

MONTHLY REPORT

March 2023 ISSUE



From Paper to Action: Youth Building Back Biodiversity

African CSOs Biodiversity Alliance (ACBA) has designed a campaign titled "From Paper to Action: Youth Building Back Biodiversity" in collaboration with African Wildlife Foundation (AWF) and Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN) Africa. The campaign will focus on raising awareness about COP outcomes and inspiring action to implement the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

The campaign will begin on March 27, 2023, with the release of various infographics and a series of webinars to discuss some of the key targets, such as Target 3 on protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, and Target 19 on resource mobilization.

To follow and engage during the campaign period, follow our social media pages here:

- *GYBN Africa Facebook Page- [facebook.com/GYBNAfrica](https://www.facebook.com/GYBNAfrica),
- *ACBA Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/acsosba/>
- *ACBA Twitter page- <https://twitter.com/CsosAfrican>

CSO OF THE MONTH

THE SOIL SOLUTION- GAMBIA

Soil as a major composition of carbon with the capacity to store more carbons which are responsible for climate change than all other components of the earth put together has gone serious problems.

Due to the growth of industries and human population the demand of land keeps increasing and the degradation, deforestation, depletion and poor management of the soils has led to the excessive loss of carbons as major greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.



Soil Solution makes a significant contribution to collective efforts toward food security, climate change adaptation and mitigation, and thus has particular relevance to the national, continental, and global frameworks for combating desertification and biological diversity. Other than the able above mentioned activities Soil Solution also help to build capacity of farmers and school going children on sound agronomic skills, help provide land friendly mechanical operations guide at the field level and rehabilitate and sustainable management of soils. to learn more about soil solution, click here <https://thesoilsolution.gm/>



COMMUNITY STORY

ENDOROIS



The Endorois are an indigenous minority community living around Lake Bogoria and Mochongoi Ol-Arabel and Marmanet Forest in Marigat (Baringo South Constituency) Mogotio sub-counties of Baringo County, as well as in Nakuru and Laikipia Counties within the Rift Valley of Kenya. The Endorois community lived around Lake Bogoria from time immemorial and regarded Mochongoi Forest and Lake Bogoria as sacred grounds due to the use of these locations for key cultural and religious ceremonies. They were forcibly evicted from their ancestral land in the early 1970s by the government of Kenya in the name of conservation, ultimately paving the way for the creation of Lake Bogoria

The Endorois people have learnt to grow crops to diversify their livelihood over the last three decades, thus encouraging rich biodiversity around Lake Bogoria. According to the customs of Endorois people, different animals, plants and ecosystems are attached to totemic significance for ease of identification in their thirteen clans when conducting marriage and other ceremonies. Wildlife conservation: Some wildlife species are very important to ceremonies; for instance, the Crane bird is linked to circumcision and regarded as a wisdom symbol. For that reason, it is prohibited to kill a crane. The Endorois community holds their traditional and spiritual prayers at Loburu, the geysers of hot springs in Lake Bogoria. The Ceremonies are performed by blameless men (both young and old). The hot spring geysers spurt steam that offers medicinal value as well as rich geothermal pools.



POLICY UPDATES

INTERESTING NEWS FROM THE REGION AND BEYOND

The United Nations Secretary-General has designated Dr. David Cooper as Acting Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) as of 15 February. David succeeds Ms. Elizabeth Mrema who has been appointed Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme.

The position for new Executive Secretary of the CBD has been announced, Click here <https://bit.ly/3EHrpRD> for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS



World Congress on Pollution Control

7 April 2023

Turkey

International Conference on Environmental Sciences (ICES)

11 April 2023

Seychelles

OUR CONTACTS

Secretariat task force: Maxi Louis- Namibia (maxi@nacso.org.na)

Policy task force: Pauline Nantongo- Uganda (pnantongo@ecotrust.or.ug)

Communications task force: Oliviah Tawarar (otawarar@africancba.org)