

Note to the attention of his honorable Minister of Scientific Research and Innovation about the sabotage of facilities at Lake Monoun

On May 11th 2012, IRGM was informed of an act of vandalism on Lake Monoun facilities by its agents on the site. Upon this information, the Director of IRGM deployed an investigation team composed of Dr Tanyileke, Tchameni Christian (IT professional) and Lissouck David (driver) to the site to assess the damage and meet with local authorities.

As a reminder, Lake Monoun has multiple facilities that have been implemented in the framework of its security and the SATREPS / IRGM projects, jointly funded by the Japanese and Cameroon governments. The field visit was carried out on the 14th and 16th May 2014 and led to point out that:

- The alarm station and climate station, implemented along with the degassing pipes and in January 2013, respectively became non-functional
- The solar panel and signaling system have been damaged
- The cables connecting the 15 sensors of the climate station were cut and are hanging down, either on the raft or in the water, along with the limnic sensors.
- The raft is still in place. The meteorological sensors, except the rain gauge, are in place and it is not possible to comment further upon their condition, as well as that of the data storage module.

The perpetrator named Mouliom Adamou was arrested by the local authorities and sent to the Fouban prison where he is currently.

The cost estimate of only the climate station as provided by the manufacturer *Campbell Scientific* (Utah, USA) and according to the 2012 proforma is \$14,015.04 (approximately 7,000,520 CFA F). The estimate cost of the alarm station is not yet available.

Furthermore, several meetings were held with the authorities (the chief of the village

Ndjindoun and his assistants, the Mayor and the Sub-Prefect of kouptamo, the Prefect of the Noun division, the Chief of the brigade of Koutaba) and the local population to raise awareness and take appropriate actions to ensure the security of the lake's equipments and therefore, their own security.

It should be recalled that the agreement signed with the Japanese partner under the SATREPS / IRGM project, states that the replacement or repair of donated equipments is under the full responsibility of the Cameroon government.

Please find attached some pictures of the diverse damages.

Pictures titles:

- 1) Damage to the climate station
- 2) Destroyed Solar panel and signaling system