



IMPLEMENTATION OF NAGOYA PROTOCOL ON ABS

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PROJECT CONTEXT

- Strong link between the nation's rich biodiversity and its quest for growth and development of biodiversity due to the highly negative impact of degraded and dysfunctional ecosystems and loss of species on the social and economic wellbeing of the people.
- This project is to support the development of biodiversity in the Bamboutos highlands following the Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) principles of the Nagoya Protocol is located in the village of Magha-Bamumbu, located on the west side Mount Bamboutos.

LOCATION MAP



MOUNT BAMBOUTOS AND THE PROJECT INTERVENTION ZONE (CAMEROON) LOCATION MAP



Legend

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Territorial boundary | Villages | River |
| Regional boundary | Project's target villages | Sea or ocean |
| Departmental boundary | | Water body |
| Proposed protected area | | Road/Track |



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OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

Main objective of the project :

To contribute in the sustainable management of the biodiversity of Mont Bamboutos through the establishment of a public-private partnership and the promotion equitable distribution of income from the exploitation of all *Echinops giganteus* while integrating the ABS principle according to the Nagoya Protocol.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

This project has three specific objectives:

- 1) Building capacity and training indigenous institutions on the management of the *Echinops giganteus* plant and forest landscape restoration Magha - Bamumbu ;
- 2) Formalize the commitments of the Nagoya Protocol by signing the PIC (Prior Informed Consent) and MAT (Mutually Agreed Terms) for the commercialization phase;
- 3) Develop public awareness tools based on the experiences of *Echinops giganteus*.

ACTIVITIES AND EXPECTED RESULTS

- established a sustainable production system of the *Echinops* plant,
- the Mt Bamboutos Echinops Co-operative Society (MoBECoS) will have a financial and technical capacity to manage the sector *Echinops giganteus*
- Community institutions (MoBECoS, women's association, Municipal and Traditional Authorities, etc.) will have a thorough knowledge in installing and managing community development micro projects
- at least 15,000 trees planted on highly degraded areas and
- There will be an increase of at least 10% of income after the project.


PROJECT PROGRESS

Through the formalization of the commitments in the Nagoya Protocol, Magha- Bamumbu community will be properly sensitized on the ABS process and will have all the knowledge to accept legitimate marketing conditions of the Echinops plant. These negotiations will be supervised by MINEPDED and the traditional authorities.


•This project is on-going and some palpable results are visible such as

1. The many capacity building workshops carried out with the different stakeholders of the community,
2. Also the project has facilitated the signing of the first MAT in central Africa within the ABS process of the Nagoya Protocol.


PROJECT PROGRESS cont'





3. a real synergy has been built in enhancing the value of the plant: a detailed mapping of the resource's distribution has been done; agronomic tests have been conducted (collection of seeds, planting in nurseries, test plots, production protocols);



4. a program for the sustainable use of the natural resource established. Several samples of dried root have been sent to the private partner, who confirmed the perfume potential of Echinops.



5. other income-generating activities will be implemented, such as beekeeping, agroforestry, and economic promotion of other natural resources.





COMMITTED PARTNERS

1. Ministry of Environment, Protection of Nature and Sustainable Development (MINEPDED)
2. ERuDeF is a Cameroonian nongovernmental organization that has worked in the zone for several years.
3. Magha Community
4. MANE AND NATURE

CONCLUSION : Real Opportunity For Change

Echinops giganteus is a plant species that present a potential interest for the perfume industry. It was identified and located in the region of Mount Bamboutos where it grows in the wild and is used from time to time as condiment in cooking. The production and marketing of this plant are part of an agricultural diversification integrated into biodiversity conservation. This effort will offer an excellent opportunity to promote in Cameroon the Access and Benefit Sharing process derived from the Nagoya Protocol. The development of this plant will serve as an incentive for the ecological restoration of Mount Bamboutos. The project will catalyze the local communities' response to the issues of deforestation, intensive farming and water management.



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