

## Project title : PRM2 - Preserve the biodiversity of Mabi-Yaya & Strengthen the socio-economic development of the Mé

Project place	Project cost	Role in the project	Technical and financial sponsors	Dates
Côte d'Ivoire	2 169 000 €	Coordination	EU - European Union, FFEM - French Global Environment Fund, OIPR - Office Ivoirien des Parcs et Réserves, Mé Regional Council	September 2021 - December 2025

### Project's goals and results

#### Main goals

Contribute to the resilience of landscapes through the concerted management of natural resources and the promotion of zero deforestation agriculture at the territorial level. The project contributes to the improvement of the living conditions of the populations, to the protection of the forests of Mabi-Yaya and to the strengthening of the resilience of the territory of the Mé to climate change

#### Specific objectives

**SO1.** Promote Income Generating Activities with Ivorian Civil Society Organizations, involving young people and women, which are adapted to climate change and which contribute to the protection of protected areas and remaining forest cover.

**SO2.** Support for the transition of production methods and investment in natural capital, by restoring degraded land and forests on the outskirts of the Mabi Yaya Nature Reserve.

**SO3.** Strengthen land use planning, the management of protected areas, and land and forest governance in the Mé region.

**SO4.** Measure the impact of the project and construction of a "Zero deforestation territory" standard

#### Beneficiaries

- Village communities
- Male and female farmers
- Smallholder foresters
- Ivorian Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)
- Institutional partners (OIPR, Mé Regional Council)
- Young entrepreneurs and beekeepers
- Savings and Credit Groups made up of women from the targeted villages, and groups of women processors of attieké
- Traditional charcoal producers

#### Results

**R1.** The Mé region has a local network of Civil Society Organizations engaged in income-generating activities adapted to climate change, favorable to the protection of protected areas and forest cover

**R2.** Agricultural and forestry producers in the Mé region are adapting their practices to the challenges of climate change, socially and economically enhancing natural resources and contributing to the restoration of degraded land in the peripheral area

**R3.** Territorial development and planning is promoted and strengthened, and the peripheral communities of the Mabi Yaya Nature Reserve are engaged in land and forest governance in the Mé region

**R4.** Impacts are measured and a "Zero Deforestation" reference system is built

## Activities

- A1.** Training and support for 20 young people from classified forests in IGAs in the field of renewable energies
- A2.** Training and support for 10 young people to launch a beekeeping activity
- A3.** Training and support of 15 charcoal burners in improved carbonization
- A4.** Establishment of women's savings and credit groups for the creation of Income Generating Activities in 8 villages
- A5.** Construction and installation by local artisans of improved cooking equipment in 2 groups of attiéké processors
- A6.** Strengthen the technical and organizational skills of the Mé Cooperative of Organic Cocoa Producers (SCOOP PCBM), and engage 60 producers in organic production
- A7.** Accompany and technically support farmers in the diversification and improvement of their production system with a view to transitioning production methods and adapting to climate change (food crops and cash crops)
- A8.** Accompany and technically support small forest owners in the rural domain in order to relaunch a development process
- A9.** Reforest 30 ha in the rural domain
- A10.** Set up an Independent Observation process on the outskirts of Mabi-Yaya
- A11.** Carry out a territorial diagnosis for the Mé Region
- A12.** Supporting the Mé Regional Council for forest monitoring
- A13.** Support OIPR for deployment in the Mabi-Yaya Nature Reserve
- A14.** Write the local development plans of 8 peripheral villages of the Mabi Yaya Nature Reserve
- A15.** Support and contribute to the realization of at least 8 village projects supported and implemented by local development committees
- A16.** Officially delimit 4 villages on the outskirts of the Mabi Yaya Nature Reserve
- A17.** Mapping over the entire territory of vegetation, resources, land cover and its changes
- A18.** Definition of a baseline for evaluating the monitoring and impacts of territorial programs/projects in rural areas
- A19.** Characterize the determinants of a zero-deforestation territorial approach in the Mé region
- A20.** Construction of "Sector" and "Territory" standards certified "zero deforestation"