

## A delegation of Belgian visits Yangambi

From Friday 13 to Sunday 15 January 2023

The ERAIFT station in Yangambi received, from 13 to 15 January 2023, a *délégation* of Belgian, on a visit to the Yangambi Biosphere Reserve. This visit is in the framework of tourism.

Upon arrival, the delegation visited the various research facilities on site including: the Flow Tower, an infrastructure to support scientific research on gas exchange between the atmosphere and tropical forests of the Congo Basin. This tool is financed by an instrument of the delegated cooperation of the Kingdom of Belgium implemented by the European Union, within the framework of the project "*Yangambi scientific pole at the service of man and forests*".

The delegation was impressed by the research infrastructure that was once the pride of Yangambi in particular and of the Democratic Republic of Congo in general. The team praised the efforts made so far by the various partners, notably ERAIFT, UGENT/CONGOFLUX, JBM, MRAC and CIFOR for the revival of the Yangambi research center (INERA-YBI), through the rehabilitation of certain infrastructures and the realization of various research projects within the Yangambi Biosphere Reserve landscape.



Team of Belgian tourists following the explanations of the functioning of the flow tower by Mr. Fabrice Kimbesa, technician of Congoflux.

ERAIFT sincerely thanks the team of Belgian tourists for this very appreciated visit to Yangambi. It is also grateful to INERA-YBI, through its Director of the Center, Ir Dieu-Merci ASSUMANI, for facilitating this field visit. Finally, she is grateful to the European Union and the Kingdom of Belgium for their financial support.