Email from Tabangmua Danisius (General Coordinator, FOECONS) to Pia Iolster (Director, New Forests Project)

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Hello Pia,

We want to thank you for your constant assistance to us (organizations and farmers in the south) to fight food crises by increasing agricultural production through agroforestry approach and to improve the environment. Agroforestry has been selected by our communities as the best option to boost agricultural production and food supply. One of our handicapped in expanding this technique was inadequate seed supply that always delay our projects and programmes for agroforestry which New Forest Project decided to handed by providing FOECONS with funds and materials to establish tree stands which could be a constant source of seed supply locally without us necessary depending on NFP direct assistance. Since FOECONS is responsible for seeds distribution in the south west region of Cameroon, it is our place to state clearly that the support you gave through the provision of tree stands to enable increase the quantity of tree seeds through the abundant seeds germination. The financial aid enable Forestry and environmental Conservation Society to established 5 tree stands in Lebialem,Tombel and Kumba respectively in 2010.These tree stands is going a long way to solve the problem of seed delay on transit, inadequate seeds supply and reduce the problem of low seed germination capacity as a result of lost of viability of seeds. Through the support of the NFP financial and materially, the five tree stands are doing extremely well and some species in the stands produced the first flower in December 2010 and we are convenient that in less than 3 months from today the first harvest will be gotten from our tree stands .In the pictures we sent to your high office last January 2011 for the 2010 report, you would have seen pictures of tree stands that were attached.FOECONS hereby appreciate your wonderful assistance to solve the problem of the third world countries mostly in forestry and food production (agriculture).We promise that we will never waste your effort and struggle to raise fund for to support our programmes.You will need to come here one day and see for your self what I am talking about.

On behalf of the civil society organizations in our network and farmer groups, accept my singular gratitude for your wonderful work. I say keep on

Many thanks and long live NFP

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Trees are more valuable: but precious to the environment…hence their irrational exploitation is a call for concern !Forest Environment to Pia

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