

Project Update: April 2015

A car breakdown has prevented us from carrying out our fieldtrip in February 2015. Nevertheless, we were able to do so from March 10th-13th 2015, representing the third dry season's campaign. As for the previous months, we have collected water samples and parameters from the Sanaga River at Nachtigal, place where there is an ongoing project of dam construction, and on nearby rivers, the Afamba at Obala, the Mbam at Bafia, the Kelle at Boun Nyebel and the Nyond at Eseka. We have also done the same from the Sanaga River at Edea, already hosting a dam and the most ever known threaten Podostemaceae sub-population; and we have sampled the nearby rivers, the Eding, closest Sanaga tributary, the Lep Riton, the Dibang and the Ngwei. The water samples are already sent to the University of Dschang for analysis.

At this moment, I am preparing a poster on the "Effects of dams to Podostemaceae in West and Central Africa", in collaboration with my colleagues Attila Mesterhazy and Rolf Rutishauser, to be presented at the 14th International Symposium on Aquatic Plants to be held at Edinburgh, 14-18th September 2015.

After the water analysis next month, in theory the last field operation for this project, I will be able to tell about preliminary result, and therefore, could be able to undertake some advertising for the project.



Left: Data collecting on Afamba River. Right: Data collecting on Mbam River