

ASSOCIATION SENEGALAISE
DES AMIS DE LA NATURE



Senegalese Association of Friends of Nature

(ASAN)

ACTIVITIES and IMPLEMENTATIONS

1. Tree nursery

- 1988: Founding date of the nursery.
Until 2005, production fluctuated between 20,000 and 30,000 plants.
- 2006: Annual production of 40,000 plants.
- 2007: Annual production of 15,000 plants.
- 2008: Annual production is set at 50,000 plants.

The species produced are used either to line the arteries of the city or for planting in public buildings such as mosques, health posts, etc.
As for the forest species, they are used to create village forests or to strengthen forests for defence.

2. Forest restoration

- From 1987 to 2007, ASAN took part in various reforestation campaigns. ASAN has carried out the following reforestations: Loumpoul, Touba Toul, Mboufoudj Kholpa, Tchiky, Poponguine, Toubab Dialao, Mbour, Orkadière, Fatick, Foundiougne, Kaolack, Touba, Forêt classée de Mbao, Grande Mosquée de Dakar, Radio Télévision Sénégalaise (RTS), Le Centre d'Etudes Supérieures Africaines de Gestion (CESAG), Les Centres de Santé des Unités 8, 9 et 16 Parcelles Assainies Dakar.
- Establishment of tree nurseries for the creation of village vegetable and fruit gardens to combat poverty and malnutrition among women in MBellacadio and Ngayenne Sabakh with the Nature Friends of Île de France.

3. Regeneration of the mangrove forests

ASAN has restored the mangrove forests by planting propagation plants in the following locations:

Somone lagoon, Mama Nguedj in Fadiouth, Foundiougne, Dakhonga, Féfir, Diamniadio (Fatick), Goudomp, Diouloulou, Kafountine, Abémé, etc.

For the Saloum Delta and the department of Foundiougne, the activities were carried out in cooperation with the local population and the IUCN.

4. Awareness-raising and sensitisation

ASAN organises conferences, debates and film screenings on all environmental issues.

- 1994: Organisation of the celebrations for the 40th anniversary of the Niokolo Koba National Park (PNNK) with 1,200 young people in Simenti with the following partners: International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Environment 2000, Scouts and Guides of Senegal, Red Cross, "Khal Yoon" group, young people from all regions of Senegal, embassies of the Netherlands and France, Directorate of National Parks (DPN), etc.
- 1998: Management of the Integrated Management Project of the Madeleine Islands National Park (PNIM) with the local population, fishermen (Soumbédioune, Ouakam, Ngor and Yoff), the IUCN, the DPN and with the support of the Royal Embassy of the Netherlands.
- 2002: Organisation of the celebrations for the 30th anniversary of the Djoudj du Sénégal Bird Park (PNODS) with the population, the IUCN and the PND, with the support of the Royal Netherlands Embassy.
- 2002: National tour to raise awareness and communicate on reforestation techniques and the fight against desertification. The following regions were reached: Fatick, Kaolack, Tambacounda, Thiès, Diourbel, Saint-Louis, Louga and Dakar.

5. Construction of fire stations

Active participation of our sections in the Kolda and Tamba regions in the construction of fire stations together with the local population and the regional water and forestry authorities in the fight against bushfires.

6. Education

- 1998: Training seminar on project development and management with the IUCN.
- 1999: Training seminar on reforestation techniques with the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and the Direction des Eaux, Forêts, des Chasses et de la Conservation des Sols (DEFCCS) at the Centre Forêt de Thiès.
- 1999: Capacity building in project development and management of members with the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and the Direction des Eaux, Forêts, des Chasses et de la Conservation des Sols (DEFCCS), at the Centre Forêt de Thiès.
- 2000-2001: Training programme on communication techniques with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation.
- 2001: Seminar on the promotion of ecotourism in Senegal in co-operation with the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and the IAN.

7. Partnership

- 1994 to 2000: National and international reforestation projects, blocking of erosion heads and opening of slopes in the Poponguine nature reserve with the women's association of "Kër Cupam", the Directorate for National Parks (DPN), the Nicolas Hulot Foundation for Man and Nature (FNHHN) and the Senegalese Nature Lovers Association (Association Sénégalaise des Amis de la Nature).
- 1995: International reforestation project in Burkina Faso called: "Operation Coup de Coeur pour le Burkina Faso": operation 8,000 villages, 8,000 forests.
- 1997: Workshop for the elaboration of the National Programme of Action for the Environment (PNAE).
- 1997: Workshop seminars for the elaboration of the National Action Plan to Combat Desertification (NAP/LCD), contribution of civil society.
- 1998: Second Conference of the Parties to the International Convention to Combat Desertification (COP2) in Dakar, Senegal.
- 1999: Conference of the Parties to the International Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar) in Dakar, Senegal.
- 2007: Participation in the Global Day of Action against Climate Change, coordinated by the Climate Change Campaign (London-based NGO).
- 2007: Participation in an international reforestation project with CASE-TOGGO Friends of Nature.
- 2007: Workshop to prepare the Coastal and Marine Restoration Programme (PRCM).
- 2007: Workshop for the preparation of the Langue de Barbarie National Park Spatial and Management Plan (PNLB).
- 2007: Workshop for the preparation of the Integrated Spatial and Management Plan for the Madeleine Islands National Park (PNIM).
- 2007: International workshop on the payment of ecosystem services in Senegal with the Direction des Eaux, des Forêts, des Chasse et de la Conservation des Sols (DEFCCS) (Directorate of Water, Forests, Hunting and Soil Conservation).

- 2007: Etude d'Impact Environnementale: Atelier de maîtrise d'ouvrage et d'œuvre privée: Nomenclature des Installations Classées pour la Protection de l'Environnement et le Guide d'Etudes de Danger (Division des Etablissements Classés, Secteur Privé et ASAN).
- 2008: Sub-regional workshop on the synergy of international environmental conventions with the DEFCCS.
- 2008: Expert meeting to prepare the Ministerial Conference on the Great Green Wall - Retention Basin in Saly.
- 2008: Consideration of the achievements of civil society organisations in the implementation of the NAP/LCD with all accompanying measures such as poverty reduction with Enda. "Energy-Environment-Development Programme".
- 2008: Workshop to validate the country's environmental analysis report with the Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection, Reservoirs and Artificial Lakes Directorate of Environment and Classified Institutions (MEPNBRLA/DEEC).
- 2008 Seminar to strengthen the technical and institutional capacities of ASAN members.
- Protest and awareness march against climate change.
- 2008: Organisation of the first international meeting of the African Friends of Nature Network (RAFAN).

8. Ecotourism

- 1997-2008: ASAN developed ecotourism routes and accompanied groups of nature lovers (on average three per year) from France, Germany, Greece, Belgium, Austria, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Sweden throughout Senegal.
- 1999: ASAN friendship and working visit to France.
- 2003 and 2008: ASAN friendship and working visit to Germany

9. Fight against poverty

The Union Touristique les Amis de la Nature Fédération Française (UTAN-FF) financed a health fund in Dar Salam, a village on the edge of the Niokolo Koba.

Thanks to the support of the European National Agencies, a women's group in Gokhou Mbathe in Saint-Louis received funding for the processing of natural and fish products.

In Diadiem 3 (a peripheral village of the Parc du Djoudj), a classroom started by ASAN is being completed with financial support from Austrian and German Naturefriends.

In Ziguinchor, 10 members of five Naturefriends cells benefited from the training of instructors in the processing of fruit, vegetables and cereals. This was made possible thanks to the financial support of a Belgian Naturefriend.