

Project Update: June 2021

Following the planning of our project, a Farmer Field School has been conducted from February to June 2021 in Dassa-Zoumè locality. Participants were trained in seed collection, choice of nursery site, site delimitation and fence installation, seed pre-treatment and germination, sowing seeds in pots and aligning pots on a board, seedling watering and seedling planting. A total of 53 people participated in the training.

Below are some pictures taken during the training.



Collection of *Caesalpinia bonduc* fruits and extraction of seeds



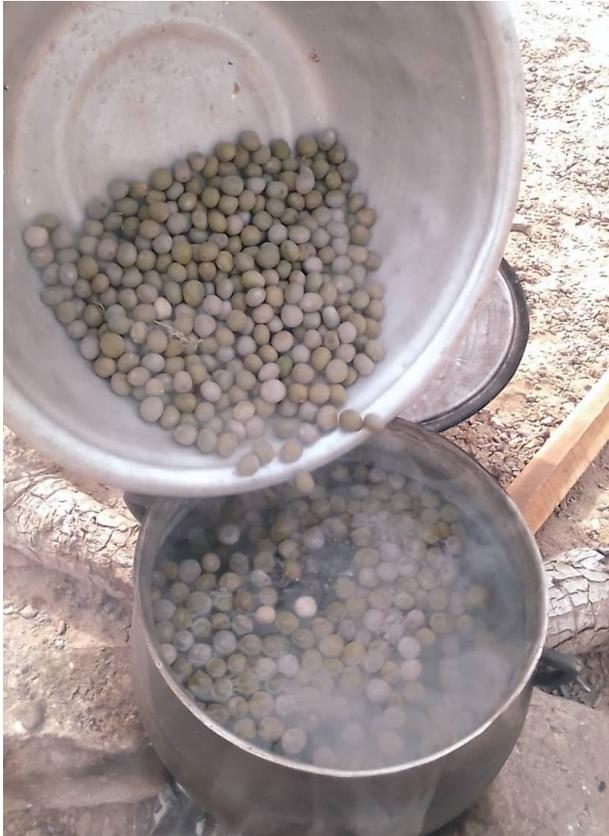
Pots filling with substrates



Transport of the filled pots to nursery site



Alignment of filled pots on the nursery site



Seed's pretreatment



Left: watering the seedbed. Right: Removal of seedlings from the seedbed.



Planting seedlings in the pots



Setting up the shade on the seedlings

A training workshop was organised on 12 June 2021 in Dassa-Zoumè locality with the participation of 75 people representing NGOs, nurserymen, and local farmers associations from 10 localities. The workshop started with the welcome speech from the Project Coordinator, Dr E. Bruno Lokonon and the president of the nurserymen of Dassa-Zoumè. The first communication was given by Dr Lokonon and concerned the importance of biodiversity and the threats on natural resources in general and *Caesalpinia bonduc* in particular. The second presentation given by Mr Moïse Tossou focused on the techniques of production of *C. bonduc* in nursery. The participants were satisfied with the quality of presentations. Each participant received at least five seedlings of *C. bonduc*. In total, 1000 seedlings have been distributed. Before closing the workshop, some seedlings were planted by the participants.

Some pictures taken during the workshop are below.



Participants



Dr Lokonon given its communication.



Mr Tossou communicating on the production of *C. bonduc* in nursery.



Participants on the nursery site



Planting activities



Participants receiving seedlings

Our activities have been published on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/765197430295377/posts/1950202021794906/>

For the next step of the project, another training workshop will be organised in following days in Parakou.