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# Wither the Waste Exchange Plan?



28 April 2016 in Yaoundé. April 2024, will therefore, mark exactly eight years since the Cameroon Government started nursing the waste exchange programme, but things seem to remain the Making the same. waste exchange plan operational, will contribute drastically to reducing youth unemployment in the country, which currently stands at over 7%, as well as contribute to solving the waste management challenge already becoming a

The establishment of a national waste exchange programme came under review during a consultative meeting at the Cameroon Ministry of Environment. Protection of Nature and Sustainable Development (MINEPDED) on Monday June 12, 2023. The MINEPDED boss, Minister Hélé Pierre, who chaired the meeting, noted that the waste exchange is the best solution to effectively manage waste in Cameroon. He explained that the programme was to operate in a way that one person's wastes will became the raw material of another. According to the Minister, instituting such a mechanism was necessary to limit resource wastage, enhance the sustainable production of goods and service, while developing Cameroon's circular economy.

This plan was greeted with so much joy, considering the increasing rate of waste generation in the country. Statistics from MINEPDED indicates that 600,000 tons of plastic wastes are produced every year in Cameroon, with only 20 % recycled. This means that about 1.5 million kg of plastics are produced every day in this country with only about 300,000 kg recycled. What then happens to the unrecycled 1.2 million kg of plastics produced daily?

A good quantity of the unrecycled 1.2 million kg plastics are undoubtedly discarded, which end up blocking our drainage and sewage systems, resulting in deadly floods (like the floods in Bamenda that killed 3 and swept away 20 houses in August last year 2023). Some of the plastic material thrown away break into smaller pieces and are inhaled into the body, with varied devastating health consequences.

While the waste exchange plan seems to be a suitable messiah that can redeem Cameroon from the dangers of unsustainable waste management, its implementation seems to be just like another government machinery; "grinding slowly but surely. For example nothing has filtered about the implementation of the waste exchange plan again, about 9 months after the consultative meeting.

The idea of instituting a National Waste Exchange mechanism in Cameroon saw the light during the first national waste conference from 27 to

serious nightmare in many urban centers in Cameroon.

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## Heat Waves in Cameroon: Cautions, Precautions



The heat is on in Cameroon and getting worse with every passing day. The negative effects of climate change in Cameroon has since transcended natural disasters like deadly landslides and flooding to rising temperature, with heat waves becoming the new reality. Heatwaves, according to World Meteorological Organization, is a period where local excess heat accumulates over a sequence of unusually hot days and nights.

The Cameroon National Observatory on Climate Change (ONACC) in its 10-Day Climate Bulletin published January 2, 2024 raised alarm about an anticipated heatwave set to sweep across different localities in the East, Centre, North and Far North regions of Cameroon in January 2024. The Deputy Managing Director of ONACC, Mr. Forghab Patrick, said on the national radio that the situation will persist till early April 2024, with average temperature expected to hit 40°C. Just like other climate changeinduced disasters, the rising temperature can pose serious environmental, economic, social, and health risks such as asthma complications, heart attacks, heart failure, malaria, meningitis and conjunctivitis amongst others. It is therefore, important that during this period, we stay hydrated by drinking a lot of water, dress lightly, stay away from the scorching sun and excessive heat. In the midst of the rising temperature, the ONACC Deputy Managing Director opines that "we are going to start having the first rains this month of February especially in the coastal part of the country". He adds: "don't be surprised that in February, we may record situations of floods". According to Mr. Forghab, the rising temperature will begin normalizing by early April when heavy rains set in.



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# Climate Change: No longer Passive Victims

The rapidity with which the climate is While youths and children changing today is posing a serious threat over the world have reto the world with developing countries fused to be passive vicsuffering the worst effect of climate tims of the climate crisis, change-related disasters despite contrib- those in Bamenda, Buea uting less to the global crisis. Cameroon and other parts of Cameis one of the countries facing the worst roon have been increaseffect of climate change with an estimat- ingly worried and helped 320,000 Cameroonians affected yearly less, with limited underby climate disasters like floods, landsides, standing about climate water and food crisis etc., according to change and what to do to Cameroon's Nationally Determined Con- end the crisis, but not tribution (NDC). In the midst of this, chil- anymore! dren/youths, who represent over 60% of climate education and the country's population, are bearing the experiential climate action greatest brunt, despite contributing al- programmes by Voice of most nothing to the crisis.

In the North West and South West re- Earth Rising Foundation, gions of Cameroon, for example flashfloods and sporadic landslides have with- have empowered over 50 in the last decade led to the death of kids and young adults in scores of children/youths. This has been the North West and South compounded by increasing atmospheric West regions of Cametemperature that has increased the rate roon, who are now taking respiratory diseases, of amongst young people. The United Na- climate change. tion Frame Work Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) calls for the active Through house-to-house sensitizations also written and published four open letparticipation of youths in actions against and micro radio programmes, the young- ters to key policy makers and local leadclimate change.

Continuous Nature (VoNat) and Meg Wah, with the support of for the past over 3 years especially front line actions against

sters have raise climate consciousness to



circa 5000 persons in both the North West and South West regions. They have ers raising their voices for climate and environmental justice, and suggesting key actions for environmental sustainability in the Bamenda Highlands.

Besides the advocacy, outreach and sensitization campaign for climate justice and climate solution, the young climate ambassadors have raised and planted over 500 trees in public spaces. They have equally planted over 4000 trees for the restoration of six water catchments in both regions, with many having individual tree nurseries and gardens in their homes. The engagement of these youngsters in climate action, aligns with VoNat and Meg Wah's strategic vision of raising over 500 young environmental ambassadors in Cameroon by 2025, who will champion the course for a greener, sustainable and safer planet. Plans are underway to extend this "EcoKids" programme to other regions of Cameroon for a much wider and greater impact.

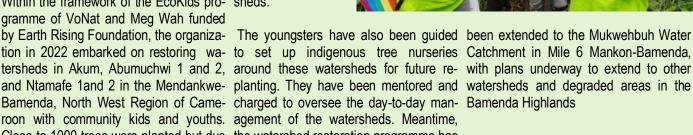


### Waters Catchment Restoration in Bamenda, Kids at the Front Line

Climate change has induced drastic re- to duction in the quality and quantity of wa- shock and other ter in watersheds in Bamenda and other adverse parts of Cameroon, with children bearing mental conditions, a the greatest brunt. In a bid to salvage good number of the this, Voice of Nature (VoNat) is collabo- trees did not survive. rating with Meg Wah, the North West Re- Since July 2023, gional Delegation of Environment Protec- VoNat and partners tion of Nature and Sustainable Develop- have been mentor-(MINEPDED-NW) from the ing and engaging ment Bamenda 1 Council to mentor and en- children and youths gage community kids and young adults in from different comrestoring some five watersheds in the munities Bamenda 1 & 2 municipalities.

Within the framework of the EcoKids pro-sheds. gramme of VoNat and Meg Wah funded roon with community kids and youths. agement of the watersheds. Meantime, Close to 1000 trees were planted but due the watershed restoration programme has

transplanting environin Bamenda replanting trees in these water-





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## **UNEARTHING TIKO MANGROVE,**



At the foot of Mount Cameroon, along the **Cameroon Atlantic Coast of the West African** Gulf of Guinea; lies the Tiko Mangrove Estuary, a wetland of international importance, according to Ramsar Convention criteria, and a home to many amphibians, reptiles, fishes, water birds and other biodiversity species. Despite being one of Cameroon's best weapons to fight against climate change, a home to species, a veritable source of income to residents, and the fact that Cameroon is signatory to the Ramsar Convention, the mangrove of this area is still being depleted at a disturbing rate.

The Avion Beach is one of the popular beaches in Tiko known for the buying and selling of mangroves. On this Saturday morning, at about 10 am, Mr. Shey Timothy and his friends, who declined to give their names to "strangers", are busy splitting mangroves. We could count at least 10 piles of split mangroves awaiting customers.

As my colleague and I lifted our eyes towards the river, we saw a canoe hauling logs of mangrove towards the shore. Without waiting for us to ask, Mr. Shey Timothy, who is one of the coordinators of the Matanda Warriors (mangrove harvesters) at the Avion Beach said: "In this beach, we have six boats, but we use two boats daily to exploit these mangroves. As you can see, this is the first boat coming to drop the mangrove that has been cut and after one hour thirty minutes, the second boat will come."

#### Mangrove Marketing Chain

The Avion Beach manarove harvesters Coordinator describes the harvesting, marketing and consumption chain; "we go as far as Douala, cut the woods and haul with canoes to the beach where our customers, mostly from Tiko and neighboring villages, come and buy for cooking, fish smoking and for their bakery." In the course of our discussion, a truck, with the capacity of carrying up to three tons of mangroves drove into the Beach, and the matanda warriors started loading it. Mr. Shev notices the shock in our eves and immediately comes in: "We usually have up to three of them here every day. alongside taxis".

The Matanda Warriors believe that the mangrove in their community is God's gift to salvage them from unemployment and poverty. "God gave these gifts to us in Tiko so that we will not suffer. Every communities have their own gift from God; the people of Limbe and Idenau have fish, while those in Mungo have sand,"

been taking measures to ensure sustainability. "We have reduced the number of canoes for hauling of logs from three and four to just two per day, and have resorted to harvesting only mature mangroves for smaller ones to grow," the Coordinator of mangrove harvesters at the Avion Beach disclosed. He pleads with the Cameroon government to set up companies and create employment opportunities that can take them off the mangroves for a more effective restoration.



#### VoNat Weighs in!

A Cameroon-based biodiversity conservation and sustainable development nonprofit organization, Voice of Nature (VoNat), believes that the key to the short and long term conservation of the Tiko Mangroves is in the hands of kids and young adults., who are mostly left out of mangrove conservation initiatives. In June 2023, the organization leveraged the support of British Ecological Society to empower and engage 30 kids and young adults from Tiko.



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## THE DEPLETING JOWEL

#### **Ecological Studies**



VoNat enlightened the future conservation leaders about the Tiko Mangroves, and its conservation importance, before taking them in to the mangrove estuary to discover the biodiversity species therein and conservation threats. Using mobile apps, the 30 youngsters made 30 observations with up to 15 species identified including amphibians species, fish, reptiles, crabs and other species.

"I saw different types of crabs, frogs, snails, and fish living in the area which I do not know their names yet. All the mangroves here are young and serving as home to these living things," Makoukang Elvera Marissa from Upper Costain community said.

She expressed love for the mangroves, promising to share her love for mangroves with her friends and families and the need for conservation.

Kids take Action

The education and ecological study sessions ignite fresh love for mangroves in the kids and youth. The youngsters are guided by the VoNat technical team to translate their love for mangroves and discoveries at the Tiko Mangrove Estuary into media arts tools like songs, poems, articles, drama, drawings etc. They are using these media arts tools to raise awareness and enhance the understanding of local communities in the Tiko Mangrove Area of Cameroon on the need to conserve and restore the Tiko Mangrove estuary in an outreach and communitywide education and sensitization campaign.

They are able to reach out to hundreds community members in Tiko and other parts of Cameroon with mangrove conservation messages and a call to action using micro radio programmes, door-todoor sensitization and a public event.

"We are telling our friends, families and community members that mangroves play a great role in absorbing the carbon dioxide in the atmosphere that is causing climate change, protects us against floods and strong winds, serve as habitant for species living in the water including the fish that we eat every day. They should join us in conserving mangroves by not cutting them down and polluting the ecosystem," says Arrah Tracy, one of the participating children, during a public outreach and sensitization programme.



These messages are weaved into songs, a drama, poems, drawings, articles and stories for continuous education and sensitization about the conservation of the Tiko Mangroves.

#### Local Leaders Respond

Local leaders and community members have not remained indifferent to the mangrove conservation messages. The Divisional Officer of Tiko Subdivision, Von Buikame Kawa Amstrong, says "the mangroves and our environment as a whole has to be protected. I am happy that young people like you are coming up with such an initiative. You have all my support."



Mrs. Tiku Magdalene Angwo, a Tiko based mother, says; "these children have taught us a lot. I agree with them that we need to conserve the Tiko mangroves for posterity". The Chairman of Upper Costain Community, Mr. Cletus Dinghkaa expresses satisfaction with the mangrove conservation lessons learnt. "We are loaded with knowledge about the mangroves; how to preserve and conserve them and how important they are to us," he attests.

With more and more conservation consciousness being generated within communities in Tiko about mangrove conservation, there is an urgent need to assess and provide alternative sustainability schemes to mangrove harvesters, to divert their attention from depleting the emblematic ecosystem, while engaging them in restoration actions. There is also need for more hands-on conservation actions with the community kids and youths to sustain the new-found mangrove conservation zeal in the young conservation ambassadors.

### **SOME BIODIVERSITY SPECIES in TIKO MANGROVE**

Recorded During VoNat's Ecological Study Trips with Community Kids & Youths



Nile Tilapia



Shore Crab



**Horn Snails** 



Vertebrates



Eastern Oyster



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## VoNat at Global Landscape Forum



tion and sustainable development non- climate. profit organization, Voice of Nature (VoNat), was represented at the Global Landscape Forum (GLF) Nairobi 2023 Hybrid Conference by its Executive Director, Ndimuh Bertrand Shancho. The International Conference that brought together over 700 world environmental leaders,

leaders, financiers, youths and policymakers, from October 11 to 12, 2023, took place at the **CIFOR-ICRAF Head Quarter in** Nairobi-Kenya under the theme: A New Vison for Earth.

The conference was organized on the heels of the UN Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP 28) that took place in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) in December 2023. The Hybrid Conference was a unique avenue for the VoNat boss to join global environmental leaders in addressing sovereign solutions for Africa and how the continent can create a sustainable and prosperous

Cameroon-based biodiversity conserva- future for species, landscapes and the

Prior to the Global Landscape Forum, the VoNat ED was part of the Landscape Leadership Workshop at Trademark Hotel in Nairobi-Kenya that brought landscape leaders from the Global South to exchange and get fresh insights about landscape restoration and landscape leaderleading scientists, activists, Indigenous ship amongst others. The Landscape

Workshop, organized by Global Landscape Forum in collaboration with Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN), Youth in Landscapes Initiative (YIL) and Youth4Nature, culminated in simulation sessions where participants developed, negotiated and presented a new vision for the "Blue Country Landscape", respecting the aspirations of all stakeholders.



### LWC at 30; Safe Haven for Confiscated Wildlife



On the 9th of December 2023, the Limbe Wildlife Centre (LWC) celebrated its 30th anniversary, marking three decades of dedicated work in protecting and conserving Cameroon's unique wildlife. The LWC is a partnership between Pandrillus Cameroon and the Government of Cameroon's Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife (MINFOF). Established in 1993, the LWC was created to provide care for chimpanzees and other primates often found living in horrific captive conditions conditions as pets in Cameroon. Over the years, the LWC has grown to become a leader in wildlife care and conservation in Cameroon. The LWC supports the Government of Cameroon to uphold its wildlife laws by providing a safe sanctuary for animals that has been confiscated from the illegal bushmeat and pet trades.



The mission of the LWC is to protect Cameroon's wildlife through rescue, rehabilitation, and release, while inspiring people to connect with nature and improving the well-being of the local community. In the last 30 years, the LWC has achieved significant milestones, including the release of thousands of animals back into the wild, educating thousands of school children on the importance of conservation, and engaging with local communities through initiatives like the Green Project.

To celebrate its 30th anniversary, the LWC organised a day-long event that featured speeches, videos, guided tours, music, theatre plays, and a buffet. The event was attended by esteemed guests such as the Senior Divisional Officer of Fako, the City Mayor of Limbe, and the British High Commissioner, Mr. Barry Lowen. The celebration highlighted the achievements of the LWC over the years and the impact it has had on wildlife conservation in Cameroon As the Limbe Wildlife Centre looks towards the future, it remains dedicated to its mission of protecting Cameroon's unique wildlife and inspiring a connection with nature. With 30 years of success and achievement the LWC continues to be a beacon of hope for animal welfare and wildlife conservation in Cameroon and beyond.

## **Future of Mt. Cameroon Endangered Species in Safe Hands**

At the heart of Mount Cameroon are globally threatened species like the forest elephant, Nigeria Cameroon chimpanzee, francolin, and zebrawood, undergoing depletion alongside many others due to wanton hunting, habitat encroachment and fragmentation. This is further compounded by the increasing erosion of indigenous conservation knowledge and none inclusion of kids and young adults, who hold the key to the future sustainability of species in this area, in conservation actions.

This situation has made both the short and long term conservation of species in the area very bleak, but not any more! A Cameroon-based biodiversity conservation and sustainable development nonprofit organization, Voice of Nature (VoNat), has since 2021 collaborated with New England Biolabs Foundation to empower over 50 kids from communities in the Mount Cameroon Area, who are now taking semi-independent actions to conserve endangered species in the area.

The youngsters, who have now grouped themselves in a network know as "Ecowarriors" are engaged in a house-tohouse sensitization, and also organizing micro radio and TV programmes to raise community consciousness on the legal implications of killing and or being in pos-



session of any of the species. Besides the communities. This, according to them, is munities to the Mount Cameroon National munities Park for domestication. The action, ac- conservation traditional knowledge to the cording to the children, aims to stop the younger generation. future depletion of endangered tree spe-Apart from endangered species conservacies in the Park.

agriculture demonstration site in their ble waste management.

advocacy, outreach and sensitization necessary to boost the farm yields of the campaign for endangered species con- Mount Cameroon National Park adjacent servation, the Eco-warriors are also rais- communities, as a strategy to limit their ing some endangered tree species found encroachment into the Park in search of the Mount Cameroon National Park, arable lands. They are also organizing which will be distributed to adjacent com- special events through which older comfolks transmit can pro-

tion, the kids and young adults of Mount Meantime, the Eco-warriors are also train- Cameroon are also donating trash cans ing local farmers on liquid fertilizer pro- and plastic collection cage to schools, duction and setting up a regenerative hospitals and local markets for sustaina-



#### Media Arts from Tiko for Mangrove Conservation

#### A Song

#### **Beauty of Mangroves**

We have taken them as our slaves We are cutting and destroying them daily We pollute them by throwing dirty, plastic and smelling things Do we want them to all disappear?

#### CHORUS

Mangrove oh mangroves Our beautiful Trees Mangroves oh mangroves Our source of oxygen Mangrove oh mangrove A breeding ground to the fish we eat Mangrove oh mangrove Let us protect the mangrove.

Why are we doing this? Let us stop destroying mangroves Let us protect and conserve them Let us plant new mangroves Let us tell the world that Mangroves has a big role to play in our lives Let us rise up and build a greener and safer Planet for all

Composed by : Makougag Makougang Elvira Marissa

#### **An Article**

#### What I Discovered in Tiko Mangrove

One organization called voice of Nature (VoNat) educated us about mangroves and its importance. They trained and took us to the Avion Beach to record species and the threats to mangroves. in the mangrovesWe went for a trip in the mangrove area in a beach called Avion beach. When we arrived there, I also saw many people from our community splitting the mangroves to be used as fuel wood. When I looked into the river, I saw a canoe transporting mangroves from Douala to Tiko. They have cut down all the bigger mangroves in the Tiko area.

We used a mobile application to record species like Appolo Moth, Eastern Oyster (*Crassotrea virginical*), Red worm, *Genus pirenella* (the member of the horn snails), fish, and others. I also discovered that there are two types of mangroves; the red and white mangroves. Please let's avoid the cutting of mangroves because they are important in our community. I thank Voice of Nature (VoNat) for helping us discover the mangroves.

Ngum Bernadette

#### Drama

Conflict Between Mangroves & Avion People This conflict started when mangroves noticed that their elders and parents have all been captured by the Avion People, who were using them as furniture, fuel wood and for many other uses. So, the mangroves go angry and decided to confront the Avion People:

**Mangroves:** Where are these people, I have had enough of them, they don't even know my importance to them.

**Avion people:** hahahaha see who is talking, you're just a tree, or should I say our slave.

**Mangroves:** what? Just a tree? After everything we do to you?

Avion people: What do you do?

**Mangroves:** We are a breeding ground to the fish you eat, and a home to craps, frogs, birds and other species. Can these animals breed and stay in your house?

Avion people: oh no, that is why you are our slave, you must protect those species for us whether you like it or not.

**Mangroves:** I even absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and give you the fresh air you breath......

**Avion people:** Ok we are very sorry, we were ignorant of all these, but what can we use to make our furniture or as fuel wood?

**Mangroves:** I don't ;like it when you throw all you wastes on me and destroy all the species I am protecting. Even if you cut a few of us, plant more! We must live for you to live as well!

Moral Lesson: You never know the importance of what you have (like the mangroves), until you lose it.

Written by: Mbakop Seranne Clair

#### A Poem

#### **Save Mangroves**

Tall and Slender, red and black With leaves so green and branches bowing With roots like fingers, reaching deep in the Earth A home for crabs, fish, birds, frogs etc. A home where they feel safe to play, We must protect the mangroves; Stop deforestation and pollution!

Fontan Simon

#### Media Arts from Tiko for Mangrove Conservation



#### VOLUNTEERING & YOUTH MENTORSHIP AT VoNat: Grooming Young Graduates into Refined Professionals



We at Voice of Nature (VoNat) are always in need of devoted and passionate volunteers across the globe to join us in creating a greener and safer planet for all, and putting smiles on the faces of vulnerable children and women in forest communities in Cameroon. This is in consonance with our strive to groom the next generation of biodiversity conservation and sustainable development leaders. VoNat is open to online, national and international volunteers. We are also dedicated to grooming young graduates in Cameroon and beyond into refined professionals.

#### **OUR GOAL**

The programme seeks to groom young graduates into refined professionals for the job market, while providing passionate environmental advocates the opportunity to contribute to building a greener, safer and more sustainable planet. It pro-

vides the opportunity for everyone both nationally and internationally to use their skills, knowledge, experience and resources to contribute in creating a healthy and safer planet for current and future generations, as well as put smiles on the faces of vulnerable children and women in forest communities in Cameroon.

#### **VOLUNTEERING/MENTORSHIP PERIOD DURATION**

Volunteers/mentees are welcome onsite throughout the year. Activities are however, less likely to be interrupted by weather conditions in the dry season (November to March) than in the rainy season (April to October). our volunteering and youth mentorship programme runs from 1 month to several months.

#### VOLUNTEERING/MENTORSHIP PROGRAMMES

- Species Conservation & Environmental Sustainability.
- Communications & Environmental Reporting
- Landscapes Restoration
- Climate Action
- Project Development & Resource Mobilization
- Information Management & Data Analysis
- Finance and Administration-related programmes

#### WHY JOIN OUR VOLUNTEERING/MENTORSHIP PROGRAMMES

- · Get the much-needed experience required in the job market
- Get connected with like-minded individuals in your career for fruitful networking
- A valuable opportunity to use skills and experience to proffer solutions to global environmental challenges
- Attestation and or recommendation for greater opportunities

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Voice of Nature (VoNat) is a Cameroon community-based biodiversity conservation and sustainable development nonprofit organization dedicated to building a greener, safer and more sustainable planet for wildlife and humanity to thrive. VoNat was created in 2019 by a group of youths with a strong desire to use their skills, knowledge and experience to finding solutions to biodiversity conservation and sustainable development challenges, while engaging other kids, young adults and their com-

munities to do same. The idea was that through this, a sustainable and healthy planet will be created that all will enjoy and also hand to the next generation. On September 30, 2020, VoNat was authorised by the Cameroon Ministry of Territorial Administration following registration No.1125/ G.37/C84/VOL.I/SASC to operate as an apolitical, non-denominational and non-profit organization

#### Vision

VoNat envisions a planet where every individual intentionally treats nature with love and respect, understanding that their existence and that of generations is dependent on the environment.

### **INSIDE VoNat**



#### Mission

Building a greener, safer and more sustainable planet for wildlife and humanity to thrive.

#### What We Do

**Species Conservation:** Bringing back endangered great apes, amphibians, elephants and birds from the brink of extinction

#### Landscape Restoration

Restoring important but degraded landscapes, and their ecosystems functions, while improving community livelihoods. **Climate Action:** Educating and building human and institutional capacity of local communities on climate change mitigation, adaptation and impact reduction.

#### **Environmental Reporting**

& Communication: Raising awareness on environmental issues, promoting responsible natural resource management

#### Upcycling & Waste

**Management:**Transforming waste into other useful products, contributing to sustainable waste management

#### Volunteering & Youth Mentorship:

Providing conservationists the opportunity to contribute to building a better planet.

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