

Project title : GOURMANTOUR - Integrate socio-economic needs of peripheral populations of protected areas for better nature conservation in West Africa

Project place	Project cost	Role in the project	Technical and financial sponsors	Dates
Burkina Faso	680 000 €	Coordination	ARFA, Municipality of Tansarga, INADES, EU - European Union	October 2013 - September 2016

Project's goals and results

Main goals

Integrate socio-economic needs of peripheral populations of protected areas for better nature conservation in West Africa. The project intends to contribute to MDGs 1, 7 and 8

Specific objectives

Promotion of ecotourism as a catalyst for a local economy respectful of the environment along the cliffs of Madjoari and Gobnangou (see the website : <https://www.gourmantour.org/en>)

Beneficiaries

- 5 local villages associations of 500 people
- 5 local farms, fishing and hunting groups with 500 people
- 5 groups of NTFP picker with 500 people and various Forest Management groups
- 50 local craftsmen, 20 local community leaders (at least 35% of the direct beneficiaries are women)

Results

R1. The local ecotourism product offer has improved and is diversified, including enhancement of cultural, natural and landscape wealth (see the website : <https://www.gourmantour.org/en>)

R2. Demand for alternative tourism products around the W Park is stimulated

R3. Income generated from the local economy of peripheral regions of the Arly Park have improved

R4. A cell of multi-stakeholder governance - including administration of the territory and traditional use of resources - exists

Activities

A1. Creation of an ecotourism product peripheral of the Arly Park and structuring supply (see the website : <https://www.gourmantour.org/en>)

A2. Marketing promotion for responsible ecotourism

A3. Capacity building of local economic sub-sectors contributing indirectly to the ecotourism offer and to the conservation of natural resources

A4. Promoting a sustainable social dialogue between local authorities and populations