

ABOUT THE RESTORATION INITIATIVE



The Restoration Initiative (TRI) is a Global Environment Facility funded programme that brings together three implementing agencies – the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Union for Conservation of Nature, and the United Nations Environment Programme. The Cameroon TRI project is one of the eleven national projects implemented in ten different countries involved from Asia and Africa. TRI sets out to significantly contribute to restoring ecosystem functions and improving livelihoods by investing in degraded and deforested landscapes.

ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL BAMBOO AND RATTAN ORGANISATION

Established in 1997, the International Bamboo and Rattan Organisation (INBAR) is an intergovernmental development organisation that promotes environmentally sustainable development using bamboo and rattan. In addition to its Secretariat Headquarters in China, INBAR has five Regional Offices in Cameroon, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Ghana and India.

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THE CAMEROON TRI PROJECT

Supporting landscape restoration and the sustainable use of native non-timber forest products for biodiversity conservation, sustainable livelihoods and carbon emissions reduction in Cameroon





GOAL

The **objective** of the Cameroon TRI project is to support restoration of the region's forest landscapes through sustainable agroforestry using bamboo and other indigenous non-timber forest products (NTFPs).

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The **Cameroon TRI Project** will assess, develop and replicate strategies that showcase how bamboo and other priority indigenous NTFP species can be used to:

- ✔ Restore productivity of degraded landscapes
- ✔ Conserve biodiversity
- ✔ Generate household revenue among rural communities
- ✔ Sequester carbon from the atmosphere to fight climate change
- ✔ Conserve soil quality and raise the water table in degraded landscapes

The **Cameroon TRI Project** will work to attain the following objectives:

- ✔ Policy development and integration to foster landscape restoration and sustainable land management
- ✔ Landscape restoration using bamboo and other indigenous NTFPs
- ✔ Value chain development to support biodiversity conservation, sustainable livelihoods and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
- ✔ Capacity building and finance mobilisation for the large-scale restoration of degraded landscapes
- ✔ Knowledge sharing on best practices and partnership development to enhance forest landscape restoration initiatives

RESTORING DEGRADED LAND WITH BAMBOO

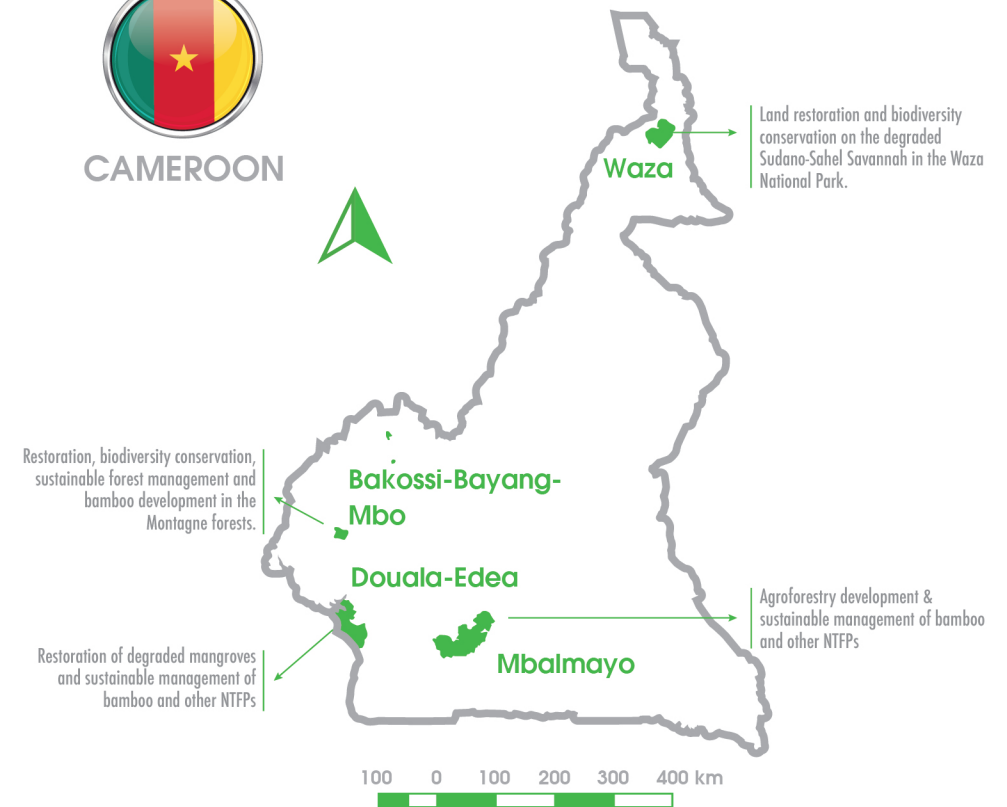
Forest degradation is a major threat to livelihoods, food security, and biodiversity. Forest landscape restoration contributes to the rebuilding of healthy and productive landscapes and supports the protection and sustainable use of natural resources for livelihoods, economy and the environment on which human societies depend. Land restoration can be an integral part of poverty eradication efforts. An important source of food, income and energy for rural households in the tropics, NTFPs contribute significantly to livelihoods and human welfare, and are key tools for landscape restoration. Bamboo is of particular interest as a fast growing grass plant with immense socioeconomic potential. It is a nature-based solution to a number of pressing global challenges, including poverty alleviation, green trade, climate change mitigation, resilient construction and environmental protection.



PROJECT SITES



CAMEROON



PARTNERS

- ✔ Ministry of Environment, Protection of Nature and Sustainable Development
- ✔ Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife
- ✔ Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- ✔ Cameroon Environmental Watch
- ✔ Cameroon Wildlife Conservation Society
- ✔ Forests and Rural Development
- ✔ Cellule d'Appui au Développement local Participatif Intégré

DONOR

Global Environment Facility

EXECUTING AGENCY

The International Bamboo and Rattan Organisation

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

International Union for Conservation of Nature