

## **Project Update: October 2014**

In August 2014, our mushrooms caravan for nature conservation went out and stopped in four villages: Mambouo Njigham, Mfelap, Mfentame and Feyet. In each village, we had an educative talk on nature conservation and the importance of mushrooms with emphasis on local cases. We also had field works in order to get access to local environmental problems and mushrooms diversity.

For educative talk, five presentations were done in each village on fungi in general, consequences of disturbance of the local ecosystems, environmental legislation in Cameroon, missions of the Ministry of Forest and Wildlife and diversity of local mushrooms. During field trips we collected many samples of mushrooms. We observed that beside environmental threats, they are many sites that can be exploited in ecotourism.

Generally, the inhabitants of these villages were happy for this initiative that allows them to have information on their environment and facilities given by the Cameroonian government and international organizations to those who act in favour of nature conservation.



Left: Charcoal exploitation in Mambouo Njigham. Right: Fall, potential eco-touristic trump card of Fouban subdivision