

1. Title of your regional initiative

“West Africa Coastal Zone Wetlands network” (WacoWet).

2. Work and activities undertaken 2009

objectives	activities	results/outputs	indicators
1. Application of Montreux's and San Jose's registers to the site 1017(Basse Vallée du Couffo, Lagune Côtière, Chenal Aho, Lac Ahémé, Benin)	1.1. To assess the different ecosystems and analyze the elements of the site 1017 according to the criteria of Montreux and San José	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identified ecosystems: low valley of the Mono Couffo, inshore Lagoon, channel Aho and inshore sea - Criteria of Montreux and San José applicable to the site 1017: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8. - Nature of the change in the ecological features: Deterioration of the aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems due mainly to the human activities. - Program of continuous monitoring: Development of the site management's plan. - Measures of improvement and restoration: Traditional regulation, institutional, legislative and authorized setting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 lagoons, 3 main rivers and their affluents, one lake and the inshore sea - The mangrove swamp, the relic forests and the plantations - silting up of the rivers and plane of water - 42 laws, 355 decrees.
	1.2. To propose to the decision-makers of the actions in view of a good management of this wetland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of the priorities and pillars of good management of Ramsar site 1017 - Development of a decennial strategic plan for the good governance of the wetland's environment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 7 priorities of good management of Ramsar site 1017 - 5 strategic objectives of the decennial plan for the good governance of wetland's environment.
2. Project of Communal Management of the marine/navy and Inshore Biodiversity	2.1. To protect biodiversity and the fragile spaces of the inshore zone with a pomposity on the two Ramsar sites (1017 and 1018) as well as of the marine/navy biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Setting up of the Communal Committee of Eco-development (EDCC) - Sensitization of the local actors on the management of the marine/navy and inshore biodiversity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 EDCC installed in the Ramsar site 1018 - Sensitization of the local actors of 11 potential sites
3. Creation of a transboundary navy park Nigéria-Benin-Togo	3.1. To Develop the terms of reference	Terms of reference elaborated	The terms of reference exist
4. Point of the activities led by the other countries during the celebration of the world Wetland Day 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - - To collect the reports of the other country members of the WacoWet - - To take some advice of the activities that they led 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The majority of the countries contributed to the effectiveness of this day - The activities consisted to the sensitization of the local actors and decision-makers on the importance of wetlands 	5 countries produced the reports of the celebration of the world Wetland Day 2009
5. Celebration of the world wetlands day : 2010	- To realize radio broadcasts before the world wetlands day;	- 2 radio broadcasts and games contests with Atlantic FM allowed	- The registrations of the 2 radio broadcasts

edition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To organize the games contests with Atlantic FM; - To organize the celebration of the world wetlands day : 2010 edition 	<p>the speakers to have a better knowledge of the humid zones;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The celebration of the world wetlands day permitted to lead a sensitization of the general public on the importance of the wetlands on the man's life. 	<p>and games contests;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The movie's CD of the celebration of the humid zones' world day : 2010 edition; - The report of the celebration.
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In view of the role of the population in the deterioration of the wetlands, we would suggest that the activities of this year are further focused on the sensitization of the local actors. In addition to the sessions of sensitization in the villages, it would be desirable to use the communal radios through different broadcasts to give the messages about the necessity of wetland protection.

3. Financial report for the year 2009

Provide a summary of income and expenditures:

activities	planned expenditures	real expenditures
1.1 Application of Montreux's and San Jose's registers to the site 1017	4.500.000 fCFA	3.835.000 fCFA
1.2 To protect biodiversity and the fragile spaces of the inshore zone with a pomposity on the two Ramsar sites (1017 and 1018) as well as of the navy biodiversity	24.000.000 fCFA	23.300.000 fCFA
1.3 Creation of a transboundary navy park Nigéria-Benin-Togo	To define	To define
1.4 Point of the activities led by the other countries during the celebration of the world Wetland Day 2009	5.500.000 fCFA	4.386.000 fCFA
1.5 Celebration of the humid zones' world day : 2010 edition	2.500.000 fCFA	2.168.850 fCFA
total	34.000.000 fCFA	33.689.850 fCFA

sources of income (donors)	income received
FEM	150.000.000 fCFA
Ramsar core budget (where applicable)*	21.256.330 fCFA
total	

Financial balance on February 28, 2010: 10.866.480 fCFA

The financial help of Ramsar to the regional initiatives (Wacowet) arrived to the good moment; in the sense that the initiatives were at the beginning and especially know some difficulty in the financial way. However, the financial holdings of the regional initiatives that came essentially from the contributions of the member's countries and the bilateral supports of other similar initiatives and institutions don't permit a total autonomy at the moment of generalized crisis.