



Plastic Bag Free Days organised by ERAIFT's Environmental Defence Club

On 15 and 16 April 2024, the "Ecole Régionale Post-Universitaire d'Aménagement et de Gestion Intégrés des Forêts et Territoires Tropicaux (ERAIFT)" hosted the official launch ceremony of the 'Plastic Bag Free Day' at the University of Kinshasa.



This initiative, implemented by the Environmental Defence Club, a group of ERAIFT students, aims to raise awareness among the student community and academic staff of the harmful effects of plastic bags on the environment. The use of plastic bags is responsible for significant environmental pollution, with major impacts on biodiversity (flora and fauna). Their production and inappropriate disposal contribute to greenhouse gas emissions and environmental degradation. Over the course of the two-day event, biodegradable and washable bags were distributed to students and administrative and academic staff at the university. The use of these biodegradable and reusable bags offers a sustainable alternative that encourages a change in behaviour

within the academic community, promoting the preservation of biodiversity and reducing our ecological footprint.

These days without plastic bags were a big success, raising collective awareness of the importance of reducing our consumption of plastic. The Environmental Defence Club hopes that this initiative will inspire other institutions to take concrete action to protect the environment.

The event will now take place every 15th and 16th of each month, with the aim of raising awareness and encouraging a transition to more sustainable practices within the University of Kinshasa in general and ERAIFT in particular.



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