



**Students from the 4th promotion of the Professional Master's degree in Forest Management Techniques (TAF, ERAIFT) studying at the "PALLISCO" forestry company in Cameroon: 09/24 - 10/14/2023**

As part of the revitalization of its education system, Semester 3 of ERAIFT's regional masters courses was essentially devoted to professionalization, during the period from April to October 2023.

To conclude this Semester 3 dedicated to Specialization, the 8 students of the MSc in TAF have been admitted to the PALLISCO forestry company (Cameroon), for practical applications of three training modules: 1) Management of tropical rainforests, 2) Forest certification, 3) Reduced impact logging or EFIR; under the supervision of Jean-Louis Doucet, Professor at Uliège (Gembloux Agro Bio Tech) and Administrator as well as Chairholder at ERAIFT

These students, from 5 African countries (Benin, Cameroon, Gabon, DRC and Senegal), are doing their professional internship in twinning with those in Tropical Forestry at Gembloux Agro Bio Tech, Université de Liège. These exchanges between students from the North and South have proved to be beneficial to the learning process, both in terms of approach and experience!

Long before this work placement in Cameroon, the students made study visits to the forestry company SODEFOR, based in the DRC, to see how wood is processed in an industrial sawmill. In the same vein, they learned about forest species and dendrometry techniques in the forests of Mayombe, located in the Luki Biosphere Reserve, and at the Kisantu Botanical Garden (DRC). These practical applications in the company and in the field are aimed at fully training these future managers of the 21st century in the rational and sustainable management of forest resources and biodiversity. This is in line with the flagship principle of RIFFEAC, which stipulates that "training and awareness-raising are at the heart of sustainable development".

ERAIFT would like to extend its sincere thanks to the management of PALLISCO for their welcome and hospitality. We would also like to express our gratitude to Professor Jean-Louis Doucet, for his personal involvement in this internship. Finally, ERAIFT would like to thank the European Union, through AGRINATURA, for its support.



Forest species observations by ERAIFT and GxABT students in the field



Staking process before transplanting forest tree seedlings