

Bana / Mayumba Declaration

"NO to the Great Mayumba project"

- Considering the policies defined and adopted by States and international bodies for the protection of the environment;
- Considering the important place of the forest in the mitigation of global warming;
- Considering Gabon's commitment to the fight against climate change;
- Considering the leadership role played by President Ali Bongo Ondimba in forest conservation;
- Considering the role of spokesperson for Africa at COP 26 played by the President of the Gabonese Republic;
- Considering the vulnerability of the city of Mayumba to climate change
- Considering the lack of clarity around the Grande Mayumba project;
- Considering that the Great Mayumba project has never been the subject of any public consultation;
- Considering that the promoter of this project has accounts in tax havens;
- Considering that the area granted to this project is enormous and knowing that it will lead to new restrictions on the communities;
- Considering the multiple restrictions imposed on communities following the new creation of marine and lagoon protected areas;
- Considering the increase in human/wildlife conflicts;
- Considering the land tenure insecurity that the communities are confronted with;
- Considering the undeniable catalytic role of defenders of community rights through monitoring missions for the change of mentalities oriented towards sustainability;
- Considering the activities and actions carried out by women at the local level for the preservation of food sovereignty;
- Considering the strong added value brought by women within the framework of family farming;
- Conscious of the fact that the rural domain will be strongly impacted and lead to strong food insecurity;

We, representatives of the communities of the department of Basse-Banio and the municipality of Mayumba who work for the survival of our neighborhoods and villages and fight against social, environmental and climatic inequalities signatories of this declaration, meeting at the Town Hall on November 05, 2021,

Recommend the following to the government:

1. The suspension of the Great Mayumba project
2. Repeal of the decree creating the Park at the mouth of the Banio
3. To initiate major construction work on the levees to fight against the rise in sea level
4. The establishment of a Climate Fund (FC) to address the vulnerability of the city of Mayumba to climate change
5. An assessment of the elephant population in Gabon
6. The creation of a Provincial Fund for the Compensation of victims of wildlife.

MAYUMBA, November 05, 2021