



Red Colobus Conservation Network (RCCN) and Flor' Foundation

Title: Preuss's Red Colobus Workshop at APS Congress in Yaoundé, Cameroon

Date: September 10, 2026

Venue: Palais des Congrès, Room 5

Workshop Summary

The Preuss's red colobus (*Piliocolobus preussi*) workshop will bring together researchers, government representatives, conservation organizations, community representatives, young professionals, and other key stakeholders to strengthen collaboration and identify practical priorities for the species' long-term conservation.

Workshop objectives

This workshop aims to:

1. Develop a shared understanding of the current knowledge base and major research gaps concerning Preuss's red colobus in Cameroon.
2. Identify priority research questions and areas requiring further investigation.
3. Strengthen collaboration among government institutions, researchers, conservation organizations, and local communities.
4. Review and validate the M&E framework of the Red Colobus Conservation Action Plan (ReCAP) and assess progress since its launch.
5. Clarify key government positions and priorities relating to the conservation and management of Preuss's red colobus monkeys.
6. Strengthen recognition of community-led monitoring and conservation approaches.
7. Identify potential funding opportunities and strategies for mobilizing resources for research and conservation.

Session 1: Focus on the current state of knowledge, research findings, and critical knowledge gaps regarding Preuss's red colobus in Cameroon. This session will provide an opportunity to review existing research, identify unanswered questions, and explore why key research gaps persist through a multi-stakeholder roundtable.

Session 2: Presentations will address community engagement and the role of community guardians and will review progress under the Red Colobus Conservation Action Plan (ReCAP). Government perspectives on the species' reclassification and ex-situ conservation will also be discussed. The workshop will conclude with a strategic discussion on mobilizing research and conservation funding, including opportunities to engage philanthropists, foundations, and influential Cameroonian individuals.

Session 1: Research and Knowledge Gaps

Duration: 2 hours

Time: 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Rapporteur/Note-taker: Mr. Bakia Enow, Flor' Foundation

1. Workshop Opening and Introduction to Workshop Objectives:

- **Speaker:** Florence Aghomo, Coordinator, Red Colobus Conservation Network (RCCN)

2. What Do We Know about Preuss's Red Colobus: 3 presentations (36 minutes, including Q&A)

- **Presentation 1:** *Challenges and Conservation Work of Preuss's Red Colobus (*Piliocolobus preussi*) in Cameroon*

Speaker: Dr. Sylvie N. Fonkwo, The University of Bamenda, Cameroon

- **Presentation 2:** *Hunter Perceptions and Population Dynamics of Red Colobus Monkeys in the Rumpi Hills Forest Reserve, Southwest Cameroon*

Speaker: Dr. Beckline Mukete, Director, Center for Forests and Climate Change (CEFOCLIC), Buea.
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- **Presentation 3:** *From Evidence to Action: A Community-Led Five-Year Conservation Framework for Preuss's Red Colobus in Cameroon*

Speaker: Dr. Peter Mbile, Cameroon Forest Projects Lead, Terraformation; MBZ Korup Red Colobus Project Lead.

3. Preuss's Red Colobus Research Gap Assessment (20 minutes including Q&A)

- **Topic:** *Preuss's Red Colobus (*Piliocolobus preussi*) in Cameroon: Synthesis of Current Knowledge and Priority Research Gaps.*

Speaker: Dr. Lionel Constantin Fosso, Flor' Foundation

4. Multi-Stakeholder Round Table: 45 minutes

Topic: *Why Do the Research Gaps Persist, and What Should Be Done?*

Panelists: Dr. Amos Fang Zeh, moderator

- Mr. George Langsi, Conservator, Korup National Park, MINFOF
- Mr. David OKON
- Dr. Beckline Mukete, Director, Center for Forests and Climate Change (CEFOCLIC), Buea.
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5. Summary of Session 1 and Closing Remarks:

Speaker: Florence Aghomo, Coordinator, Red Colobus Conservation Network (RCCN)

Session 2: Community Engagement, Policy, Monitoring and Resource Mobilization

Duration: 2 hours

Time: 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Rapporteur/Note-taker: Mr. Bakia Enow, Flor' Foundation

1. Welcome notes and Introduction to session 2 objectives:

- **Speaker:** Florence Aghomo, Coordinator, Red Colobus Conservation Network (RCCN)

2. Presentation 1: 12 minutes, including Q&A

- **Topic:** *The Role of Community Guardians in Protecting and Monitoring Preuss's Red Colobus Monkey Conservation in and Around Korup National Park.*

- **Speaker:** Mr. Pegreen Namasoh, Coordinator, Wildlife Guardians-Red Colobus Monkey

3. Presentation 2: 15 minutes, including Q&A

- **Topic:** *Review the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) report for the Red colobus Conservation Action Plan (ReCAP) for Preuss's red colobus.*

- **Speaker:** Florence Aghomo, Coordinator, Red Colobus Conservation Network (RCCN)

4. Government Perspectives and Policy: 15 minutes, including Q&A

Presentation 3: *Government Position on:*

1. The process for reclassifying Preuss's red colobus; and
2. Ex-situ conservation and inbreeding of Preuss's red colobus in Cameroon.

Speaker: Mr. Tanymajob Celestine, Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife (MINFOF)

5. Round-Table Discussion: Funding Opportunities in Cameroon: 60 minutes

Topic: *Can We Secure Research and Conservation Funding from Philanthropists and Foundations? The Case for Engaging Reputed Cameroonian businessmen and women, Players, and Artists.*

Panelists: Dr. Sylvie N. Fonkwo, moderator

- Mr. David OKON
- Mr. Mekembom Yves Nathan, Conservator, Banyang-Mbo Wildlife Sanctuary, MINFOF
- Dr. Peter Mbile, Cameroon Forest Projects Lead, Terraformation; MBZ Korup Red Colobus Project Lead.

6. Summary of session 2 and Closing Remarks:

Speaker: Florence Aghomo, Coordinator, Red Colobus Conservation Network (RCCN)