

Project Update: July 2014

After several meetings in May 2014, we selected 10 villages where the mushrooms caravan will pass, fixed the chronogram of activities and the items of the meetings and field work. In June 2014 we discussed with the local authorities of the Ministry of Forest and Wildlife (MIMFOF) and traditional rulers of the selected villages. We got census of local environmental threats among which we had:

- Uncoordinated trees cutting by local population seeking for firewood or to make charcoal. The two main species used for these purpose are *Hymenocardia acida* Tul. and *Lophira lanceolata* van Tiegh ex Keay.
- Forest cutting for agriculture that in most cases gives very low yield.
- Loss of traditional knowledge in natural science.
- Ignorance or non-respect of Cameroonian forest and environmental laws; for example, the Forest Reserved of Melap was invaded for farming and wood cutting.
- Illegal hunting.
- There is also conflict between of MIMFOF authorities and the local population.



Left: An over view of the natural landscape of Fouban sub-division. Right: Poor yield corn farm in a destroyed galleries forest land in Koundoum