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Ethnomycological enquiries were made with communities of six villages of the Noun divisions through individual, group discussions and interactive programme of the local broadcasting radio (Radio Communautaire du Noun). The aim was to get access to original and popular knowledge and behaviour of Bamoun on mushrooms. At the end, we observed that, mushrooms have honorably place in their daily life. We have the following results:

- Bamoun considers mushrooms as meat. They eat more than 20 species that they differentiate by their morphology, colour and ecology of the fruit body, and design by specific local names. So, there is a threat to wild mushrooms mainly in Koutaba where traders earn up to £ 300 per year.
- There are at least 15 popular expressions (proverbs, saying and riddle) regularly used by population to illustrate some occurrence of the life. One of the most funny is: "*Urine of a poor never grow mushrooms*".
- Preliminary trip permit to collect some mushrooms eaten by Bamoun among which *Termitomyces schimperi*.