Mission Report

Bridging restoration and multi-functionality in degraded forest landscape of Eastern Africa and Indian Ocean Islands
FOREAIM

Work package 1 – Traditional ecological knowledge, tree management practices, uses and economic dependency of local population on forests and tree based systems in the context of their degradation

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Introduction

The Start up meeting of FOREAIM Project was held in October 2005 in Madagascar. During this meeting, WP1 partners committed themselves to produce a state of the art report per country by end of June. As part of this commitment, each country was to held a national meeting (march), to identify the study sites, make an assessment of the literature review and present some preliminary results of the pre-surveys. WP1 international leader (Nicole Sibelet – CIRAD TERA) and assistant (Claude Garcia – CIRAD Forestry Dept.) went on a three weeks mission to Kenya and Uganda to liaise with the partners, share methodological approaches and participate to the national meetings.

Mission objectives

1. To take part in the national workshops “synthesis on the state of the art”.
2. To establish the organizational principles of the regional workshop.
3. To continue the development of a common framework on forest restoration (applied research and partnership rather than top-down approach)
4. To trim the list of generic variables of the WP1.
5. To set up operating modes between partners to make up for lost time in WP1.
6. To assist on the design of a common methodological platform.
7. To take part in the validation of the choice of the study sites. To ensure in particular that the selected sites of the WP1 reflect the ongoing dynamics at the regional level.

Outcomes

1. WP1 national meetings where held in Uganda (14th March, 20 attendants) and Kenya (16th March, 7 attendants).
2. Makerere University proposes to host the WP1 regional meeting from June 13th to June 16th. First organisational arrangements have been made.
3. A common framework was built up to foster applied research and partnership rather than top-down approach.
4. The generic list of variables prepared in the Start up meeting in Madagascar has been reworked so as to reflect field realities.
5. Clear commitments and deadlines have been taken for all involved parties to ensure the first deliverables (state of the art report) are ready in time.
6. A common methodological approach has been developed between all the partners involved, to ensure surveys and interviews produce scientific data that can be compared between countries.
7. Study sites are Mau forest range in Kenya and Mabira forest in Uganda; they reflect the ongoing dynamics at the regional level. Specific community selection will be done on the basis on the pre-survey results and information shared with other WPs specifically WP2 and WP6.
8. Links have been developed between WP1 and other WPs and between WP1 and other academic and institutional partners.
9. We have developed working relationships with the forest authorities so as to ensure a smooth progress for the other WPs of FOREAIM. We request that in all future visits to the field by our colleagues, the necessary steps are taken to ensure these relationships remain good.
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- **Tropical Soil Biology and Institute of CIAT** (TSBF-CIAT) – Didier Lesueur.
- **Service de Coopération et d’Action Culturelle (SCAC)** – Attaché de coopération Bertrand Pigeon.
- **Institut français de recherche en Afrique (IFRA)** – Director Bernard Charlery de La Masselière.
- **World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF)** – Fabrice Pinard.

Uganda:
- **Service de Coopération et d’Action Culturelle (SCAC)** – Conseiller culturel Jérôme Dubois-Mercent.
- **Mabira Forest Centre** –Ibrahim Senfunsa
- **Forest Research Institute**
- **National Agriculture Research Organisation**

Next steps

- Literature review and pre-surveys are carried out by the National teams till the regional meeting.
- Draft 1 of the state of art including conclusions of the National Meeting will be sent to CIRAD (NS, CG and RP).
- Comments sent from CIRAD on April 14th.
- Program of regional meeting to be sent to WP1 partners.
- Draft 2 to be sent to CIRAD on May 31st.
- We propose a National Meeting for FOREAIM (all WP) France to be held early June.
- Makerere University proposes to host the WP1 regional meeting from June 13th to June 16th. Kenyan partners are OK. We have to check the Malagasy partners’ availability.
- First year WP1 report on June 23rd (State of Art, activities developed and year 2 program).
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