

CBPP & CAMBIO

Impact Report 2024

Safeguarding Biodiversity in the Mbam & Djerem National Park Landscape



Science & Research

- **1,236 km of forest surveyed** (4,000+ km since 2016)
- **980 chimpanzee nests recorded** → ~75 individuals, 8 groups
- **69 termite-fishing tools** found (300+ catalogued)
- **104 fecal samples** for diet, genetics & health
- **17 traps, 14 poacher camps, 12 fishing camps destroyed**
- **Zero human activity** in Gangah core zone (2024)



Local Jobs & Training

- **25–30 residents** employed annually as eco-guardians, guides, educators
- Dozens trained in biomonitoring, camera traps, anti-poaching
- Alumni leading conservation efforts across Cameroon



Culture & Community

- **500+ people daily** at Conservation Football Tournament
- **8 village teams** played under conservation slogans
- Cultural evenings: music, plays, poetry & *Miss Conservation*
- Women trained in **soap-making, pastry & handicrafts** → new income streams



Education & Youth Empowerment

- **150+ children** attend weekly classes
- **6 schools visited weekly** → biodiversity in curricula
- **1,800 students** engaged during Youth Day
- **150 school kits + 15 books** distributed
- Children's book: *The Adventures of Aiya & André*
- Conservation comic book for schools



Conservation Outcomes

- Stabilized **Nigeria–Cameroon chimpanzee populations**
- Reduced poaching & illegal fishing in MDNP
- Increased biodiversity knowledge & pro-conservation attitudes
- Data informs **MINFOF policy & IUCN Red List**
- Publications in **Nature, PNAS, AJ Primatology, Ecology & Evolution**



Looking Ahead

- Expand **Mbakaou Wildlife Education Center (MWEC)**
- Scale education to new villages
- Integrate **genomics, drones & acoustic sensors** into monitoring
- Secure **long-term financing** for future generations