

Environmental Foundation

The Management Board of the Foundation for Environment and Development in Cameroon (FEDEC) has formally launched its ecological conservation and enhancement programs in two new national parks in Cameroon, the Campo-Ma'an and the Mbam and Djerem national parks. (It should be noted that the Foundation also provides support to development programs targeting the Bagyeli/Bakola people of southern Cameroon.)

At a special meeting at the end of January, the Board formally signed funding agreements with two well-respected international conservation organizations to undertake the first three years of these programs.

- For the program in the Campo-Ma'an national park, to be implemented by the Wildlife Conservation Society, the Foundation has allocated \$500 thousand.
- For the work in the Mbam and Djerem national park, to be carried out by the World Wildlife Fund, the Foundation has also allocated \$500 thousand.

The Wildlife Conservation Society will provide additional funding of \$350 thousand to enhance the effectiveness of the program in the Campo-Ma'an national park. The World Wildlife Fund will provide additional funding of \$104,500 to enhance the Foundation's ecological conservation and enhancement program in the Mbam and Djerem national park. Another \$37,500 will come from the Cameroonian government.



Congratulations are in order at the formal signing ceremonies organized by FEDEC to move ahead with work to protect the environment and preserve biodiversity in two new national parks recently established in Cameroon. Minister Mbianyor Oben Clarkson, of the Ministry of Environment and Forestry, shakes hands with Dr. Roger Fotso, Director in Cameroon of the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS). Dr. Paulette Bissek, President of the Management Board of FEDEC looks on, and on the far right is Mr. Laurent Some, Regional Representative of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF).