



REGIONAL PROJECT  
NARRATIVE REPORT OF THE BID-GUINEA

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**Project Title:**

”Capacity building and biodiversity data mobilization for conservation, sustainable use, and decision making in Africa and Madagascar”

# Narrative Activity Report

Launch Workshop

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**Participant Country: GUINEA**

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# **NARRATIVE REPORT OF THE BID-GUINEA REGIONAL PROJECT**

**PURPOSE:** Workshop to launch BID projects in Guinea held in Conakry on 17 June 2016

This workshop was attended by representatives of the departments below:

- Ministry of Environment and Water and Forests
- Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research
- NGO Guinea-Ecology
- Directorate General of Protected Areas
- National Directorate of Water and Forests
- The Scientific Authority of the CITES, National Focal Point
- The administrative authority of the CITES, National Focal Point
- CBD Focal Point
- Agronomic Research Institute of Guinea, and the curator of the Sereidou herbarium
- Director of the Center for Environmental Studies and Research
- Direction of the Center Forestier de N'Zerekore
- Department of Biology of University Gamal Abdel Nasser of Conakry (UGANC)
- The Direction of the Botanical Garden of the Camayenne
- The National Herbarium of Guinea.

## **CONTEXT**

Guinea is a signatory to many treaties and agreements on biodiversity. Examples include the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Cartagena Protocol, the Nagoya Protocol and CITES. But paradoxically very few data on threatened and invasive plants are available these days. The BID program is an opportunity to fill this gap. The Node GBIF / GUINEA therefore seized this opportunity to benefit from two BID projects by partnering with national, regional and international partners. The first project in the national category is under the supervision of the National Herbarium of Guinea and the other in the regional category, the second is domiciled at COSIE, National Focal Point of GBIF.

Knowing the role of the authorities in relation to the conservation of biological resources, we considered it necessary to present these projects to the authorities and actors working in biodiversity during a workshop. Thus, on June 17, 2016, we launched two BID projects

## **OBJECTIVES:**

Objectives of this launch workshop were:

- Introduce the BID program
- Present the Regional Project BID-AF2015-0066-REG

## **WORKSHOP PROGRAM**

### **1-Presentation of GBIF and Node GBIF / GUINEE**

### **2-The BID program of the European Union**

- National Categories
- Regional Category
- Small grant

### **3-Presentation of BID projects GUINEA**

- The actors involved
- Activities to be carried out
- Expected results

## **HOW THE WORKSHOP WAS CONDUCTED**

The ceremony was chaired by the Director of COSIE, Head of the Guinea Delegation of GBIF / GUINEA. In accordance with the program, three presentations were made. The first presentation was made by the Director of COSIE on GBIF and Node Guinea. First, he made the genesis of the GBIF GUINEE, presented the structure of the Node, presented the path traveled since 2005 to the present day and the difficulties encountered in the publication of the data on the GBIF portal. The last two were made by me. First and foremost I introduced the European Union's BID Program. I also presented the complete list of the three categories of projects that received funding in the first phase of the IDB program. Therefore, the projects were accepted, only in English. Guinea (French-speaking countries) was able to win two categories thanks to the support of the Consortium led by Prof Ganglo of Benin for the project in the regional category and partners of RBG (Royal Botanic Garden) of Kew of London For the project in the national category. Since English is a handicap, no individual project has been granted to Guinea.

My second presentation focused on the regional project entitled "Capacity building and biodiversity data mobilization for conservation and sustainable use and decision making in Africa and Madagascar"

I presented the eight African countries gathered in the consortium led by Prof. Ganglo, followed by the chronogram of activities. And finally, the expected results. In relation to this last point, which has been of great interest to the audience, I have emphasized the importance of data and their use in the conservation of our biological resources. I also mentioned the beneficiaries, the users of these results namely: the Ministry of Environment and Water and Forests in the management of protected areas, educational institutions and students for research and eventually NGOs To raise public awareness about the exploitation of endangered plants and the fight against invasive alien species.

## **CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Through the EU's BID program and partnership between institutions at national, regional and international levels, Guinea is bridging a huge gap in the collection of biodiversity data to fulfill its treaty commitments and agreements on biodiversity. To benefit from donor funding programs, we recommended and encouraged workshop participants to establish partnerships

at both the national and international levels. At the end of these projects, we hope to close the gap in the publication of biodiversity data on the GBIF portal and to allow the use of these data in decision-making

