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The first phase of the project has been achieved through field collections of indigenous mushroom species of conservation importance, their identification and market surveys.

Field surveys were carried out in the Mount Cameroon Region. Opportunity assessment was done in markets around the region. Edible and medicinal mushroom species identified as *Pleurotus* sp., *Auricularia* sp., *Volvolaria* sp. and *Ganoderma* sp., were sold in local markets.

These four types of mushroom species were mostly demanded by consumers, they were in relatively short supply, those who sell mushroom do so in combination with beans, fish, spices, and fruits, amongst others. Most of the sellers are from the North West Region of Cameroon and they affirmed that mushroom business is very lucrative. Cryopreservation, cultivation trials and the eventual commercialisation of the identified indigenous species of mushroom from field and market survey is ongoing in the next phase of the project.

