

Training for rural school teachers and community leaders, Njikwa, Momo Division, north west region, Cameroon.

Two three day training events were held at Ngwo and Oshie in Njikwa in December 2011. Forty seven educators, from local schools and community groups benefited from the training.

Two experienced CVP trainers, used a participatory approach and PACE materials. The PACE multi-media resources include information on water, soils, forests, energy, living with wildlife, by the ocean and urban living, with films and case studies about solutions to common environmental problems that have been successful elsewhere in Africa.

The participants enjoyed themselves, they identified and discussed local environment and conservation issues, as well as global ones. They watched films and discussed projects that can assist their communities, and suggested ways to resolve environmental conflicts and problems they experience on a daily basis.

For school based educators the emphasis was on practical projects that will be helpful to their schools, and the use of environmental issues and examples in routine classroom teaching – assisting teachers to deliver basic education, maths and english as well as science and citizenship.

Everyone was given a set of PACE resources and hard copy of the action sheet for teachers that illustrates how to make cross-words, comprehension passages, games, and other teaching and learning activities.



Ngwo participants discuss

Teachers were charged to produce their own lesson plans, community educators to produce plans for practical projects, based on what they learned on the course – when completed certificates will be awarded, to enable these trainees to teach their colleagues as well as in their classrooms and groups.



Njikwa is a beautiful but remote area of the north west region of Cameroon, the participants and wider community appreciated the effort taken to make such trainings happen – particularly dealing with the difficult communication and transport, credit due to Penny Fraser, CVP Director, and trainers Edwin Teku Ncha and Tamnjong Melanie Sheshe.

Thanks to Mr Angono Robert, our representative on the ground, for his energy and will to help his community, and the Tusk Trust for financial and material support.

Ngwo is close to the Kagwene Gorilla sanctuary, the office (below) is in Ngwo, the sanctuary in lower lying forest to the east. It is a refuge for Cross River gorillas, a sub-species of the western gorilla, they are the most endangered African great ape, amongst the 25 most endangered primates in the world, found only in a few sites in north and south west Cameroon and neighbouring Nigeria the total population is believed to be <300, 2/3 of these in Cameroon.

After our [CVP summer classes](#) in 2008 and 2009 local schools requested that we train them to run environmental education, so that they can do it regularly in school and not have to wait for us to come up from Yaoundé. These trainings, and more to follow in March, are our response to these requests - *UNAFAS CVP promoting education, awareness and community participation in conservation.*

Links – www.tusk.org
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[cvp holiday classes](#)
[tree planting in Oshie/Njikwa](#)

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