **honey** by local communities living in the Buffer Zone of GNAP and providing basic training to selected communities' members.

Specific objectives

- SO1.** Support to improve and transfer capacity on long term to the GNAP team on NTFPs monitoring and sustainable production techniques
SO2. Realize pilot tests and market studies to help identify suitable technologies and prioritize the best options for NTFPs value chain development

Beneficiaries

Local communities living in the Buffer Zone of GNAP, in particular women groups responsible for the collection of NTFPs
Mushroom collection in Miombo Woodland
Mushroom cleaning
Training community selected members in sustainable beekeeping practices

Results

- R1.** Mushroom species knowledge for the Gilé National Park and Mozambique are improved and a sustainable collection thresholds is defined
R2. Women groups are trained on best practices for the collection, storage and commercialization of wild mushrooms
R3. Community selected members are trained on sustainable beekeeping practices
R4. Appropriate technologies low-cost and easily used are tested and identified to improve the harvesting, transport, processing, storage and commercialization of wild mushrooms
R5. The mushroom and honey value chain in and around the GNAP are structured and a market strategy is identified

Activities

Mushroom
A1. Support on the scientific identification of mushrooms and implementation of a sampling protocol to estimate biological productivity and a data collection system with ODK collect to facilitate the collection of field information on edible mushrooms
A2. Training of collectors and community development department (CDD) team in good practices of harvesting, transportation, cleaning and basic hygiene requirements to ensure long-term resource management and quality product
A3. Realize pilot tests of low-tech affordable drying and packaging techniques to improve the product quality
A4. Elaboration of a set of pedagogic materials on good collection and processing practices to be used by the CDD team
A5. An analyse of the NTFPs legal framework in Mozambique
A6. Market study and linkage at provincial and/or national scale to strengthen a realistic strategy considering different scenarios and the existing legal framework in Mozambique
Honey
A1. Support and advise CDD team on the improvement of traditional production methods and sustainable beekeeping management methodologies
A2. Training community selected members in sustainable beekeeping practices and build capacity to increase honey production
A3. Provide technical and strategic assistance for commercialization and market linkage
Trained beekeepers
Beehive management