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After the rainy season data collection session, results have been compiled and processed in the form of posters and reports for presentations during awareness campaigns, discussion and workshop sessions with local authorities, custodians, stakeholders and community around the site. The development of strong and viable community-based forest management institutions is a must step in forging ahead a viable community-based forest conservation programme. Creation of a wildlife sanctuary and establishment of participatory forest management remain among the most comprehensive approach for forest and other natural resource management in this area, as proposed by delegate and technicians of the Cameroonian Ministry in charge of Forestry and Wildlife (MINFOF).

The conservation education tour was organised in all primary and secondary schools as well as other public places adjacent to the area, during which talks were given to students and peoples in the communities near the study area so they are aware of significance of this forest and its birds and realise the importance of conserving it. Posters of results and relevant pictures illustrating threatened birds species and activities threatening their survival and conservation have been pasted at every important location. Laminated pictures and t-shirts all with donor organisation logo and pictures of threatened birds have also been distributed to meritorious students and people during all theses visits, which organisational success greatly depended on the active participation of CamCAER, Mfombo Foundation (local NGOs) and fellow colleagues Pauline TIWA TSAGUE and Francis GUETSE from the University of Dschang.



Evidence of unsustainable harvesting of *Prunus africana*'s bark (left); Primates' remains found next to a poaching camp (right)



Alain Senghor during conservation education tour (left) and Pauline TIWA conducting discussion about conservation and future conservation priorities for the site during meeting with divisional delegation of Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife (right)