

A pedagogical tool on the West African coast available soon

A tool to enable teachers, staff of protected areas and technicians of associations to make young people understand the challenges of their environment...

The end of the year 2010 has been devoted to the conception of the first regional pedagogical tool: Knowledge booklet, "Discovering the marine and coastal environment of West Africa".

This Knowledge booklet presents the different natural habitats: open sea, coastline, estuaries and archipelagos.

Then currents and tides phenomena are explained to children.

As well as the fauna and flora specific of the West African coast: mangrove, sea grass bed, algae, molluscs, crustaceans, fish, marine mammals, sea turtles and

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birds.

Finally, the consequences of the main human activities on the environment and the natural resources are exposed in the booklet : fisheries, urbanization, pollution and wastes, industries, infrastructures, tourism, climate change and protected areas.

More than 120 coloured illustrations (pictures, dra-

wings and maps...) are included to make the text of the booklet clear.

This environmental education book will be distributed in its four versions (French, English, Portuguese and Arabic) in the seven countries of the PRCM area during the first term of 2011.

Towards the introduction of environmental education in schools

A Regional Task Force on Curricula was created (GTRC).

Its members are the people in charge of the school programs development of the Ministries of Education of the seven countries of the PRCM area.



The GTRC benefits from the strong support of the Minister of Education of Guinea

Bissau who decided to organize a regional meeting on the environmental education introduction in school programs processes.

This first meeting of the GTRC will be held from the 18th to the 20th January of 2011 in Bissau.

PREE is an initiative from PRCM.

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Activities of PREE in the 7 coastal countries of West Africa :

CAPE VERDE



Since 2009, the PREE has been supporting the social communication component of the marine turtle conservation project in the islands of Sao Vicente, Santo Antao and Sao Nicolau. This project, implemented by INDP, has enabled to involve the local communities and the youth in actions of monitoring

and protection of marine turtle on the main nesting sites of these islands.

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In 2010, the PREE supported the Environmental Education Network of Ca-

pe Verde for the training of 20 trainers in environmental education that will help to strengthen the capacities of the local teachers in this domain.

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MAURITANIA



In 2010, the PREE started to support a project of environmental education in the schools of the National Parks of Diawling and Banc d'Arguin.

This project developed by ASSPCI will be active in the schools of the two National Parks through traditional games, drawing and

painting, theater and cultural animation to make the children question their relationship with Nature.

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By the beginning of 2011, CANPE association and the PREE will organize an itine-

rant awareness campaign on the mauritanian coast, a training on environmental education techniques and a workshop on the integration of environmental education in school programs.

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SENEGAL



Since 2009, the PREE has been supported a project to improve the involvement of community and school stakeholders in the sustainable management of the marine and coastal environment of Kayar and the Langue de Barbarie.

This project implemented by the association UNIVE-

RE enabled to train almost thirty teachers on environmental issues and on techniques to transmit this knowledge to their pupils. Through this teachers network, UNIVERE follows and supports environmental education actions in 3 schools in Saint Louis and 5 schools in Kayar.

In 2010, the PREE supported a pedagogical tools conception and production action (conceived by the association UNIVERE in close collaboration with the Ministry of Education).

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THE GAMBIA



Since 2009, the PREE has been supporting an awareness and environmental education project in Niuni National Park.

This project implemented by the association Stay Green Foundation enabled to sensitize and mobilize people living in the National Park, to train trainers,

to produce pedagogical tools, to intervene in schools and to use local radios to spread the messages on Nature conservation.

By the beginning of 2011, Stay Green Foundation, National Environment Agency NEA and the PREE will organize a training on

environmental education techniques and a workshop on the integration of environmental education in school programs.

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GUINEA BISSAU



In 2010, the PREE started to support the Environment monitoring schools Network EVA in the Cacheu Mangroves Natural Park. This project implemented by the association AD enables to train teachers, to organize tours in natural areas, to introduce innovative teaching techniques and to organize exchange visits.

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The PREE also supports an environmental education project in the Cufada Lagoons Natural Park. This project implemented by the association PALMEIRINHA enables to train teachers and journalists, to sensitize people living in the Park using video-debate and to produce pedagogical tools for the pupils.

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GUINEA



Since 2009, the PREE has been supporting an environmental education project in the region of Benty river focused on the conservation of Manatees.

This project implemented by the association ADEPAG enabled to organize awareness sessions in the schools of the region

(almost 400 pupils involved), to sensitize fishermen on the conservation of manatees through large awareness campaigns and to produce sensitization supports (Tee-shirts and caps).

The association ADEPAG uses the manatee as a flagship species to sensi-

tize local populations about the conservation of mangrove ecosystem and the responsible exploration of natural resources.

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SIERRA LEONE



In 2010, the PREE started to support an environmental education and sensitization project in the villages of Yawri Bay (site identified for the creation of the 1st Marine Protected Area in Sierra Leone).

This project developed by the association EFA / Environmental Foundation for Africa will train teachers

on environmental issues and environmental education techniques, support Nature - clubs in the schools and produce pedagogical tools.

By the beginning of 2011, EFA / Environmental Foundation for Africa and the PREE will organize a training on environmental education techniques and

a workshop on the integration of environmental education in school programs.

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