

## REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF YOUTH WEEK HELD FROM FEBRUARY 9 TO 11, 2026

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This report presents the activities carried out as part of Youth Week organized by the Environmental Education Center (Wildlife Center). The main objective of these activities was to raise awareness and engage participants and the population of Mbakaou in the conservation and preservation of biodiversity, while providing students with opportunities for expression through sports and cultural activities, and to promote better collaboration between the Wildlife Center and the schools in this community.

### ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT

#### 1- Cross-country

**Objective:** to encourage young people to adopt an active lifestyle while introducing them to the natural spaces of the area.

**Description:** a cross-country course was set up in the surrounding nature, organized by the environmental education center with the help of physical education teachers from the high school and primary school. The young students from these schools participated in this activity, promoting both healthy competition and connection with the natural environment. The ten best students were awarded based on their finishing position: the top five at the high school and the top five at the primary school.

**Impact:** this activity helped raise awareness among young people about the biodiversity of the local ecosystem while promoting physical activity and social interaction.

#### 2- Cultural evening in collaboration with the high school and the primary school of Mbakaou

**Objective:** to promote exchanges between the center and its various institutions and to encourage the creativity of young students through poetry and dance.

**Description:** Cultural evenings were organized with several activities, including traditional dances, poems, and awareness messages, which were presented by the students of the wildlife center. This evening allowed young people to express their artistic talents while strengthening community bonds.

**Impact:** Students were able to discover and appreciate the talents of other participants; moreover, it strengthened the group spirit and encouraged tolerance and openness to activities beyond the usual ones.

### 3- Youths Parade

**Objective:** to celebrate February 11 while promoting a sense of community and solidarity among the students of the center and those from other schools in the village and surrounding areas.

**Description:** the children from the wildlife center received t-shirts with which they participated in a parade. This parade brought together young students and other children in a colorful and festive event, with singing and dancing. This event helped raise public awareness of environmental issues.

**Impact:** the parade helped inform and raise awareness among the local population about biodiversity conservation by encouraging the active participation of young people in the life of their community. The day concluded with a shared meal among the children.

Youth Week was a good week for the students of the wildlife center and for the community as well. Not only did it allow young participants to discover and share cultural values, but it also served as a platform to discuss and take action on environmental issues. The activities carried out encouraged social cohesion and raised awareness among young people about the importance of biodiversity and the need to protect it.

