

REPORT OF AWARENESS ACTIVITIES RELATED TO WORLD ENDANGERED SPECIES DAY May 11, 2026

Theme: "Fight against the illegal trafficking of wild animals and preservation of biodiversity"

Presented by: CBPP – Environmental Education Center

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Location: Djaoro-Kombo

Introduction

As part of the celebration of World Endangered Species Day, the Environmental Education Center organized an awareness activity on May 11, 2026, in the locality of Djaoro-Kombo. The main objective of this activity was to raise awareness among local populations about the endangered species of the Mbam and Djerem National Park, as well as the consequences related to their disappearance. This initiative also aimed to strengthen community awareness and encourage local populations to get involved in the protection of their locality's natural resources.

Activity Progress

The awareness-raising activity took place in a friendly and participatory atmosphere in the presence of traditional authorities, the partner (MINFOF), as well as the local populations of Djaoro-Kombo. The session began with the welcoming of participants and the introductory words from the center's facilitators. It continued with the intervention of the traditional authorities, who welcomed the initiative and encouraged the populations to actively participate in the discussions.

The main awareness messages focused on:

- The protection of endangered animal species;
- The consequences of illegal wildlife trafficking;
- The importance of biodiversity for present and future generations;
- The role of local communities in the conservation of Mbam and Djerem National Park.

The discussions with the participants made it possible to address several concerns related to wildlife and environmental conservation in the locality. The communities showed great interest through their questions, reactions, and active participation throughout the session. See the photos in the appendix.

Result Obtained

At the end of this activity, 90 people were made aware, with strong involvement of the populations during the discussions; sustained attention to the awareness messages; a clear interest of the participants in issues related to biodiversity conservation; a better understanding of the consequences of the disappearance of threatened species; a strengthening of the links between local communities and conservation actors.

Difficulties Encountered

Despite the generally smooth progress of the activity, some difficulties were observed, notably: bad weather that temporarily disrupted the activity; a slight delay due to waiting for the arrival of the authorities.

Recommendations

At the end of this activity, the following recommendations were made:

- Increase awareness activities in the locality in order to keep the populations informed and involved.
- Develop strategies allowing communities to better perceive the benefits of conservation in their environment;
- Strengthen collaboration between conservation actors, local authorities, and the populations; further encourage community participation in biodiversity protection initiatives.

Conclusion

The awareness campaign organized by the center in Djaoro-Kombo as part of World Endangered Species Day made it possible to convey important messages on combating illegal wildlife trafficking and preserving biodiversity. The interest shown by the populations and their active participation demonstrate the importance of continuing this type of initiative in the communities surrounding the Mbam and Djerem National Park.



Departure of participants to the activity site



Awareness message by the village chief



Animation by children of WC



Awareness by students of WC



Awareness by MINFOF staff



Awareness by CBPP staff



Picture with some participants