
Progress Report II

Title of project:

**ABUNDANCE, DISTRIBUTION AND CONSERVATION
OF THE CRITICALLY ENDANGERED WIMMER'S
SHREW (*Crocidura wimmeri*) IN THE BANCO NATIONAL
PARK, CÔTE D'IVOIRE**

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Background and justification

This report is an update of the implementation of the project funded by Rufford foundation with the number of registration: 32300-2 concerning the theme « **ABUNDANCE, DISTRIBUTION AND CONSERVATION OF THE CRITICALLY ENDANGERED WIMMER'S SHREW (CROCIDURA WIMMERI) IN THE BANCO NATIONAL PARK, CÔTE D'IVOIRE** ». According to The Rufford Foundation's objectives, the project must be the subject of two interim update reports and a final report. This is the second report since the beginning of activities related to this project. This update report deals with one essential point which concerns the environmental education and sensitizations around the Banco National Park (BNP).

Environmental education day

This day was mainly interested in sensitizing young people, students and teachers on the need to protect nature and particularly the Wimmer's shrew. This day took place around a few activities which are:

- ✚ **Teaching-training:** In this part, several trainings were made. They concerned the presentation of the Banco National Park (PNB) our study site, the ecosystem services offered by the PNB, the presentation of the animal species of the PNB, the presentation of the Wimmer's shrew and finally the importance of preserving the BNP.

- ✚ **Discussion:** At this level, a discussion window is open. The learners had time to ask questions about their misunderstandings following the training module in order to better understand.

- ✚ **Competition:** We have started small competitions between young people to test their level of understanding. Teams were formed in small groups for this purpose.

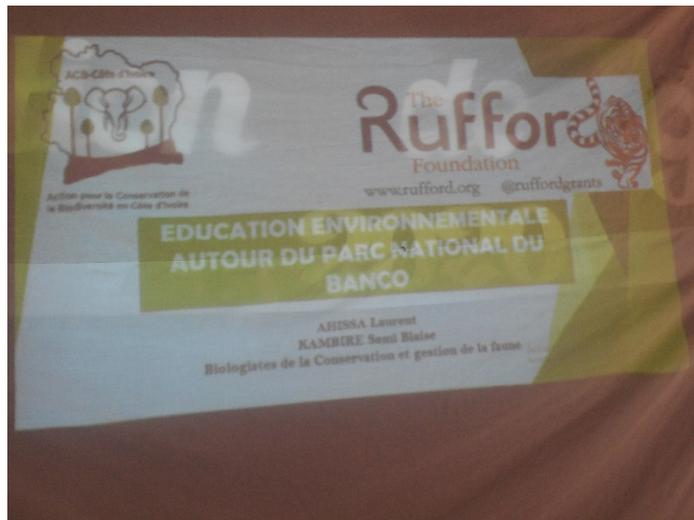
Sensitization

-Film screening: Films on the importance of biodiversity, the need to conserve it, its value and the resulting ecosystem services. This activity brought together several people who are residents around the park.

Walk in the national Park

After the series of information on the forest, its components and the reasons for its conservation, we took a tourist walk in the forest. We were accompanied by forest agents to present the benefits of the park's conservation.

Some pictures of the actions carried out:







Images of environmental education



Interview with forestry officers



Walk in National Park

Partial conclusion

This second report responds well to the objectives of the project. It precedes the final report which will be disseminated at the time of the project.

We thank all our partners who helped to carry out the activities.