



CAMEROON GENDER AND ENVIRONMENT WATCH (CAMGEW)

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Oku White Honey Production from Kilum-Ijim Forest-Cameroon
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KILUM-IJIM FOREST-CAMEROON

- Montane forest that covers 20000 hectares with high biodiversity with 18 community forests
- Produces Oku White Honey certified as Geographical Indication Product
- The honey is white, delicious with a local, national and international market
- Trees like Prunus africana, Schefflera, Nuxia congesta, Croton, Pittosporum



ACTIONS AND RATIONALE

- CAMGEW has trained 347 bee farmers and provided them with 400 hives . 65 women trained
- Ownership of beehives in forest prevents bushfires and deforestation.
- It fights poverty and unemployment
- 43500 native forest bee loving trees have been planted from 2012 to 2015 in Kilum-Ijim forest
- More bee loving trees more honey produced
- Regular forest sensitization campaigns

QUANTITY OF HONEY AND WAX PRODUCED

Honey produced

- In 2012 about 22893 Litres of honey
- In 2013 about 22596 Litres of honey
- In 2014 about 24053 Litres of honey

Wax produced

- In 2012 about 1184 Kg of wax
- In 2013 about 14065 Kg of wax

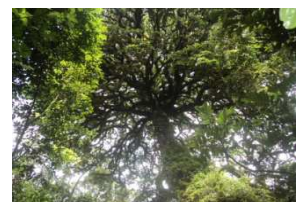
HONEY MARKET

- In 2012 honey sold at 2500FCFA/L
- In 2013 honey sold at 3500FCFA/L
- In 2014/2015 honey sold at 4000FCFA/L



GENDER INCLUSION

- Bee farming was considered a masculine activity
- More women have been trained in bee farming
- As women join bee farming they now harvest honey with their husbands since honey harvesting need 2 persons. This keep money in the family



PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED

- Bee farmers are not yet organized to ensure quality and quantity
- Improve on marketing
- Deforestation and bushfires
- There are some bee diseases
- Many bee colonies leave hives in the forest
- Colonisation of beehives in the forest is difficult
- Bee farmers carry beehives to valleys about 15 Km to colonize before carrying to the forest

CAMGEW FUTURE ACTIONS

- Organize bee farmers in 4 cooperatives
- Continue education on forest issues
- Train more persons in bee farming (180 in 2015)
- Search for honey/wax marketing opportunities for farmers
- Plant more bee loving trees in the forest