

# Canadian Model Forest Network/Réseau canadien des

## Collaboration among the forest community and the indigenous people

An approach and a forum for discussion and collaboration among the forest community and local development agencies, the Model Forest (CANADA) makes it possible to reconcile the ecological, social, cultural and economic needs of a region. In a Model Forest, a variety of people with differing interests and perspectives form a partnership to develop new natural resources management tools that reflect their history, economic situation and cultural identity in a way that does not jeopardize future generations. Thousands of kilometres separate them, but the Lac-Saint-Jean Model Forest (LSJMF) and its Cameroon Model Forests counterparts – Dja et Mpomo, Campo Ma'an – are forging ties to develop the Cameroon economy. The two regions are united in a common cause, that of building a forest-based economy through collective management of their resources. This Canada-Cameroon co-operation would not be possible without the support of the International Model Forest Network (IMFN), the Forest Communities Program (FCP) and the African Model Forest Initiative, all supported by Natural Resources Canada.



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