



Nachtigal, at the heart of Cameroon's sustainable development

Botanical samples from the Nachtigal site to enrich the collections of the Cameroon National Herbarium

Leaves, fruits, and flowers made accessible by the works.

From April, botanists started collecting samples in the Site area to enrich the collections of the Cameroon National Herbarium.

In fact, deforestation works have made forest areas accessible for the collection of specimens from herbaceous, shrubby, but also tree-like strata.

Botanists were thus able to have access, which is usually very difficult or even impossible, to certain leaves, fruits and tree flowers.



Dr Achoundong, Botanist

During this campaign, 556 specimens were collected, 75 families identified, 174 races, and about 300 species. The samples are prepared for pressing and then sent to the Cameroon National Herbarium.

"I commend NHPC's initiative because it is the first project that shows its willingness to conserve botanical samples from impacted areas. We guarantee that these samples will be properly preserved".

Fallouts for training and research



*Identification under the crown of *Triplochiton scleroxylon* (Ayous)*

The activity has helped in building the capacity of young botanists on how to collect and identify species present on the site.

Members of the team were also able to appreciate the natural regeneration dynamics of some non-timber forest products (NTFPs) or timber, and observed NTFP seedlings or juveniles rarely observed in the forest.



Samples ready for Herbarium treatment

The Cameroon National Herbarium is a research station of the Agronomic Research Institute for Development (IRAD), which works to improve knowledge of Cameroon's flora and to conserve floristic heritage through its collections
<http://irad.cm/national-herbarium-of-cameroun/>