

Project Update: November 2010

We have met with local officials and convened a meeting with Tsamtsam Island residents to better define our ecotourism product. A community organisation has been formed to lead the project, under the name Organisation Ecotouristique du Lac Oguemoué (OELO), and is in the process of being legalised with the Gabonese government. Potential activities have been identified and a beautiful site has been chosen by local residents for the location of the tents. Several fishermen and former hunters have expressed interest in guiding clients and we will spend much time with them in upcoming months on hospitality training. OELO is also very interested in creating a bush meat education programme to educate hunters and student groups on the health risks of butchering primates and on environmental conservation.



A meeting of the officers of the Organisation Ecotouristique du Lac Oguemoué (OELO)



Potential guides cut bark from the Kévazingo tree to make a traditional remedy for back pain during a practice hike.



Sunset from the camping site chosen by the community.