

**BUSHMEAT EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA
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1. Please state the progress that this project has made in achieving the stated goals of this project: To establish a professional team to develop bushmeat curriculum including lessons and field exercises to cover many aspects of the pan-African and regional bushmeat crisis; To host the bushmeat education material and network development workshops in each region; To identify individuals who will be responsible for directing and executing the development of the project; and To secure funding for and test the bushmeat curriculum through short courses prior to full implementation.

The Bushmeat Crisis Task Force and the African Regional Wildlife Colleges have made great progress towards all of the stated goals of this Associate Award through professional network building. At the *Bushmeat Experts and Educators' Workshop* at École de Faune de Garoua (EFG), Cameroon. From 20-22 March 2002, a team of 34 conservation professionals, educators, field personnel and government officers representing 13 countries met to build a framework for the development of a bushmeat training curriculum. Paul Scholte, who served as workshop planner and facilitator, has been identified by EFG and BCTF as the ideal candidate to direct the curriculum development phase of this project, which will be funded by the World Wildlife Fund's Russell E. Train Education for Nature Program (WWF EFN). Mr. Scholte will work with a curriculum developer to be based in Garoua to develop the bushmeat curriculum, with the cooperation of EFG instructors and administration. The locally-based curriculum developer will remain at EFG following the end of the WWF EFN grant to ensure the continuity of bushmeat training.

The *Bushmeat Experts and Educators' Workshop* at the College of African Wildlife Management, Mweka, Tanzania (CAWM) will be held from 7-9 May 2002. Thus far, invitations have been issued to 45 individuals from 11 countries. These participants represent government ministries, field experts, educators, NGOs and international conservation organizations, who will

focus their expertise on building a framework for the development of bushmeat training programmes at each wildlife college. The Jane Goodall Institute-USA is seeking donor funding to support the curriculum development phase of this effort as a part of their Congo Basin Project. CAWM has identified Dr. Will Banham as their workshop planner, facilitator and curriculum developer. Dr. Banham will work with CAWM faculty, staff and bushmeat experts to elaborate on the bushmeat curriculum template which will be developed at the workshop. As he has been based at CAWM for several years and has a close working relationship with CAWM faculty and students, CAWM is estimating that the time required for developing the curriculum will be less than the time required for EFG.

The workshop at Southern African Wildlife College (SAWC), South Africa will be held 5-7 August 2002. Staff at SAWC will manage the meeting planning aspects of the workshop, and we continue to communicate with several prospective funders. SAWC will also soon be identifying their primary curriculum developer for this effort.

2. Please state the progress that this project has made in achieving progress towards the following expected outcomes:

a. A template for a comprehensive bushmeat curriculum regarding the causes, effects and appropriate solutions to the bushmeat trade and how they can be most effectively implemented

Participants in the EFG workshop collaborated in working groups to develop the template for the development of the bushmeat curriculum for West and Central Africa. Causes, effects and solutions to the bushmeat crisis in the region were reviewed by members of the CITES Bushmeat Working Group (CITES BWG) and their designates, IUCN, Directors of Wildlife Colleges and the Director of the Regional Forestry School in Kinshasa. The CITES BWG was formed during the 2000 CITES Conference of Parties in Nairobi, Kenya to address the illegal, commercial bushmeat trade in Central Africa. The Directors of Wildlife for the six Central African countries, along with National Bushmeat Focal Points, serve on the CITES BWG. Some of their key concerns included antipoaching, urban markets, economics, transportation of bushmeat and lack of training and funding for wildlife managers. In addition, BCTF summarized our activities towards building capacity to implement solutions to the bushmeat crisis, including our efforts to develop a *Bushmeat Resource Guide* for US zoos and African Sanctuaries. In addition, other educators and staff from EFG reviewed their current course offerings to provide a basis for building the framework for the curriculum development phase of this project. Working groups were then able to structure their discussions and plans around the identified causes, effects and solutions to the bushmeat crisis.

In addition, working groups used the CITES BWG priority actions and the BCTF Bushmeat Action Plan as the basis for their design of a curriculum template to address causes, effects and solutions to the bushmeat crisis. Antipoaching, private sector investment and collaborative relationships, urban populations and key decision-maker involvement, local communities, and wildlife surveys and monitoring were specific areas of focus for these groups. Working groups were composed of one individual from several sectors: government ministries, Garoua instructors, education, private sector, fieldwork and NGOs. Groups determined the target

audiences for this short course (wildlife managers and some conservation trainers/educators), reviewed current offerings in the EFG curriculum and performed an analysis of the needed knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to address the bushmeat crisis.

b. Developing particular emphasis on environmental education material development for primary and secondary schools and rural communities as a part of the template described above

During the EFG workshop, particular attention was given to environmental education and awareness-raising among local communities. The working group focused on community issues, local hunters, and consumers determined that one top priority should be to provide training to educators and conservation trainers who work with local communities. Since the bushmeat trade can provide an important source of income for rural and urban populations, environmental education will play a key role in working with local communities to identify alternative sources of income and protein for the long-term. In addition, the CITES BWG is interested in dovetailing their plans for a public awareness campaign with this portion of the training program to develop an integrated campaign to address the urban and rural consumption of bushmeat.

Several invited participants to the CAWM workshop are experts in environmental education, with many years of experience in the East African region. Among those are representatives of the William Holden Wildlife Foundation Education Centre, the Jane Goodall Institute, the Wildlife Conservation Society of Tanzania, ADMADE and the Malihai Clubs of Tanzania. We anticipate that environmental education will be a key component of both the CAWM and SAWC workshops.

c. Establishment of a broad network of professionals that are equally informed and focused on addressing the bushmeat crisis

During the EFG workshop, many of our colleagues expressed an interest in furthering the linkages between their various ministries and organizations to further develop regional and national communications networks of bushmeat experts. In planning for the EFG and CAWM workshops (and anticipating the upcoming SAWC workshop), BCTF has tapped into its network of professionals from government, conservation organizations, field personnel, media and educators to bring together those who are working on implementing solutions to the bushmeat crisis. It was especially helpful to have members and designates of the CITES BWG interacting with educators, field personnel and researchers regarding the development of a bushmeat training curriculum. We are currently establishing a listserv to facilitate communications among members of the CITES BWG and their national focal points. We anticipate similar outcomes during the two remaining workshops and look forward to facilitating linkages between these three networks into a single bushmeat information network.

d. Creation of a framework for additional training and capacity building within government wildlife departments (curriculum can be taught both within and outside of the college environment, as necessary).

One of the priorities of the CITES BWG is the establishment of regular training sessions to build the capacity of their wildlife officers and park guards to respond appropriately to the bushmeat crisis. Their participation in the EFG workshop allowed for the strengthening of linkages between EFG and the CITES BWG, as both have many similar aims in addressing the illegal, commercial bushmeat trade. The CITES BWG is currently finalizing their three-year implementation plan for the MacArthur Foundation grant proposal which was approved last year; thus, their input into many aspects of the EFG workshop was critical. As the curriculum development phase of this project begins, we anticipate that further linkages will be established between EFG and the members of the CITES BWG, leading to parallel training programs at EFG and within Central African government wildlife departments.

3. Please comment on any other aspects of this project that should be addressed.

CITES Regional Policy and Legislation Review: In addition to the participation of members of the CITES BWG, we were also pleased to welcome representatives of IUCN's Central African Program Office. As a key part of the CITES BWG action plan, IUCN is sponsoring a policy and legislation review in the region. The consultants for this project, including Yajji Bello, the former Director of Wildlife for Cameroon, also attended the workshop, and were very appreciative of the opportunity to meet with so many bushmeat experts at the start of their work. BCTF encouraged the IUCN consultants to focus on areas of overlapping jurisdictions within wildlife policy in the region, and to detail the actions and resources that will be necessary to implement policy development regarding bushmeat. The final report is anticipated on 20 April.

Upcoming Workshops: Plans for the next workshop at the College of African Wildlife Management (CAWM), Mweka, to be held from 7-9 May 2002 are in motion. This workshop is also sponsored by the US Agency for International Development, with support from the Jane Goodall Institute for the training program development phase. The Southern African Wildlife College workshop will be held in early August, and further details will soon be forthcoming.

Wildlife College Linkages: We are pleased to have the opportunity to welcome all of the Wildlife College Directors to each workshop, thus emphasizing the pan-African nature of this wildlife crisis. In addition, the Directors have expressed their interest in furthering the linkages between the colleges and between their bushmeat training programs and will continue to build those links during the next two workshops.

Travel and Equipment Budgets: Although all invited guests were unable to attend the EFG workshop (notably those from Equatorial Guinea, Chad, Ghana and Sierra Leone), we were pleased that many more Cameroonians were able to attend this workshop in their home country (as was approved by USAID prior to the workshop). Other departures from the previewed budget and guest list included a very low cost for equipment, as translations equipment was not used during the workshop. We would like to hold the "Equipment" line item for the other two workshops as insurance against any higher equipment costs for those workshops.

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École de Faune de Garoua Bushmeat Workshop Report 20-22 March 2002



The *Bushmeat Experts and Educators' Workshop* at École de Faune de Garoua (EFG) Cameroon was a great success! 34 participants representing 13 countries met at EFG to build a framework for the development of a bushmeat training program for wildlife managers in Francophone Africa. The US Agency for International Development provided major support for this workshop along with BCTF, African Wildlife Foundation, EFG, the Ministry for Water and Forests in Cameroon and WWF-US's Russell E. Train Education for Nature Program (WWF EFN), which will continue providing support for the training program development over the next five years.

Upon the arrival of the participants on 19th March, EFG greeted everyone with a welcome dinner on the campus where all enjoyed informal interactions and discussions. On 20th March, the Governor of Cameroon's Northern Province officially opened the Bushmeat Crisis Workshop. Speeches were also made by EFG Director Ibrahim Soare Njoya and BCTF Director Heather E. Eves. Following the opening session, speakers from the CITES Bushmeat Working Group and IUCN gave presentations regarding the state of bushmeat in Central and West Africa. In addition, the Directors of the College of African Wildlife Management, Mweka (CAWM) and Southern African Wildlife College (SAWC) shared their institutional experiences with the participants. Administrators and instructors from EFG closed the day's sessions with information about their current certificate and diploma programs and how bushmeat is currently addressed in these programs.

On 21st March, the participants received an introduction to the working group process. Each working group focused their efforts on identified

training needs, several of which were derived from the CITES BWG work plan: antipoaching, private sector, urban populations and high-level involvement, local communities, and surveys and monitoring. Working groups were composed of one individual from several sectors: Garoua instructors, education, private sector, fieldwork and NGOs. Groups determined the target audiences for this short course (wildlife managers and some conservation trainers/educators), reviewed current offerings in the EF long curriculum and performed an analysis of the needed knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to address the bushmeat crisis. The working groups determined necessary components of a bushmeat training program to address current performance gaps.

On the final day of the workshop, working groups presented their results to the plenary session, which offered comments and additions to the proposed training program outline. We were able to extract several recurring themes including the need for regional and national networks to link and share information, the need for communicating with high level decision makers and the need to link to other educational institutions.

In addition to the formal workshop, the presence of many of the CITES Bushmeat Working Group members and focal points allowed for informal meetings of this important group to discuss the three year implementation plan for the MacArthur Foundation grant proposal. Marcellin Agnagna, Chair of the CITES BWG, led programmatic discussions regarding the five focal areas of the MacArthur proposal. IUCN is currently undertaking a policy and legislation review in the region. The final report is anticipated on 20th April.

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Some photos:



Welcome banner at Garoua International Airport



Governor of the Northern Province of Cameroon, Heather E. Eves (BCTF Director) and Ibrahim Soare Njoya (EFG Director)



Marcellin Agnagna, Chairman of the CITES Bushmeat Working Group



Directors of the three Regional Wildlife Colleges

Fanie Greyling (Southern African Wildlife College, South Africa), Ibrahim Soare Njoya (École de Faune de Garoua, Cameroon) and Deogratias M. Gamassa (College of African Wildlife Management, Mweka, Tanzania)

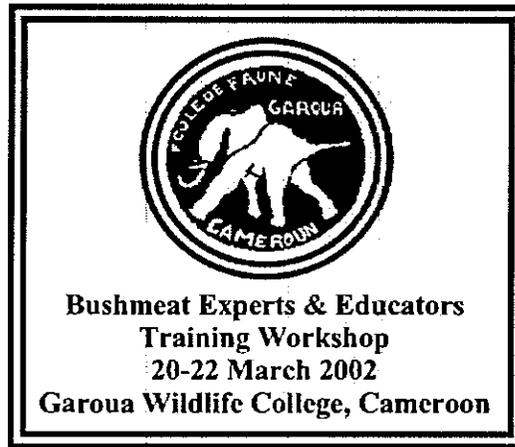


Participants in the Bushmeat Workshop at École de Faune de Garoua:

Top (L-R): Patrice ETOUNGOU, EFG staff, Joseph MINLOU, Marcellin AGNAGNA, Fanie GREYLING, Robert NAMSENEI, Zacharia MAYNA, Etienne HATUNGIMANA, Yadji BELLO, Amani Denis KOUAME, Shango MUTAMBUE, Ibrahim S. NJOYA, Assan GOMSE, Ibrahim LY, Roger FOTSO, Saleh ADAN, Paul SCHOLTE, Deogratias GAMASSA and Edem ENIANG

Bottom (L-R): Robert NDIM, Ernestine EFFA NTSAME, Emmanuel BATTOKOK, Joel KIYULUN'YANGA-NZO, Kenneth ANGU ANGU and Samuel FOPA

Not pictured: Gilles ETOGA, Bihini Won wa MUSITI, Emmanuel MBOUYO, Samuel Christian TSKEM, Louis TSAGUE, Jean Yves MONDAIN-MONVAL, Stevy OYELE MINELE SAKO, Judith MASHINYA, Heather E. EVES, Joseph NGA and Natalie BAILEY



The **Bushmeat Crisis Task Force (BCTF)**, **École pour la Formation des Spécialistes de la Faune de Garoua, Cameroon (EFG)**, the **USAID Global Bureau** and the **WWF Russell E. Train Education for Nature Program** are providing support for a **Bushmeat Experts and Educators' Workshop** at EFG from 20-22 March 2002.

This workshop is the first in a series of workshops at the three regional wildlife colleges in sub-Saharan Africa with funding provided by USAID Global Bureau. Approximately 30 participants from 13 countries will gather at EFG to identify the top priorities for bushmeat training for mid-career wildlife professionals through West and Central Africa. Participants include Directors of Wildlife from several Central African countries and members of the CITES Bushmeat Working Group, well as representatives from regional conservation NGOs, and educators from colleges, universities and primate sanctuaries. Representatives from the other regional wildlife colleges in Africa will also attend. The workshop participants will create a framework for the further development of this training curriculum, which has received funding from WWF-US's Russell E. Train Education for Nature program. This training will address the specific needs of wildlife professionals from West and Central Africa, while covering the root causes, effects and appropriate solutions to the pan-African bushmeat crisis.

Training is a priority

One of the top priorities identified by participants in BCTF's Collaborative Action Planning Meeting (May 2001) is specialized training regarding bushmeat in Africa's wildlife and protected area managers, community-based conservation organizations and private sector tourism operators. Africa maintains three regional wildlife training colleges that specialize in formal training for mid-career wildlife managers: L'École pour la Formation des Spécialistes de la Faune de Garoua, Cameroon (EFG), College of African Wildlife Management, Mweka Tanzania (CAWM) and Southern Africa Wildlife College (SAWC) in Republic of South Africa. For more than 30 years, CAWM and EFG and more recently SAWC have collectively educated 3000 African wildlife managers. BCTF has entered into collaboration with these colleges to provide support for the development of specialized training regarding bushmeat throughout sub-Saharan Africa.

In 2001, USAID's Global Bureau awarded funding to Supporting Member the African Wildlife Foundation with whom BCTF is coordinating efforts to support the first phase of the bushmeat training development: regional bushmeat experts and educators will meet at each wildlife college to develop a framework for each college's bushmeat training program. EFG's workshop will be held 20-22 March;

CAWM will host their workshop from 7-9 May, and the workshop at SAWC will be held in August (TBD).

École de Faune de Garoua [Garoua Wildlife College] Background

Since its inception in 1970, EFG has trained wildlife professionals from 22 francophone countries in Africa. EFG trains mid-career wildlife professionals in savanna, savanna woodlands and rainforest management and conservation. Major curriculum revisions since the inception of the college have resulted in two-year certificate and diploma courses, curricula reviews and the adoption of a modular program format. A crucial part of the curriculum of the College is spent on field safaris of up to several weeks. These field trips mobilize the entire school with up to 70 persons traveling and camping in a national park. The recently introduced course in participatory approaches enables trainees to conduct participatory rural appraisal sessions with local inhabitants of neighboring villages during these field trips. Assignments and field exercises are programmed to occupy approximately a quarter of the time at EFG (Scholte, 2000). The government of Cameroon finances two-thirds of the school. International environmental organizations and donors make up the rest through the support of scholarships and institutional strengthening initiatives. The College currently offers a two-year Certificate in Wildlife Management and a two-year Diploma in Wildlife Management.

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