

# Socio-economic contributions and marketing circuits of *Acacia nilotica* products in Far-North Region, Cameroon

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## 1. ABSTRACT

Wild fruit species, such as *Acacia nilotica*, (red gum tree) have a significant impact on the socio-economic resilience of riparian populations. In order to promote sustainable practices and valorise products from this species in the Diamaré Department, ethnobotanical and socio-economic surveys, through structured and semi-structured interviews, were carried out with 360 resource persons. It appears that *Acacia nilotica* fruits are mostly used (47.43%). Total cutting (40%) and partial cutting (60%) are the harvesting techniques used. The marketing of these products generates very significant monthly (90,000 FCFA per farmer) and annual (1, 080,000 FCFA) income. Twenty four (24) human diseases treated with all parts of *Acacia nilotica* were cited by local populations. It would be recommendable to popularize actions in favour of *A. nilotica* conservation in these Diamaré Department villages and to conduct domestication programs.