

BIOPALT PROJECT



Biosphere and Heritage of Lake Chad

SUMMARY OF THE NATIONAL CONSULTATION WORKSHOPS
15 JANUARY - 16 FEBRUARY 2018



SUMMARY

In the framework of the BIOPALT project, five national consultation workshops took place in the capitals of the five countries benefitting of the project : Yaounde (15-16 January), Bangui (18-19 January), N'Djamena (23-24 January), Niamey (12-13 February) and Abuja (15-16 February).

These workshops aimed to :

- Promote a common understanding of the project within all actors and partners
- Exchange and agree on the priority zones for the project's implementation
- Create a framework for exchanges aiming to determine everyone's responsibilities
- Precise and agree on the modalities of implementation of the project's activities

These workshops gathered, in an inclusive and participative approach, around 250 persons (50 persons by country), representing the different categories of actors concerned by the safeguard of Lake Chad: decision-makers and national organisations, civil society, universities and research institutes, representatives of local communities and technical partners.

In each country, the workshops were organised following the same mode: an opening ceremony, presentations during a plenary session and working groups. The opening ceremonies were presided by the Ministers of water and environment (for the Central African Republic and Niger), or their representatives (for Cameroon, Chad and Nigeria). The presentations in plenary sessions aimed to present, on one side, the BIOPALT project as well as the corresponding UNESCO programmes (Man & the Biosphere, International Hydrological Programme and the World Heritage Convention) and on the other side, Lake Chad's national situations and the three components: improving knowledge, strengthening the capacities and the rehabilitation of the ecosystems. The working groups enabled to ensure a representativity of the different categories of actors who précised for each component, the activities and their contents to implement on the national levels taking into account the activities defined in the project's document.

1. GATHERING INFORMATION

Update and improve knowledge on hydrologic resources, natural resources, socio-economic and cultural data of the region



2. INFORMING, ADVOCATING AND TRAINING

Reinforce management and protection of natural and cultural resources of Lake Chad



3. REHABILITATE AND USE SUSTAINABLY

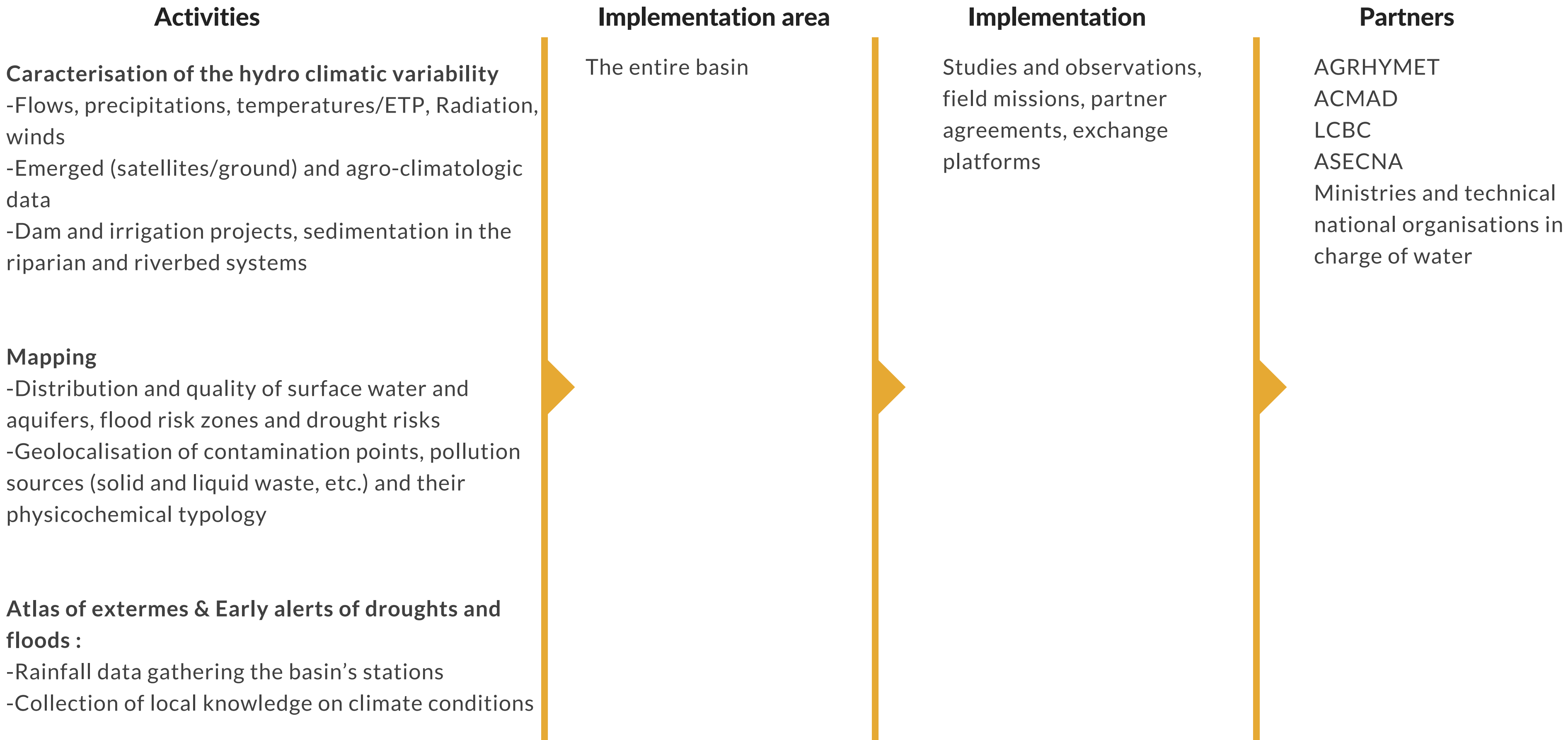
Implementation of pilot actions of demonstration and rehabilitation of ecosystems and promotion of green economy



1. GATHERING INFORMATION - MAN & BIOSPHERE/WORLD HERITAGE 2018 - 2019

Activities	Implementation area	Implementation	Partners
<p>Biodiversity terrestrial (addax, Kouri cow) aquatic and avian fauna natural habitats : forests , banks, dunes, spawning areas, swamps, transhumance corridors, brush fires, conflict interests (mine applications)</p>	<p>Cameroon: ,extreme north: Maroua, Waza, Kalamaloué, Kalfou</p> <p>CAR : 6 prefectures (Nana Mambere, Ouham Pende, Ouham, Nana Grebizi, Bamingui Bangoura, Vikaga)</p>	<p>Data collection, inventories, interpretation of satellite images, mapping, field missions, exchange platforms, partner agreements</p>	<p>Concerned Ministries and technical national organisations, LCBC, universities, CILSS, development partners (ex : swiss cooperation, GIZ,FAO) Good Neighbor, traditional and confessional authorities</p>
<p>Cultural heritage Toumai, Kouri cow, spirulina, archeology, languages (evolutions and interconnexions), ancient manuscripts, traditional dances, arts and tools, pharmacopoeia, believes in witchcrafts</p>	<p>Chad : Kanem- Lac- Bahr Elghazel Hadjer Lamis, Chari Baguirmi, Mayo Kebbi, Zakouma</p>		
<p>Socio economy fishery, agriculture, market gardening, breeding, craftsmanship and commerce, food, security, Insertion of returned and converted individuals from areas infected by Boko Haram</p>	<p>Niger : Regions of Diffa and Zinder (Bosso, national reserves of Termit and Tintouma)</p> <p>Nigeria : Maiduguri, Damaturu, Marte, Baga, Gamboru-Ngala and Gashua</p>		

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2. Train -MAN & BIOSPHERE/WORLD HERITAGE 2018 - 2020

Activities

Implementation area

Implementation

Partners

Strengthening the institutional capacities of MAB and WH committees

-Training fields : education to peace culture, intercultural dialogue, peaceful conflict prevention and resolution, participatory management of natural resources, climate changes, local know-how, international conventions and national texts, inter-institutional collaboration

The entire basin

Training and experience – sharing workshops debates, Monitoring and Evaluation

Concerned Ministries and technical national organisations, universities

Development of a national file for transnational BR and transnational WH

-Update indicative national lists for WH
-Update biodiversity and cultural heritage data (cf component 1)
-Develop application file for BR and WH

Transnational areas of Lake Chad

UNESCO Procedures, training and awareness raising workshops
Field missions for data collection

Concerned Ministries and technical national organisations, universities, ERAIFT, schools, local communities,

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Training of protected areas managers on :
-nomination, management and conservation process of a BR and WH, texts on management of protected areas (national, regional, and international), management, leadership, LAB, ecological monitoring involving new technologies, participatory management of natural resources, SIG

The entire basin

Training and experience – sharing workshops, internships

Concerned Ministries and technical national organisations, universities, ERAIFT, schools, local communities

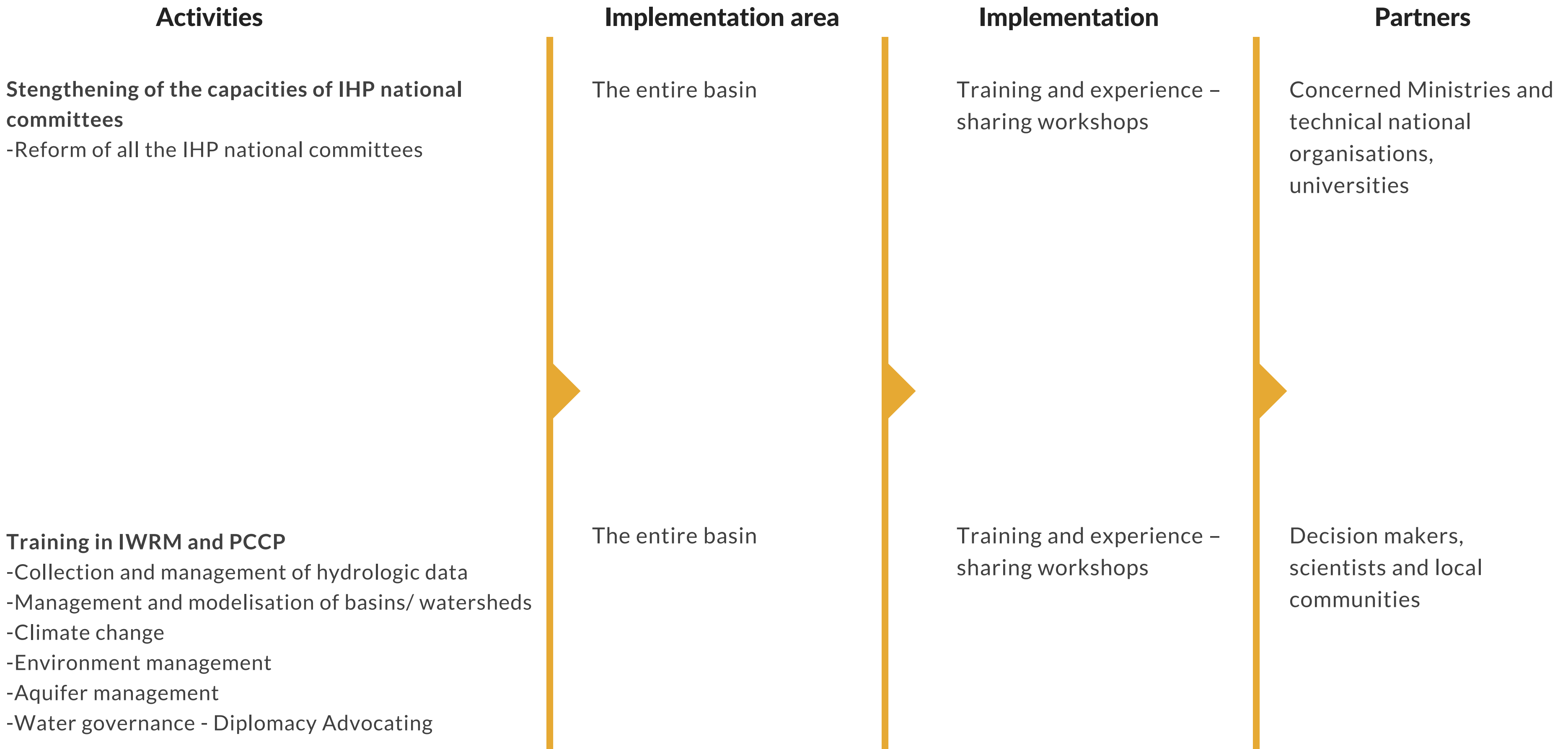
Implementation of a qualifying degree teaching unit for the nomination of BR and WH management
- Courses : project planning and management, resource mobilisation, partner search, valorisation of resources and green economy, etc.

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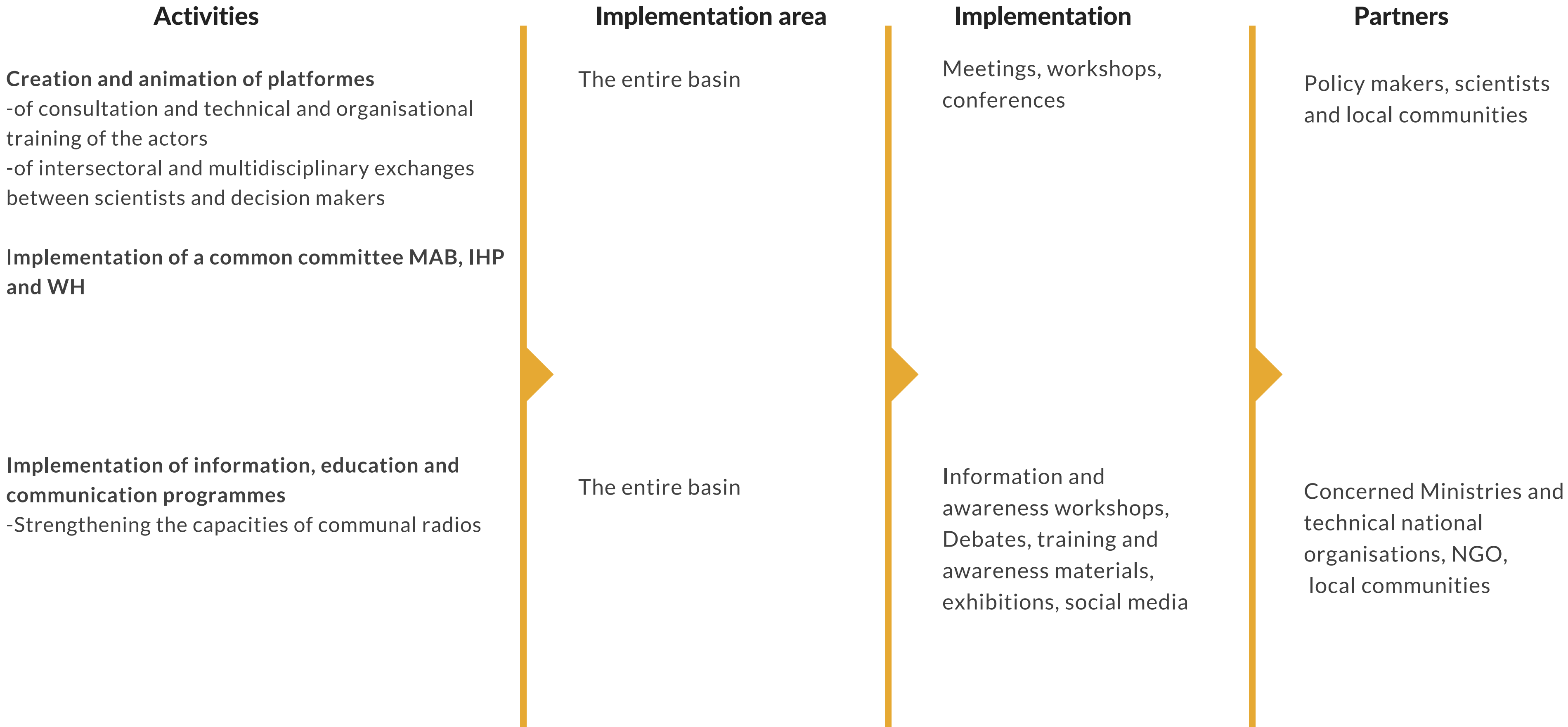
Physical or virtual training on maps, workshops, seminars

UNESCO Chairs, AWHF, ERAIFT, Universities and schools, Concerned Ministries and technical national organisations

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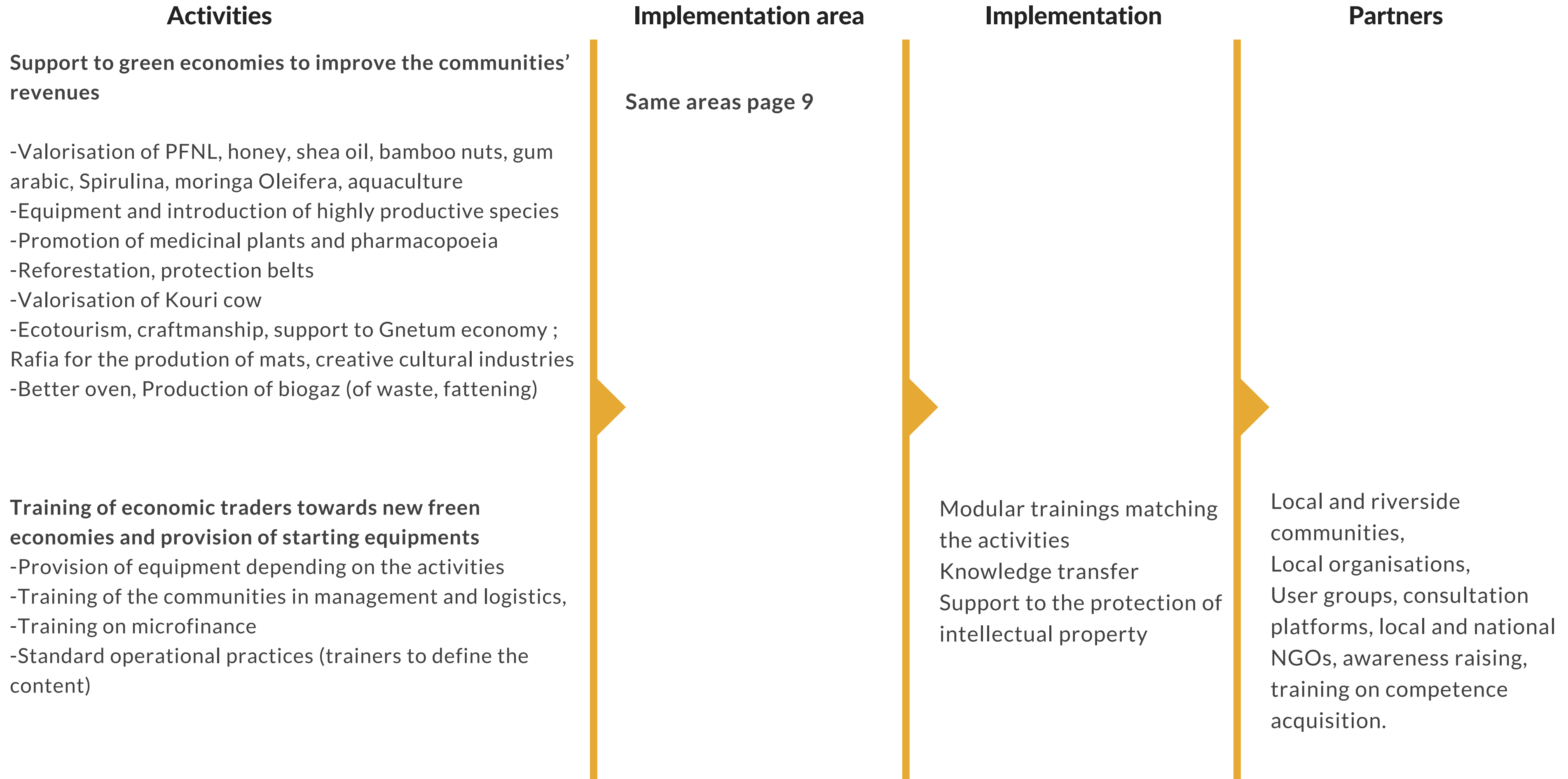
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3. Rehabilitate - MAN & BIOSPHERE/WORLD HERITAGE 2018 - 2020

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<p>Identification and introduction of a long-term methodology for the rehabilitation of ecosystems</p>	<p>Cameroon : PNW, PNK, Forest reserves of Kalfou, communal forest of Madiako, Plain of Waza logone</p>	<p>Studies, capitalisation and valorisation of existing initiatives and experiences, Local programmes of communication with radios,</p>	<p>Concerned Ministries and technical national organisations, universities, research institutes, community, local and national NGOs, Consultation platforms,</p>
<p><i>Migration corridors</i> : Restauration of fauna habitats (ex : ostrichs, grey-crowned Cranes), modification of the routes of transhumance</p>	<p>CAR : 6 under-prefectures of Lake Chad</p>	<p>pluridisciplinary, inclusive and participatory approach, integration of genre issue, awareness raising/education, training, partner agreements</p>	<p>LCBC (PRESIBALT, PRODEBALT), communities, national programmes, UNDP- SGP, UNIFEM, Productor groups</p>
<p><i>Marshes and humid areas</i>: shore treatments, reprofiling of providing passes for marshes' water, waterhole, waterweed cutting, dredging works of Komadougou Yobé and its tributaries, stocking programmes</p>	<p>Chad : continental area, free waters of the Lake, polders, shores, sub-basins of Logone, from Bongor to Lake, from Chari of Guelendeng to Lake, Komadougou-Yobé Niger : Between Tesker and N'Gourti (la RNNTTT) Diffa and Zinder, Bosso, N'Guigmi ;Komadougou Yobé, Lake Chad, Korama</p>		
<p><i>Kouri cow habitat</i>: Creation of a museum for the safeguard of the Kouri race; creation of a reserve and/or international park of Kouri cow to promote its multiplication ; Seeding of Hyppoméa aquatica in its natural habitat to facilitate grazing -artificial insemination</p>	<p>Nigeria : Migration corridors - Road Yankari-Sambisa- Wazza, Waza- Chingurmi-Duguma by the road of Kutila, Lakes - Lake Alau, oasis of Bulatura, R. Yedseram, Zones humides - canals Baturiya, Nguru-Marma, bird sanctuary of Dagona, shores of Lake Chad, Maladumba, Forest lands</p>		
<p><i>Forest area</i>: Restauration of lands degraded by activities CES/DRS, reforestation, deferred grazing, agroforestry, opening of firebreaks and training, recycling of anti-fire brigadiers, Creation and restauration of the natural population of gommerais</p>			

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For further information

Detailed information on the projet may be found:

<https://en.unesco.org/biopalt>