

Midterm report RSG

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Project ref 16785-1: Toward a sustainable conservation of *Cola nitida* and *Garcinia kola* in Benin

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INTRODUCTION

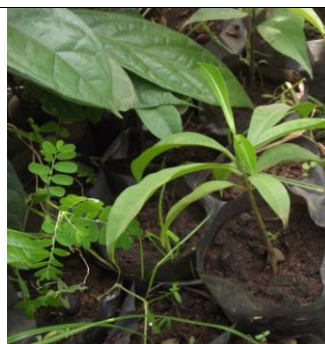
Cola nitida and *Garcinia kola* are two species widely used for different purposes. But their natural habitat is ongoing disappearance since tree is overharvested. Literature revealed in fact that the more people know the species and the more effective are conservation actions. In this frame, throughout this project we have started species domestication. Moreover, we have opened a new business opportunity for further generation so that species will be conserved in their natural habitat. The current report gives some details about awareness actions and comes at the continuation of part report previously sent.

METHODOLOGY

In order to warm population about species current statute and the business opportunities, we have crossed four villages where species are still present and we did some semi structured discussion with local chiefs who allow us contact people for public awareness. Furthermore, we leant pupils of seven primary schools on the vicinity of species habitat, how to grow species. These pupils implemented how to grow species and most importantly how to hold and care seedling nursery. Seedling emerged were shared to local community local chief, voodoo and priest for the reforestation actions. Additionally, pamphlets were established and shared to youths. This pamphlet contains how species is growth and how much each seed cost after growing to showing them; by domesticating species business can be done.

RESULTS

The following images highlights the most important awareness actions.



Picture 1: Seedling of *Garcinia kola* produced for reforestation



Picture 2 : Seedling of *Cola nitida* produced for reforestation



Picture 3 : Pots preparation for germination



Picture 4: Sample of pamphlets shared



Picture 5: Primary school of Ouèdo authorities with the team leader in the frame of public awareness.



Picture 6: Team leader explaining to pupils how growing these tree with pamphlets



Picture 7: Pupils learning how to compose germination substract



Picture 8: Pupils learning growth two species



Picture 9: Pupils setting the repository of seeds for their germination



Picture 10: Traditional healer, voodoo and Ifa priest sharing the seedling



Picture 11: Voodoo priest in project green T-shirt planting *Garcinia kola* tree



Picture 12: Message behind T shirt for public awareness

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