



Community management of forests

What is it about?

The protection and preservation of natural resources in the valley of Senghor – mainly vegetables – by the people from Touba Mouride.

Why an intervention?

The area of Touba Mouride shelters a forest which forms a vegetative zone around the village. Due to aridity, certain vegetables have disappeared and are not to be relocated but around the valley. All surrounding villages have therefore overly consumed the resources that have been steadily declining over the years. The forest has become a glade and the most important (usable) trees have disappeared the same as a good part of the wildlife. The people and especially the women, are starting to heavily suffer due to the extinction of their woodland, with its rough going as their food security is more and more getting threatened: if the forest disappears, its wildlife, its trees, its soil and its water will too.

What does it change?

Within two years, the woodland has become thick as various tree species have reappeared or recovered. The existence of a great water basin quasi permanently, the plantation of Eucalyptus as firewood, wild fruits for nourishment and the generation of income.

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How does it work?

- Exchange visit of a successful preservation experience
- Meetings and adjustments with all parties involved
- Awareness rising as well as information about locally existing agreements
- Establishment of a committee consisting of 10 members, being responsible for the surveillance and the compliance with the norms and rules established within the local agreement
- Installation of signal panels, marking the preservation area
- Information meetings for the community, information tours as well as sensitization of all surrounding villages
- Installation of sanctions and fines for offenders
- Elaboration of a compendium, including authorization guidelines for sampling, payment of fines etc.
- Partial preservation of one part of the reservation

Who are the beneficiaries?

The people from Touba Mouride, the community Niore, the surrounding villages and its wildlife.

Who could use/ be interested in that approach?

All projects within the programme of HORIZONT3000 in Senegal or any other project enhancing rural development where people, owning gradually deteriorating community lands/ forests, are to be found.

Who is already using it?

Other communities within the Programme of HORIZONT3000 in Senegal; a former project of the German GTZ in Kaolack, called PAGERNA.

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