



## ERAIFT extends its degree program to the English-speaking world

ERAIFT is progressively opening up to the English-speaking world by encouraging French and English in teaching and scientific research as part of the reorganization of its educational system. Remember that from 1999 to 2016, ERAIFT organized 9 cohorts of DESS (217 graduates) and, since 2017, ERAIFT has organized 4 graduating classes of the regional masters, the first two of which were completely finished (86 graduates), and the other two in progress (80 candidates in training).

ERAIFT regional master program is linked to the LMD system, in accordance with the Bologna reform. The courses are organized at the regional level, through a collaboration agreement with the 6 higher education and university institutions of the sub-region (University of Dschang, Université of Yaoundé 1, the Wildlife School of Garoua in Cameroon; the National School of Water and Forests of Gabon, the University of Science and Technology of Masuku in Gabon, and the University of Kisangani of the DRC).

To make its training program more competitive and thus improve the "training-job" adequacy, ERAIFT, with EU support in the framework of the project "Capacity Building of Biodiversity Practitioners, Scientists and Policy Makers for the Sustainable Management of Protected Areas and Forest Ecosystems in Africa", has turned to the "bilingualism" French-English.

Thus, a first collaboration agreement has been concluded with the Southern African Wildlife College SAWC and the College of African Wildlife Management in Mweka, Tanzania, to promote the mobility of students and trainers. So, a first group of 8 ERAIFT students are currently hosted at the SAWC in South Africa, to do their academic internship, from March to June 2023 (4 months).



ERAIFT learners at the Southern African Wildlife College (SAWC) in South Africa

Similarly, two teachers from SAWC and two from CAWMM are expected at ERAIFT to further consolidate this collaboration.

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