

**Report on Stakeholder meeting of 20/04/2016 in Fundong, for the creation  
of “Kom-Wum Forest Reserve Protection Committee”  
By Liyong Emmanuel Sama, Coordinator of CIRMAD**

**1. Introduction**

A meeting of stakeholders of the Kom-Wum Forest Reserve was organised by the Mayor of Fundong Council and Centre for Indigenous Resources Management and Development (CIRMAD) on the 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 in the Fundong Council hall. It was to set up the “Kom-Wum Forest Reserve Protection Committee” as a stakeholder platform for the integrated management of the forest reserve under Fundong council. This was the first of three main activities of a project titled: *Training of community ecoguards to support law enforcement in Kom-Wum Forest primate habitat in North-West Cameroon*. It is being carried out with the support of the WWF-Education for Nature Program.

**2. Workshop objectives**

- i. To better involve all stakeholders towards an integrated biodiversity conservation of KWFR.
- ii. To raise the awareness of all stakeholders on the conservation of the biodiversity of KWFR.
- iii. To ensure that all actions of the consultation platform are in conformity with the law, and geared towards the benefit of the community(ies) both in the short and long term.

**3. Participants**

As invited, participants came from 4 of the 5 stakeholder villages\* and all the technical services. Representation from the villages comprised executive members of the village traditional councils, presidents of village development associations, village quarter heads, ardos (who head the cattle grazing Fulani communities), representatives of farmers and women groups. The technical services were represented by their Divisional Delegates except for one case of a representative.

Village/Service	Number of participants
Baiso	05
Mbenkas	03
Mbongkisu	06
Mentang	05
Meli/Fundong	03
Technical services (MINFOF, MINNEPDED, MINAGRI & MINEPIA)	04
Fundong Council	03
CIRMAD	02
Total	31

\* *Mughom village was not represented.*



A cross section of participants

#### 4. Opening word of Fundong Mayor & Group Photograph

Scheduled for 1 p.m., the meeting started at 1:20 p.m. with the singing of the national anthem, a word of prayer by a Muslim and the word of welcome of Mayor Denis Awoh Dang of the Fundong Council. The Mayor thanked all for the high attendance, especially the full representation of the technical services and the KWFR adjacent communities. Referring to the workshop objectives he said the stakeholder platform will strengthen the hand of the Fundong Council in managing the important forest. He also thanked CIRMAD and WWF for the technical and financial support.



Mayor Denis Dang opening the workshop

This was followed by a group photograph, after which the Mayor left his place of meeting chairman to his 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy, Mr. Chia Ernest, to continue with us.



Group picture

### 5. Technical paper by CIRMAD Coordinator

After the pause the session resumed with the presentation of a technical paper by Mr. Liyong Emmanuel Sama, Coordinator of CIRMAD. He outlined that the stakeholder workshop was one of three preliminary activities leading to the enlistment and training of community ecoguards for the Fundong Council to improve law enforcement in the Kom-Wum Forest Reserve. He also dwelled on the importance of the reserve, its international recognition as a habitat of the endangered Nigeria-Cameroon chimpanzee with priority conservation concern, and CIRMAD's Participatory Programme for the Protection of Chimpanzees (PAPPro-Chimps), which puts man (the communities) first!



Coordinator of CIRMAD presenting technical paper

## 6. Group Work session

Next was group work, during which the participants broke into 3 working groups, with the representatives of the technical services doubling as resources persons. Each group (with an average of 8 persons) worked to answer the following questions:

- What can/should farmers do to protect the KWFR?
- What can/should grazers do to protect the KWFR?
- What can Traditional rulers/chairs of traditional councils and Dev't Union Heads do to protect the KWFR?
- What are the likely constraints/problems, and the proposed solution/s for each constraint?

The report of each of the groups was presented in the plenary by its rapporteur, after which questions were asked and answered for clarifications.



Community member as group work rapporteur

## 7. Workshop resolutions

Mr. Liyong Sama, the facilitator, requested that 3 participants from across the board stand and give their frank views on what they thought should in summary be the take-home message or resolutions of the stakeholder meeting. Mrs. Tim Fidelia of BERUDA-Fundong, Pa Yem Eligah of Baiso village and Mr. Yong Christian of Mentang expressed what they felt were the take-home messages. Added to what we captured from the minutes of the general deliberations these are the workshop resolutions, as adopted:

- i. The Fundong Council and the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife should increase patrols and general law enforcement in the reserve, in order to curb the illegal activities carried out there.

- ii. Anybody caught hunting inside the KWFR shall be prosecuted according to the law.
- iii. Farmers and grazers should limit their activities outside the reserve boundary, and desist from farming, grazing and bush burning inside.
- iv. Traditional authorities (Chiefs, and Traditional Councils) should enact or use traditional conservation laws to support law enforcement in the KWFR.
- v. The government, the Fundong Council and conservation NGOs should multiply efforts to improve the livelihoods of the local communities, through capacity building on sustainable farming practices, sustainable livestock breeding, game farming and other alternative income generating activities.
- vi. Community awareness campaigns and conservation education should be increased in the adjacent communities, because some of the illegal human activities are carried out due to ignorance.
- vii. The communities encourage and support the Fundong Council to enlist, train, and deploy community guards in KWFR, in order to improve law enforcement.
- viii. The setting up of the “Kom-Wum Forest Reserve Protection Committee” should be legalised with a Municipal order of the Fundong Council.
- ix. The communities have a duty to contribute to the protection and development of KWFR in cash or in kind, as may be decided by the Committee.
- x. The “Kom-Wum Forest Reserve Protection Committee” should ensure that projects being carried out in KWFR have a bearing on the conservation of its biodiversity and take into consideration the benefits of the community(ies).
- xi. The highly attended stakeholder meeting resolves to become a concrete stakeholder platform known as the “Kom-Wum Forest Reserve Protection Committee”.



MINFOF Delegate making a point

## 8. Official closing

The meeting was officially closed by the Fundong Council Deputy Mayor, Mr. Chia Ernest, who thanked all for the high attendance and active participation. He said the setting up of the stakeholder platform was a great turning point for the integrated management of Kom-Wum Forest Reserve. He wished all a safe return, especially the community representatives, and enjoined them to go ahead to sensitise fellow villagers on the new impetus for the protection of the reserve.



Fundong Deputy Mayor closes workshop

## 9. Workshop Evaluation

Due to time constraints, as participants pressed to go after late lunch, it was no more possible to organise a formal evaluation of the workshop by participants.

## 10. CONCLUSION

Despite the non-representation of Mughom village, one of the five that surround Kom-Wum Reserve, and one of its vulnerable zones; despite our inability to organise a formal evaluation of the workshop by participants, due to serious time constraints, the stakeholder workshop was a huge success, judging from many spheres. This is evident from the high attendance and active participation in the meeting, and the quality of the group work that culminated into very useful resolutions. And the main one of the resolutions is the unanimous declaration of the creation of the Kom-Wum Forest Reserve Protection Committee as an organ to oversee all protection and development activities in the protected area, after it is concretised in a Municipal Order.

The stage is thus set for the enlistment and training of voluntary ecoguards as community participation in law enforcement in Kom-wum forest Reserve under the Fundong Council

### Appendices:

- i. List of workshop participants
- ii. Technical paper presented by Coordinator of CIRMAD

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