

Objective and activities as of July 2020:

The project aimed to conserve the biodiversity and the geo-ecological functions of the Nyungwe Forest which acts as a carbon sink and is key to the region's hydrological balance. To protect the forest, the project partners established an agroforestry belt, thus facilitating the transition to sustainable forms of agriculture and forestry in the areas around the cloud forest. This belt mimics the forest's natural stratification, protects the soil against erosion, guarantees a high level of biomass production per unit area and reduces the need to take wood from the forest. At the same time, atmospheric CO₂ was sequestered in the trees' biomass and the soil organic matter.