



Academic internship for eight ERAIFT students at the Southern African Wildlife College (SAWC), an important step in extending ERAIFT's reach into the English-speaking world

ERAIFT is gradually opening up to the English-speaking world as part of the overhaul of its education system, by encouraging French-English bilingualism in teaching and scientific research. It is in this context that it has signed a collaboration agreement with the Southern African Wildlife College SAWC. Thus, eight ERAIFT students specialising in protected area management at the Garoua Wildlife School (EFG, Cameroon), including six Beninese and two Congolese (DRC), carried out an academic internship at SAWC in South Africa from March to June 2023 in order to complete their final thesis.

These learners, renowned for their determination and perseverance in their research work, successfully presented their final thesis in English to an international and interdisciplinary jury made up of ERAIFT professors and their counterparts from SAWC. The work focused mainly on faunal and floral diversity, biodiversity inventories and eco-ethological observations. In all, six learners finished their course with a 'Very Good' or 'Great Distinction', and two were awarded a 'Good' or 'Distinction'. SAWC colleagues were quick to congratulate them on their determination and perseverance.

L'ERAIFT remercie sincèrement le « *Southern African Wildlife College ou SAWC* » pour cet appui technique et scientifique à la formation de ces futurs gestionnaires d'aires protégées et pour la collaboration. Elle exprime enfin sa gratitude à l'Union européenne et à AGRINATURA pour leur soutien financier.



ERAIFT students on an academic internship in protected area management at SAWC in South Africa