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Report of environmental education schools visits in Nguti area and a workshop for teachers within the Nguti Zone

Introduction

As part of our ongoing project sponsored by the Rufford Small Grant in UK, a twin programme was organized for a visit to four central schools in Nguti Town and a workshop involving 30 teachers (participants) selected from schools of zone A. this is in line with our environmental conservation education 2007/2008 schools programme within the villages that are adjacent to the Banyang-Mbo Wildlife Sanctuary. This project area covers Upper Banyang, Bangem and Nguti Sub Divisions. The activity was carried out in October 2007.

Objectives:

- 1. To introduce the organization Nature Cameroon and build confidence with the schools
- 2. To create environmental conservation education awareness
- 3. To acquaint the organization with environmental issues affecting the schools
- 4. To also learn from the schools

During the visits, the following topics were discussed:

- 1. Introduction of Nature Cameroon
- 2. A review of the Banyang-Mbo Wildlife Sanctuary and its importance to the schools
- 3. Participatory discussion on environmental issues affecting the schools

The schools below were visited according to the schedule:

S/N	Day/Date	School	Time
01	Wed.	Government High School (GHS) NGUTI	8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
	09/10/2007		
02	Wed.	Catholic School (C.S). NGUTI	10:00 – 11 a.m.
	10/10/2007		
03	Thurs.	Government School (G.S). NGUTI	8:30 – 9: 30 a.m.
	11/10/2007		
04	Thurs.	Government Technical College (GTC) NGUTI	10:00 – 11 a.m.
	11/10/2007		

We recorded huge attendance by both teachers/students and pupils with interesting questions from the participating students. Furthermore, the teacher's workshop received the attention of the administration, although a timid attendance was registered, the teachers who participated did a lot as you would see in the final report.



Left: Pupils of Gov;t. School Nguti. Right: Catholic Sch. Nguti pupils





Left: Itte Jaya – VSO discussing with students. Right: GTC Nguti students receiving lectures



Left: Group work during teacher's workshop – Nguti. Right: Participants at the teacher's workshop



Left: Principal GHS Nguti. Right:Destroyed school toilet by wind storm. (One of many environmental issues)