



GEF-Satoyama Subgrantee Highlights Report

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<Highlight 1> Community-based meetings

Consultation strategy with the local residents from Residences La chaux, Mahebourg, is ongoing. A total of eight meetings have been conducted in the Quarter 4. These meetings were critical to plan and design the activities and in trying to find solutions in order to resolve conflicts in a collaborative manner.



Community-based meetings with local residents of the Residences la chaux @ EPCO/Estelle Deja

<Highlight 2>: Invasive Alien Species (IAS) removal and control

IAS removal control programme is ongoing. A total of 37 half working days per local resident were recorded, including women. Approximately half of the project site has been cleared of the four targeted invasive and alien terrestrial plant species.



Invasive species removal and control by local residents of the Residences la chaux and interns @ EPCO/Estelle Deja

<Highlight 3>: Access road consolidation

A total of 38 half working days per person have been recorded for this process. Both sides of the road have been consolidated throughout the entire length of the road. The filling of the road is the final step to construct the road and a collaboration has been made with The Company of Beau Vallon to get building materials and plan the construction. The road is expected to be entirely renovated in the next quarter.



Road consolidation throughout the length of the road by local residents of the Residences la chaux @ EPCO/Estelle Deja

<Highlight 4> **Endemic and native terrestrial plant species planting**

Following to the approval letter that we received from the forestry services of the Ministry of Agro-industry and Food security, the 420 plant species received from The Tree seed centre have been planted in the coastal wetland. All plantations have been carried out on a voluntary basis by local residents and interns between the 8th of march to the 6th of July.



Endemic and native terrestrial plant species planting by local residents of the Residences la chaux and interns @EPCO/Estelle Deja.

<Highlight 5>: **Quadrats installation**

Three quadrats have been installed after the zone was cleared of invasive and alien species. 9 plants of different species were planted in each quadrat. A constant monitoring will be conducted to assess the growth and adaptation of the species in the new environment.



Quadrats installation by the local residents of the Residences la chaux and interns@EPCO/Estelle Deja

<Highlight 6>: **Volunteer and intern programmes**

One intern from France came for a period of three month, and six AIESEC interns from all over the world worked on the project for a period of on and half months. They helped the local people to implement activities of the project on the field. The activities included road consolidation, IAS removal, planting of native and endemic species, quadrat installation and clean-up of the mangrove project site.