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WWC in the development and implementation of future REDD projects.

However, the components of this study according to our informants do not include a section relating to alternative sources of income and opportunity costs of REDD which would enable to a rational analysis of the economic opportunities between REDD and other economic activities such as intensive and extensive agriculture, agro-industry, commercial breeding and intensive rearing, forest logging and mining exploitation.

Ideas debated during this workshop enabled

the different stakeholders to make recommendations. Representatives of local communities expressed the wish that the methodology used in the field study will be participatory and culturally adapted. They further expressed the wish that in the conduct of the studies, Wildlife Works Carbon (WWC) will associate persons with experience working with indigenous communities. In the course of these studies, the organization shall take into account the specificities of indigenous people.

Cameroon authorizes the implementation of REDD in the Dja Reserve

The project will be conducted by Global Green Carbon and the tropical research centre of the Los Angeles University known as GGC-CTR Consortium.

The information was released in a statement from the Consortium. The official document authorizing the GGC-CTR group to conduct a feasibility study of REDD+ project in the Dja Reserve was signed by the minister of Environment, Protection of Nature and Sustainable Development (MINEPDED) and the minister of Forestry and Wildlife (MINFOP).

"I have the honor to inform you of the approval of my ministerial department for the realization of feasibility studies by your consortium for the development of a REDD+ project in the

Dja Biosphere Reserve and buffer zone. With positive results from these studies a definitive agreement could be signed for the development and implementation of the project".

Elvis Ngolè Ngolè the then MINFOP declared. The Dja reserve is known for its ecological value and its important biodiversity. According to the Consortium, the project is aimed at reducing deforestation and forest degradation, and improving carbon stocks on a land surface of 624,000 hectares of the reserve. It is also aimed at rehabilitating a land surface of 15 km representing the buffer zone around the park which covers 604,500 hectares.



On the whole, the REDD+ project of the Dja biosphere will contribute in the conservation /rehabilitation of 1, 228, 500 forest hectares in the Congo basin. Moreover, the project include a component relating to the strategic integrated land management which will benefit the Baka (indigenous peoples) and the Bantu communities in the region, in addition to facilities made available for research and sensitization on ecotourism.

The project which is implemented in Southern Cameroon may « generate carbon credits on the voluntary market in order to better protect and preserve the Dja Reserve and its rich biodiversity while generating profits for local communities» said Kirsten Mc Gregor, co-sponsor and president of GGC. Obviously, GGC would like to provide a model of sustainable management which may be duplicated in other REDD+ projects in Cameroon.

Civil society improves its understanding of the R-PP elaboration process

About forty representatives of civil society organizations and members of the REDD national coordination unit of the Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection and Sustainable Development (MINEP-DÉD), met to discuss the different steps in the elaboration of R-PP and the stakes of REDD+ process in Cameroon. The meeting which held from 22nd to 23rd November 2011 in Yaounde enabled the participants to examine the different phases in the implementation of REDD+ and the priorities which should be given to

