

Project Update: June 2007

Report of the Ntale CLAN FOREST MEETING ON JUNE 13, 2007

Introduction

A meeting was scheduled at Ntale village for the Nguti and Ntale joint Clan Forest Council coordinated by Nature Cameroon as part of our effort to motivate the local communities around the Banyang-Mbo Wildlife Sanctuary to conserve the forest.

Objectives:

1. To hold the first constituent general assemble meeting in order to register your group as a forest based common initiative group that can attract funding for your sustainable forest management activities within your clan in the Banyang-Mbo Sanctuary area.
2. To introduce the idea of making you autonomous institutions under the canopy of Banyang-Mbo Union of Clan Forest Councils in order to assist the Government of Cameroon implement a Community-Co management program for the sanctuary
3. To introduce the volunteer attached to Nature Cameroon as Management Adviser by Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) in our efforts to assist in the capacity building of the communities and the NGO for the long-term management of our forest resources
4. To chat a way forward with various stakeholders in natural resource management.

The above objectives were attained, especially with the way forward that took the place of a SWOT ANALYSIS to enable the communities to mirror themselves within the integral forest management system looking at their capacities and gaps in knowledge that could be filed by us.

Issues raised by the communities centered around sustainable development of the village communities, especially the absence of portable drinking water, access roads and livelihood support activities to increase household incomes and improve on their living standards.



Left: Local oven to dry cocoa (main cash crop). Right: Main drinking source for Ntale village.