



GEF-Satoyama Subgrantee Highlights Report

Organization Name:	Dahari
Country:	Comoros
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<Highlight 1>: Biodiversity Conservation

“On August 28th, 2017, Dahari signed a new protection agreement of a Livingstone fruit bat roost site in Ouzini, a village located in the South-East of Anjouan Island. The agreement was signed in the Ngandzale city hall in the presence of eight witnesses. The agreement was concluded between Dahari and the landholder, in the presence of the Mayor of Ngandzale who made a commitment to support Dahari’s activities. The aim is to preserve the environment of the Livingstone fruit bats, by protecting its roost sites and by supporting the regeneration of the natural forest surrounding its habitat. Dahari will in turn support the landholder to improve his agricultural income and to promote his environmental protection efforts. The landholder committed himself not to cut any trees on the roost site, and to replant it with newly grown natural forest trees.

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<Highlight 2>: Natural Resources Management

The Dahari natural resources management team visited the roost site of the Livingstone fruit bats in the village of Moya, Adda in the company of the landholder, Mr Antoisse Omar Ahamadi to conduct a participatory monitoring exercise. The mission’s objective was to assess the entire area of the roost site and to identify current ongoing activities to reach a common management agreement of the Livingstone fruit bat roost site.

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<Highlight 3>: Opening of the tree nursery in Adda

Forests of the Comoros Union are affected by the highest deforestation rates in the world. The situation is particularly worrying on the island of Anjouan, where deforestation has contributed to the disappearance of nearly 40 permanent rivers out of 50 previously identified. Thanks to the GEF-Satoyama financial support, the project aims at establishing community-led local landscape management, integrating both natural forests and biodiversity protection measures and agricultural income generating support. This project intervenes in 10 villages, benefiting directly to 2 000 farmers and indirectly to 10 000 islanders. Against this background, the tree nursery in Adda, which is in the south of Anjouan island, was established in August 2017 with different tree varieties (including fruit trees and forest trees). The nursery currently has more than 2,500 tree plants in preparation under the management of a local headwater catchment management committee with the support of Dahari’s agricultural development and natural resources management technicians. The planting of the newly grown trees is expected to take place in February 2018.

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The Tree nursery in Adda (Highlight 3). ©Dahari/Misbahou Mohamed