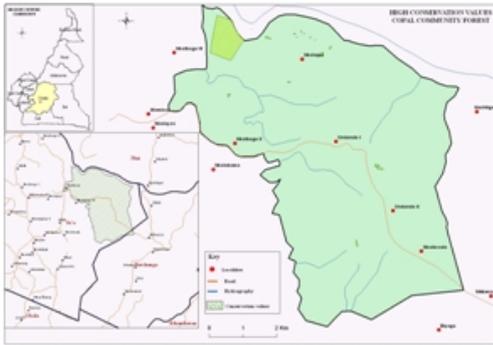


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Conservation efforts to protect biodiversity in the COPAL Community Forest lead us to conduct multiple activities in the field in order to identify and map high conservation values. From February to May 2015, we conducted data analysis coupled with environmental education. We found that hunting which is a means of subsistence to the bordering population is a remarkable threat to fauna diversity. The high level of snares, which is a very indiscriminate means of ravaging terrestrial fauna in forest milieu, is found to be significant in this community forest. Thus, during the months of June and July 2015, we had to conduct an anti-poaching campaign and destroy those snares, particularly because of a “mythical area” found in this forest where great apes seem to inhabit cavern.



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Patrick Mbosso in front of a grotto where great apes seem to inhabit ©Mvogo



Great apes nest found ©P. Mbosso



Group photo with pupils and teachers after conservation education programme activities, in front of a classroom ©S. Elombo



Snake killed using snare ©P. Mbosso



Sample of snare found in the forest ©P. Mbosso



Squirrel caught using snare ©P. Mbosso