



CAMEROON BIOSECURITY PROJECT

*IMPLEMENTATION AND INSTITUTIONALIZATION
OF A NATIONAL MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT
FRAMEWORK FOR LIVING MODIFIED ORGANISMS
AND INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES*

A NEW ERA FOR BIOSECURITY IN CAMEROON AND AFRICA



After years of dedication, collaboration, and vision, Cameroon has made history by adopting its first-ever Biosecurity Law— **Law no° 2025/006 of the 25th of April 2025 governing biosecurity in Cameroon**, a major step forward in protecting its people, environment, and biodiversity. This milestone was made possible through the Cameroon Biosecurity Project, implemented in two impactful phases with support from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF). With strong co-funding and leadership from the Government of Cameroon, the law addresses the safe use of modern biotechnology and the control of invasive alien species.

The resounding success of the national training on Living Modified Organism (LMO) detection, diagnostics, and monitoring played a critical role in building technical expertise and strengthening institutional readiness. Additionally, the immense benefits of mediatizing project activities—including the training—helped raise public awareness, foster transparency, and generate widespread support for biosecurity efforts. The promulgation of the Biosecurity law stands as a powerful example of what can be achieved when international cooperation meets national ownership. Most importantly, it offers valuable lessons and inspiration for other nations.

The road to this achievement was built on trust, resilience, and a shared sense of purpose. From local communities to high-level ministries, through countless workshops, meetings, and field visits, a strong sense of ownership and understanding amongst stakeholders began to grow. With the support of UNEP, GEF, and the Government of Cameroon, the process became a true model of participatory policy-making. The law now provides Cameroon with the tools to actively prevent and respond to biosecurity threats, including the growing menace of invasive alien species. As the country begins implementation, this legal framework offers hope—not just for Cameroon, but for a more secure and sustainable Africa.

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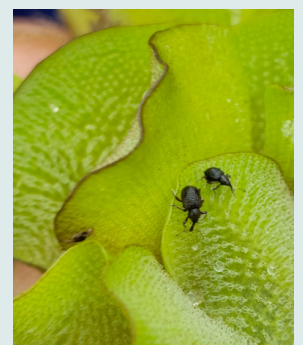


Project Inception



National Training on LMO Detection, Diagnostics and Monitoring

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Field visits to project pilot sites at Mbalmayo and Lake Ossa