



Annual Activity Report 2023-2024



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WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

THE YEARS 2023 & 2024 HAS NOT BEEN EASY IN CAMEROON AND SOUTH WEST REGION IN PARTICULAR, DUE TO THE ONGOING CRISIS IN THE TWO ANGLOPHONE REGIONS OF CAMEROON. OUR JOURNEY THROUGHOUT THE YEARS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT OUR VALUED VOLUNTEERS, DEDICATED DONORS, AND THE MANY PROFESSIONALS WHO HELPED OUR COURSE. TOGETHER WE HAVE COORDINATED A NUMBER OF PROJECTS OVER, EXECUTED PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH WEST, NORTH WEST AND LITORAL REGIONS OF CAMEROON AND RAISED THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO OUR PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS IN OUR TARGET COMMUNITIES





MEG WAH BACKGROUND

According to the United Nations FAO, 42.1% or about 19,916,000 hectares of Cameroon is forested. Of these forest cover, 18.1% or around 4,400,000 hectares is lost annually. Meg Wah wants to see a Cameroon where humans live in harmony with nature by empowering youth to become Environmental Ambassadors and enabling communities to solve such problems, through a variety of engagement, policy changes and restoration activities.

Our operations resides through four main pillars viz: Eco-School, Community Intervention, Youth Leadership and Policy Advocacy.

Vision & Mission

Our Vision:

We want to see a Cameroon and a world where humans live and thrive in harmony with nature.

Our Mission:

To empower and enable local communities, children and young people to take care of our natural environment through endeavors such as engagement, policy changes and restoration activities



Objectives

- To enable children and youths of Cameroon become environmentally friendly by creating and providing opportunities where they can learn, play, interact and work to protect the environment.
- To solve problems of water shortages, deforestation, Land and water pollution and improper waste disposal by involving local community members in urban and rural areas.
- To introduce and encourage farmers in rural areas in Cameroon to carry out sustainable agriculture through the use of organic manure and indigenous seeds.



The Eco Innovators Programme was an initiative to give an opportunity to zealous and determined individuals in conservation to present their ideas. Through this programme, our organisation Meg Wah (My Earth) empowered more than 20 young people between the ages 18 to 35 with project writing, fundraising and idea pitching skills which enabled them to develop ideas and pitch during the Eco Innovators fair. The activity was carried out through the Eco Innovators programme as applicants were selected based on their game changing ideas to solve issues related to biodiversity loss within the Mount Cameroon National Park. From the pitching, three (3) participants emerged as winners and were awarded prizes and participatory prizes also given to all those who took part in the exercise.





HUMAN ELEPHANT CONFLICT PROJECT

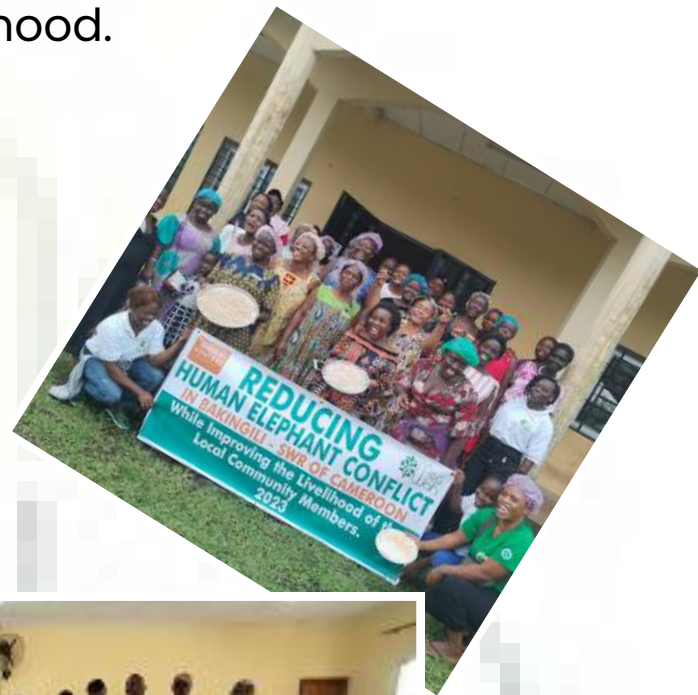
REDUCING HUMAN ELEPHANT CONFLICT IN BAKINGILI-SWR OF CAMEROON WHILE IMPROVING ON THE LIVELIHOOD OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS.



Meg Wah (My Earth) takes great strides in mitigating Human Elephant conflict in Bakingili, South West Region of Cameroon.

As elephants continue to invade the community and destroying their crops, the inhabitants of Bakingili were empowered to an alternative source of food and income in

transforming cassava into flour, spaghetti, biscuits, and produced wine to improve their livelihood.



TALI FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



As part of activities to create environmental awareness, Meg Wah (My Earth) in partnership with the Tali Area Youth Development Association (TAYDA) organized Tali Inter Quarter Cup Competition. Tali is a village located in Manyu Division, South West Region of Cameroon. This event brought together many villagers both the youth and the elderly who participated in the tournament and with enthusiasm they showed commitment till the end. The tournament helped to foster social cohesion and includes various activities designed to educate participants and spectators about environmental issues such as climate change, and biodiversity conservation.

Through this activity, the Meg Wah team fostered a sense of community responsibility for environmental ambassadors where by participants left with a better understanding of how their actions affect the planet and were call upon to implement changes on a daily basis. By combining sports with education and community involvement, this event created a unique platform that encourages positive action towards sustainability. With euphoria many expressed their gratitude for such a wonderful partnership for the football tournament which wasn't only entertaining but it was also informing and educating them on being intentional in reviving environment consciousness. Special thank you to Meg Wah and partners.



VISIT TO BOTANIC GARDEN LIMBE

The project seeks to explore the creativity of young environmental ambassadors (ages 10 years and above) in the community to explore nature allowing them to engage with photography in a unique and accessible way. The degradation that emerges due to overdependence on forest for livelihood and corrupt logging practices is an increasingly difficult problem to address. In promoting self-reflective approach to encountering the unsustainable exploitation of natural resources and contribute to an increased presence of environmental cognizance by equipping young people with the knowledge, skills, and resources necessary to help facilitate such endeavours, the Meg Wah team utilized a unique visual approach for youth to directly participate in developing a new outlook on nature, fostering a distinctive type of thinking and knowing of self, others, and the World.

The first phase of the project got the involvement of 30 community children/youth who were taken to the Botanic Garden Limbe Cameroon to explore the Garden, identify any Biological species within the Garden, observe the problem(s) faced by the species and take a photo of same.



Presentation of Species by Young Environmental Ambassadors



The second phase of the project, focused on the children to print out 10 photos of 10 different species, explained why the species, the problem(s) faced by the species and the solutions(s) proposed to conserve the species before a panel of judges, wherein three(3) children/youth emerged as winners of the exercise and were awarded prizes of school bags, books and other didactic materials.





EcoKids Project

Orientation and Education of EcoKids

EcoKids is a project that is carried out every year with young Environmental ambassadors. The 2024 edition of EcoKids started in Douala, Littoral Region Cameroon with orientation and an indoor session where the kids receive training on climate change and some possible solutions to overcome environmental challenges through tree planting and others. Meg Wah (My Earth) in partnership with Voice of Nature (VoNat) empowered community youths into taking climate actions in their communities through awareness, climate literacy, climate justice and youth mentorship. This flagship programme is funded by Earth Rising Foundation.



EcoKids Identification and Development of Microprojects

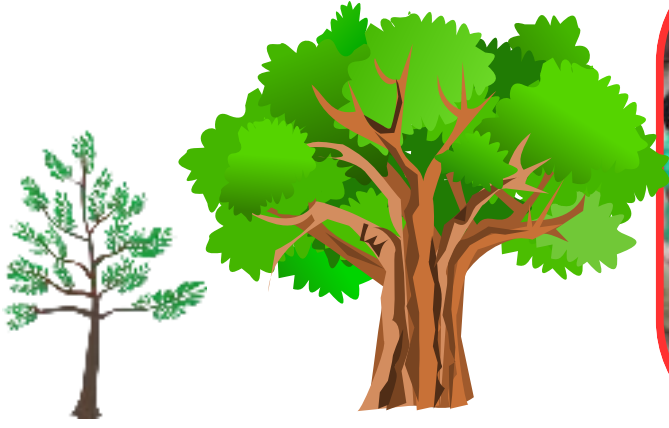


After the first phase of EcoKids 2024 on orientation and education, the EcoKids were assigned to go into their communities and identify problems affecting climate change like deforestation, flooding, and poor waste management and propose solutions as microprojects which were implemented thereafter. These microprojects included tree planting, waste management, media sensitisation etc.



Tree Planting by EcoKids

Our daily activities in one way or the other are affected by climate variability and change. In order to reduce vulnerability and increase resilience of especially flooding, in Douala Cameroon the young environmental ambassadors under EcoKids took part in planting of trees in some schools, churches and hospitals.



Media Sensitisation by EcoKids

In another phase of this year's EcoKids project, the young climate ambassadors in some neighbourhoods in Douala, Cameroon took part in a radio programme to sensitise and educate the population on the dangers of human activities like plastic pollution, waste disposal, cutting down of trees among others that affect climate change.



The media visit was a call for awareness to the entire population to be conscious in reviving our environment and be climate advocates.

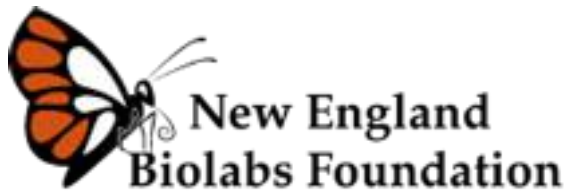


Waste Management

In order to reduce waste and plastic pollution, the kids together with the team from Meg Wah (My Earth) and Voice of Nature (VoNat) visited churches, schools, and hospitals to hand over cages and trash cans and were taught on how to sort dirt so as to protect our environment. These outreaches were carried out a joint project, EcoKids by Meg Wah (My Earth) and the Voice of Nature (VoNat) funded by Earth Rising Foundation



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