

Project Update: February 2013

Analytical workshop, awareness campaigns and lobbying A workshop was organised to discuss the results of ethnobotanical survey and field observations among delegates from interviewed households, local leaders, representatives of Jura-Afrique Bénin NGO and managers of the Biosphere Reserve of Pendjari. During the workshop, a certificate was awarded to Pessagou, the village with the most conserved gallery forest. The managers of the Biosphere Reserve of Pendjari also agreed to consider our results to design a buffer zone between gallery forest and fields in areas adjacent to the reserve. Participants also agreed on the content of posters used to raise awareness in 10 villages surrounding the reserve. During awareness campaigns, local communities suggest that we include some species extinct in villages but still recorded in the reserve in future projects: *Kigelia africana*, *Piliostigma thonningii* and *Pseudocedrela kotschyi*.

