

## **AAEN-CI Action for the Future of the Environment**

The AAEN-CI Foundation (Action for the Future of Natural Environment - Ivory Coast) is a non-profit, independent, secular and apolitical organization, headquartered in Bingerville. With extensive expertise of its founders in botany and entomology and horticulture, and ICT, it is acting in the field of environment and green tourism (ecotourism). The Foundation has developed several projects related to environment in Ivory Coast, ranging from green classes for schoolchildren and college students to the design of a large botanical garden featuring all its attributes through various contributions to reforestation and restoration of biodiversity. The AAEN-CI Foundation is wholly funded by its founders, its members and its patrons.

As a grassroots organization, AAEN-CI is viscerally committed to physical results and is struggling against any waste, as concerns energy, materials or money. It therefore ensures using every investment for the only benefit of the environment, it is opposed to the fakes who divert public funds and subsidies, and to the bad faith and misconceptions in environment spread by individuals or structures who are eager for material gain and less concerned by the sustainability of biodiversity.

## **AAEN-CI Projects**

The first project of the Foundation is to establish itself firmly and therefore to work in two directions: to build a new headquarters matching the extent of its projects and to get a stronger reputation.

The second important aspect is to educate and raise awareness. Already operational tools and several projects run in this direction: the websites, the newsletter, the green class programs we can submit to teachers and school directors, as well as our participation in various events. Audiovisual materials for educational purposes are being developed too. An extensive and richly documented database of plant and animal species is under development and it will be available to members of the Foundation, as well as teachers and qualified researchers and some of our partners.

The third axis is the knowledge of the terrain. We regularly conduct exploratory missions to learn about the status of less or more sensitive, protected or not protected areas, and in some cases, we do it repeatedly to evaluate the changes in overall situation and biodiversity.

The fourth axis, and not least, is the preservation and reconstruction, where possible, of the natural environment. Partnerships are being explored with local communities, authorities, NGOs or simply groups of young people, for the preservation of endangered areas (mangroves ...). We develop a special strategy for forest restoration in which we drive biodiversity and preservation of endemic and valuable species which are neglected in conventional approaches and therefore highly endangered. We are looking to develop reforestation tree farms in various parts of the territory and to make plants available to the communities to regenerate or create forests of great local touristic and ecological interest.

The synthesis is established in our large botanical garden project in itself, that is to say, playing its role as showcase of biodiversity and tourist attraction of international level, place of relaxation, support education of the population, but also research centre and conservation of endangered plant species.

## **AAEN-CI Support us and become a member!**

The AAEN-CI Foundation may be supported in different ways beyond simple verbal encouragement!

The basic approach is to join the Foundation. It's free! Just make the request (it may be done online, on the [www.aaen-ci.org](http://www.aaen-ci.org) website), first register, then read and approve the statutes and the Charter of the Foundation, available for download on the site, and describe your motivations. Membership is subject to approval by the Founding Members, which, in practice, should not be an issue.

You can help the Foundation in facilitating access to various authorities, or simply promoting its actions.

Of course, the Foundation is open to all forms of sponsorship, within the Laws and Regulations and in accordance with its Statutes, which eventually qualifies donors for the position of Benefactors ("membres bienfaiteurs").

Local communities and environment-conscious commercial and industrial companies can also establish win-win partnerships with the Foundation, who will be pleased to bring its expertise in environmental matters whenever it is necessary.



## AAEN-CI and green tourism

Tourism is the AAEN-CI Foundation's secular arm. To support its actions and projects, the AAEN-CI Foundation offers comprehensive ecotourism tours, lasting 5 to 15 days, in small groups of no more than 10 to 12 people. Thanks to partnerships with selected operators, these circuits include the reception, transport and accommodation in hotels, catering and visits of environmentally remarkable places (forests, rivers, mangroves, national parks, gardens ...) and / or agro-industrial sites (plantations, factories), commented and explained by an expert of the Foundation and / or a qualified guide acknowledged by the Foundation. To avoid unexpected inconvenience and bad surprises to its visitors, the Foundation offers only excursions, tours, accommodation and restaurants it has validated by practical experience and for which it has entered stable partnerships. Any step may be enrolled in its programs only if it meets this mandatory requirement.

For now, the tours offered by the Foundation cover only the South of Côte d'Ivoire, ranging from Adiake to San Pedro over Grand Bassam, Grand Lahou and Sassandra. Since 2016, the Foundation has extended its range by including the area of Yamoussoukro and the Lakes Region in its programs.



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For more information about the AAEN-CI Foundation, its projects and activities, please refer to websites [www.aaen-ci.org](http://www.aaen-ci.org) (main site of the Foundation) and [www.tourisme-ci.com](http://www.tourisme-ci.com) (green tourism promotion website).



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