

## Project Update: May 2012

The first phase and objective of the work has just ended. It focused on conservation education. During our fieldwork we strengthened our relationship with the chiefs in the Mount Cameroon Region. This cooperation is also going to be very important in the future for continuation of the project. Public awareness was created during this phase of the work through conservation meetings with local communities. Other interesting conservation outcomes were noted such as the willingness by the local communities for ex situ conservation through mushrooms cultivation. In situ conservation has been achieved through sensitisation of stakeholders on sustainable harvesting, cultivation, and habitat protection amongst others. The project will continue with extensive socio-economic (market-based) survey of edible and medicinal species which will be done to assess their conservation status. Continuous documentation on the diversity and distribution of macro-fungi in the Mount Cameroon region will also be executed in the months ahead.

