



**Public defence at ERAIFT of the doctoral thesis entitled "The Gorillas (*Gorilla Gorilla ssp.*) of the Ebo forest, Littoral region, Cameroon: Ecology, anthropic pressures and community conservation strategy" by Daniel MFOSSA MBOUOMBOUO of Cameroonian nationality.**

**Thursday, 22 June 2023**

On 22 June 2023, the ERAIFT conference room hosted the public defence of the doctoral thesis entitled "The Gorillas (*Gorilla Gorilla ssp.*) of the Ebo forest, Littoral region, Cameroon: Ecology, anthropic pressures and community conservation strategy".

This doctoral thesis was presented, in presential at ERAIFT and by videoconference, by Mr Daniel MFOSSA MBOUOMBOUO from Cameroon, to an international and interdisciplinary jury composed of professors from the University of Liège, the University of Dschang, the University of Kinshasa and ERAIFT, in the presence of the President of the Board of Directors of ERAIFT, Professor Jan BOGAERT as an observer-guest. Research prospects were presented to the researchers with a view to improving the conservation of the gorillas of the Ebo forest and their habitat.

After the public presentation, the thesis was admitted with "Great Distinction". The PCA ERAIFT then conferred the academic degree on the lucky laureate.



ERAIFT sincerely thanks the Ministry of Higher Education and Universities for authorising it to organise the doctoral cycle. It also expresses its gratitude to the members of the jury for their commitment and support in the evaluation of this doctoral dissertation. Finally, special thanks go to the ERAIFT PCA, Professor Jan BOGAERT, for honouring this scientific event with his presence.