ABS Cameroon
For a sustainable and equitable exploitation of Biodiversity

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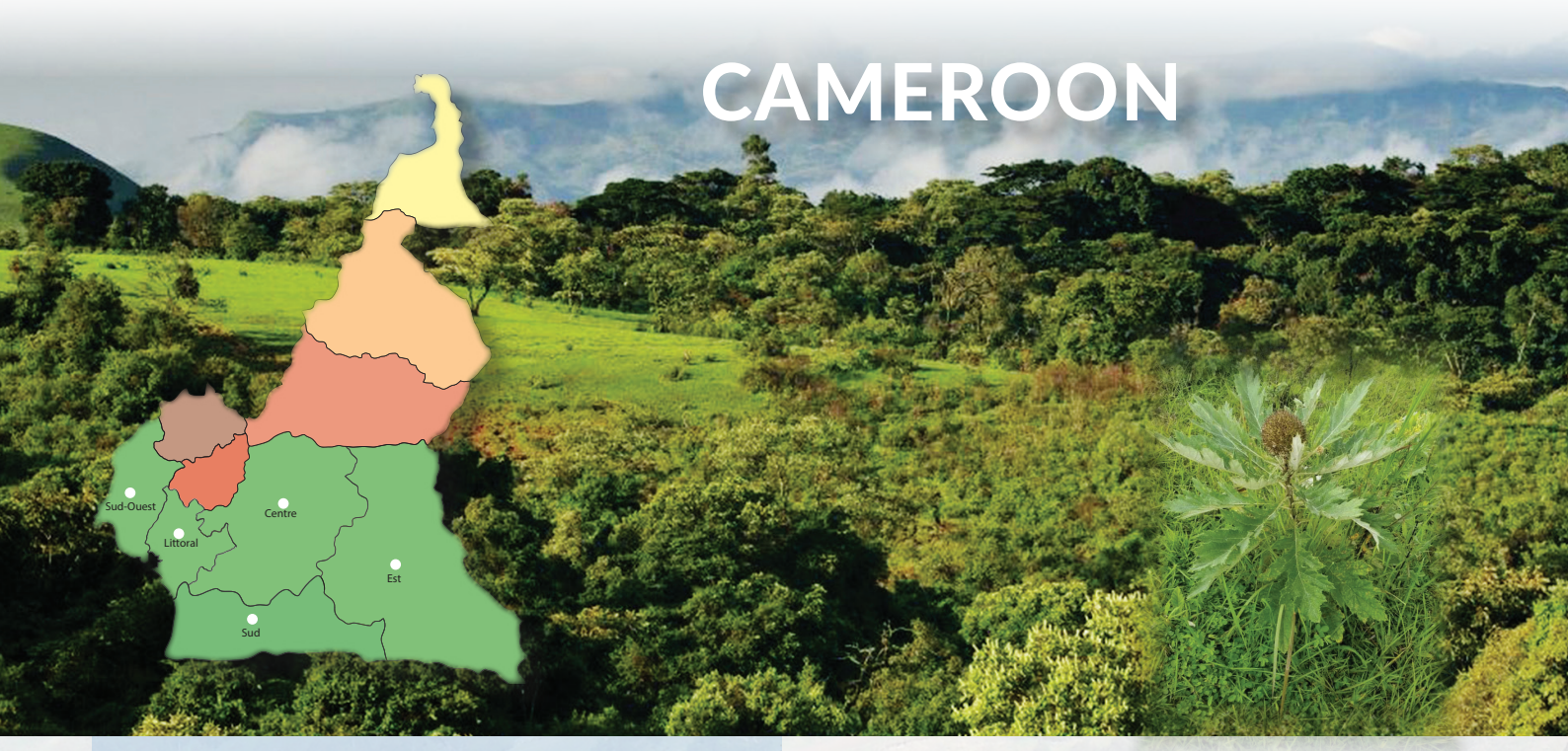
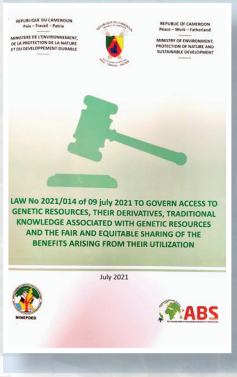
CAMEROON



OVERVIEW

Situated in the Congo Basin, Cameroon is endowed with a rich biological diversity within diverse ecosystems that are largely representative of Africa's ecosystems resulting in the reference to Cameroon as Africa in miniature.

CAMEROON'S EXPERIENCE WITH ABS



- Law N°2021/014 of 09, July 2021 governing ABS.
- Decision N° 00150/MINEPDED of 25 November , 2020 establishing the conditions and modalities of ABS.
- Decision N°094 /MINEPDED /CAB of 24 August 2020 on the organization and functioning of the National Committee on ABS.

PICS AND MATS NEGOTIATED AND ISSUED NATIONWIDE

- 38 applications reviewed
- 27 PIC issued
- 24 ABS Permits issued
- 06 IRCCs generated
- 03 MATs negotiated and signed
- 08 MATs negotiated
- 21 ABS research Permits
- 03 ABS Commercialisation Permits

CAMEROUN'S SHOW CASES

Demonstration of best practices of PIC, MAT and ABS permit, including the effective fair and equitable sharing of benefits in favour of small holders in agriculture.

French flavours and fragrances company V. Mane Fils (MANE) and the Magha-Bamumbu community

Swiss flavours and fragrances company Firmenich and the Pimbo community

PROCEDURE FOR ACCESS TO GENETIC RESSOURCES

For Research

Declaration Regime

Request for Access

PIC

MAT

ABS Permit

The user submits an application to the Minister of Environment, Protection of Nature and Sustainable Development with the required documents

After the National ABS Committee has given its opinion, the Minister of the Environment, Nature Protection and Sustainable Development has 60 days to issue the PIC, which authorizes the applicant to contact the local community concerned in order to negotiate the MAT.

Under its supervision, the Ministry of Environment, Protection of Nature and Sustainable Development has 15 days to formalize the draft MAT and its signature by the parties.

On the basis of the signed MAT of the parties, and the application for the ABS permit by the user, the Minister of Environment, Protection of Nature and Sustainable Development issues the ABS permit within 7 days.

For Commercialisation

Request for Access

PIC

MAT

Issuance of the ABS Permit

Declaration regime: For research within the national territory by national researchers.
The user submits the declaration to the Minister of Environment, Protection of Nature and Sustainable Development together with the required documents for the issuance of the ABS permit within 7 days after the advice of the National ABS Committee.

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