

Project Update: July 2009



The regional delegate of forestry and wildlife for the North West region of Cameroon in the month of June 2009 carried some field visit to monitor and be abreast control anti-poaching activities in TUBAH/BAFUT Administrative unit in Cameroon. This visit took place on the 10th of June 2009 from 10.am with a starting point at BAPESU office at four corners Bambui. BAPESU presented a brief expose on its conservation activities in the Tubah Upland Forest, as relates to the protection of the inhabiting chimpanzees. This was followed by a field visit that was guided by BAPESU, to the “uphill” viewpoints of the Upland Forest opposite the IRAD Upper Farms and the one just above the “White House”.



The team from the regional delegation that was lead by Colonel MBOMGLANG Joseph highly commended the work of BAPESU (Benevolent Association for the Protection of the Environment and the Socially Underprivileged) achieved so far and ongoing work with the goal of protecting the endangered great apes (Pan Troglodytes) of the Tubah upland forest (Cameroon) through continuous community. BAPESU used this opportunity to talk about the achievements so far and future work plans. At the end of the working day BAPESU was encouraged to continue in pushing efforts towards saving the chimpanzees from disappearance. Under the leadership of Christian Tabifor (Project Coordinator) appeal was made to the government to strongly intervene with all its efforts in helping to protect the Tubah Upland forest and its endangered species of plants and animals from disappearance. They were made to understand that the funds have dried off and efforts are being made to seek funds to continue the program to cover the other villages.



The team from the delegation was composed of the following dignitaries: Colonel MBOMGLANG Joseph (Regional Delegate of Forestry and Wildlife, NW), Mr. Joseph (Chief of Protected Areas NW Region), Lieutenant Colonel MBAH Guy Dekolla (Divisional Delegate, Mezam), SAMA Emmanuel (Divisional Chief of Protected Areas), and the Chief of Forestry and Wildlife, Tubah. Other sister NGO's that also were represented at the field visit where MEBONU Foundation, LAAF (Local Aids Advisers), COBEX, Youth Solidarity Association (YSA), and also the Tubah Council Natural Resource Manager of the local council, village animators from Kedjom Keku, Bambui and Kedjom Ketingu, and some Volunteers from the Philippines and the director of IRAD Bambui (Cameroon).