

## Project Update: March 2020

Following the planning of our project, a training in tree nursery management has been organised for the population around Niaouli natural forests.

During this training session, the techniques of production of some forest species (*Moringa oleifera*, *Artemisia annua*, *Khaya senegalensis*, *Terminalia superba*, *Tectona grandis*) were taught to the participants. The participants were mainly women from the "Missimahou" group. A few men from the village interested in the training were added, bringing the number of participants to around 20. The objective of this training was to diversify the income-generating activities of women while reducing the pressures on the Niaouli forest. At the end of this training, participants will produce more than 5,000 plants to be planted in June 2020 for National Tree Day.

At the start of the training, the project coordinator accompanied by the leaders of the NGO SOS BIODIVERSITY invited the participants to listen. During the training, several topics were addressed by the trainers, namely: the criteria for choosing a nursery site; forest seed harvesting techniques; potting techniques and aligning pots on a board; forest seed treatment techniques; techniques for managing stocks of seedlings in nurseries. By addressing these different points, the participants asked clarifying questions to which the trainers provided answers. Note that a practical phase was carried out by the participants. During this phase, the women of the group carried out the potting, alignment and sowing of the species.

Speaking at the end of the training session, the participants took the floor to express great satisfaction with words of thanks to the promoters of this project.

Some pictures took during the training



Seeds of the species used for the tree nursery



Practical phase of activities led by participants





Instruction and demonstration on how to demarcate a nursery board



Left : Materials of the tree nursery activity (plastic pot, seeds, watering pot). Right: Preparation of the planting pot by the women.



Left: Setting up of the nursery boards. Right: Discussion between participants and project team.



Left: Sowing seeds in pots. Right: Staking for sowing in pots.