

## THE MANAGEMENT OF SANGAREA BAY'S MANGROVES

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The Sangarea Bay is located on the Atlantic seaside in the country of Guinea. It is situated 10 km away from Conakry (the capital of the country), in the city of Dubréka. The management of Sangarea Bay's mangroves belongs to the National Plan of Environmental Action in the Republic of Guinea.

The area of the mangroves has a surface of about 2,500 km<sup>2</sup>. The planification process proceeds in a double sens: 1. Taking into account external experiences such as those of African countries of NSDEA (Network of Sustainable Development of Environment in Africa), which is the logical regional follow up of Dublin Club. 2. National Planification Strategies through administrative reform and structural adjustment program, from which the government was engaged or committed in planning process through sectorial aspects covering several activities. The mangroves play an important role in protecting coastal area along seaside and marine lives along the coastal and littoral zone. The wood produced out of the mangrove plantations is shrinking particularly along Conakry area (the capital of the country).

The ecological consequences are serious ones, but their easiest solution to cope with them through good management by selective wood harvesting/cutting through woodcutters association, because mangroves forest is over used, due to the high demand of firewood product of Conakry population.

The seaside or coastal area is threatened by erosion. The program for management of mangroves of Sangarea Bay in Guinea as an initiative from the European Economic Community (ECC), which launched a vast review about the wetland and mangrove swamp situation in African continent.

A master plan for mangroves management as identified along with priorities zonation and actions to be taken, to combat over exploitation of resources and to maintain the conditions for reproduction.

The implementation of the first priority actions of master plan was materialized by the launching of the pilot project of management of Sangarea Bay's mangroves, as component of rural development program of Guinea, which is part of tropical forest resources for management and reconstitution of firewood for Conakry area. This pilot project also consisted of two main components: forestry management and villager's community natural resources management.