

## Project Update : September 2021

1. A training workshop was organised on 14 August 2021 at the secondary school of Boko (Parakou). The workshop aimed to train the participants on the different steps of production of *Ceasalpinia bonduc* seedlings. About 100 participants representing NGOs and local farmers associations from Boko, Parakou, Tchaourou and N'dali were present. The workshop started with the welcome speech from the President of Sos Biodiversity Mr Sunday Kakpo, the Project Coordinator Dr E. Bruno Lokonon and the representative of Borgou-Alibori forest inspection, Captain Emmanuel Salifou. Three communications were given. The first communication was given by Mr Kakpo and concerned the importance of biodiversity and the threats on natural resources. The second presentation was given by Dr Lokonon on the importance of *C. bonduc* conservation. The last presentation given by Mr Moïse Tossou focused on the techniques of multiplication of *C. bonduc*. The participants were satisfied with the quality of the presentations. Each participant received a leaflet (summarising the training). Before closing the workshop, some seedlings were planted by the participants around the secondary school. Each participant received at least five seedlings of *C. bonduc*. In total, 1000 seedlings have been distributed. Moreover, some seedlings have been planted in botanical space of Parakou forest inspection.

Below are some illustrations of the training.



Participants



Mr Tossou given its communication



Participants asking questions



Participants receiving seedlings

2. Our activities have been published on Facebook.  
<https://web.facebook.com/sosbiodiversitybenin/posts/1998393243642450>
3. We are currently conducting ethnobotanical surveys in central and northern Benin as planned.



Participants with their seedlings



Seedlings planted and labelled in botanical space of Parakou forest inspection