

**Seminar on Gender Perspective  
in Environment and Development**

**Planting vitellaria paradoxa for  
developing local women economy in  
the national Park**

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# REPUBLIC OF NIGER

**Capital** Niamey

Niger is bordered by  
Libya, Algeria, Chad  
Mali, Burkina Faso  
Benin, Nigeria.

Area size is

1,267,000 km<sup>2</sup>.





# Religions

- Muslim 90%
- Others 10%



## Total population

14.2 million (2008)

■ Urban population

16.8%

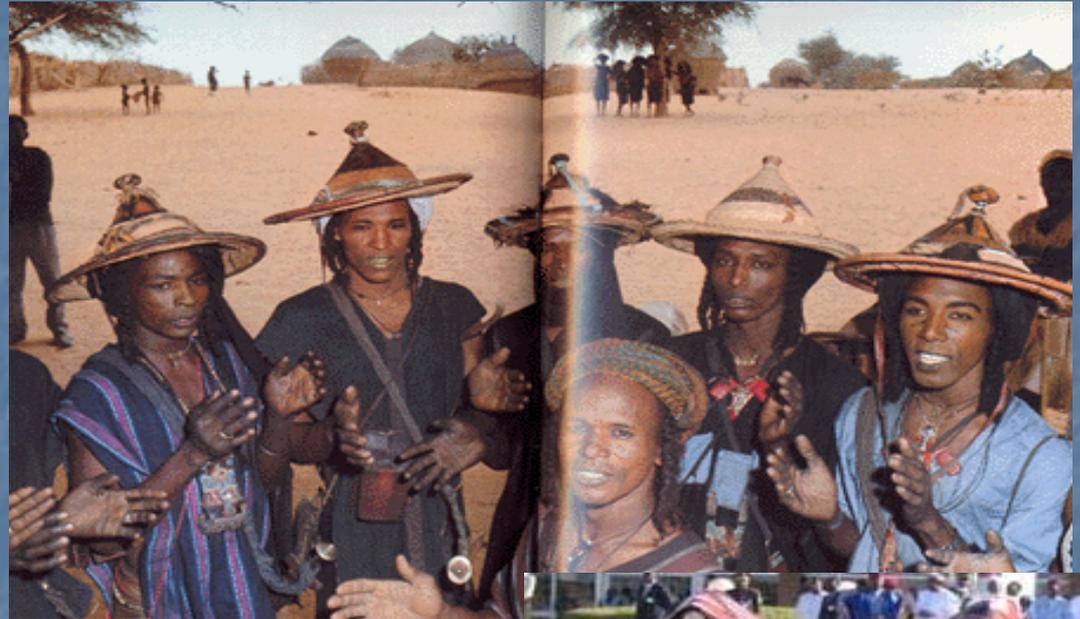
■ Population growth

3.3%

# The ethnics groups

- Haoussa
- Djerma
- Kanuri
- Peul
- Touareg

Official language :  
French



- Niger is one of the poorest and least developed countries in the world, with over 80% of its territory covered by the [Sahara](#) desert, and much of the rest threatened by periodic drought and desertification.
- people live in majority in the south band of the country favorable to agriculture.



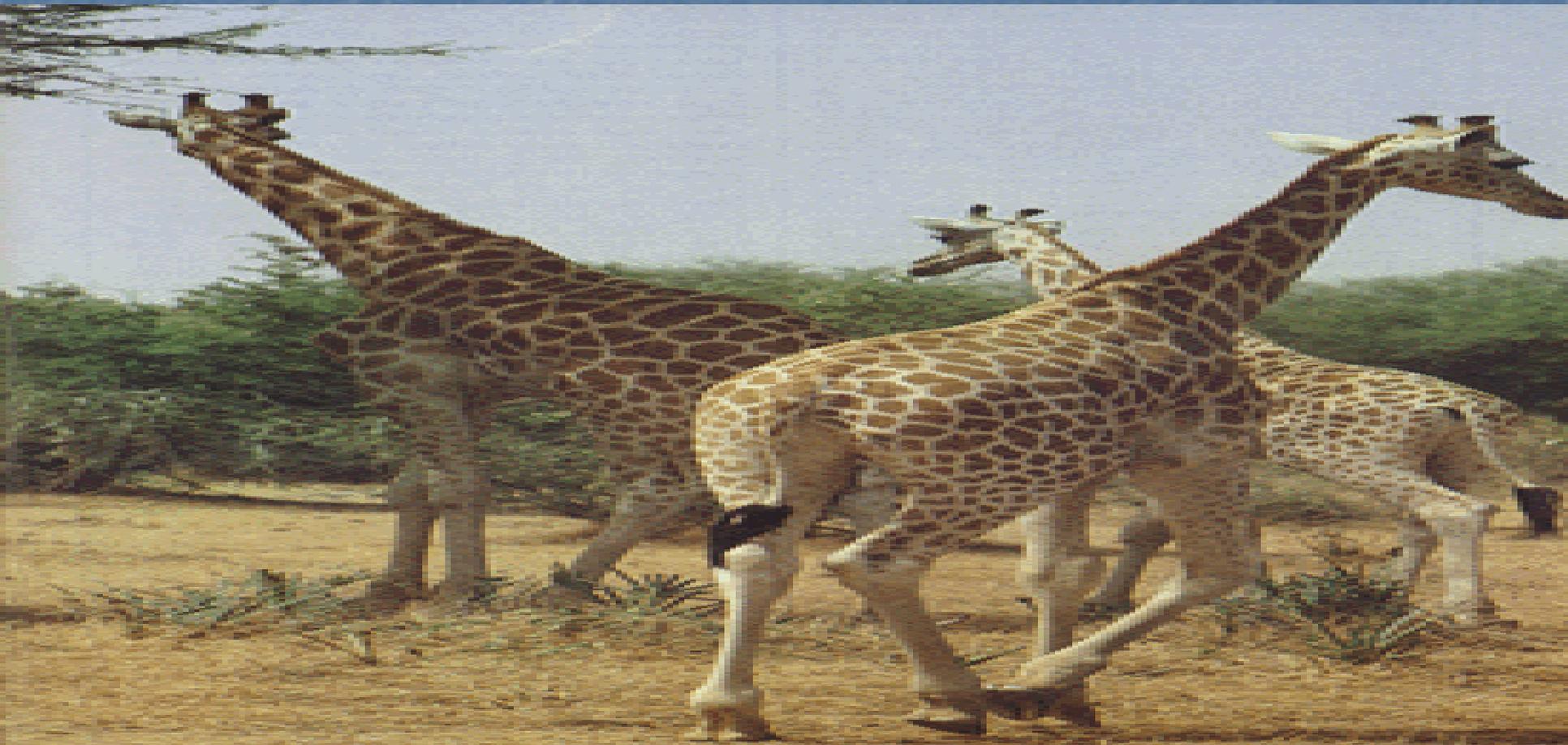
# Leadership and political participation

- There are measurable improvements of women participation in public life  
Women received right to vote and they stood for election since 1948 but we have few numbers of women in decisions making, they are considered as housewives and children bearers

# Deforestation

## wildlife

population threatened because of poaching and habitation destruction



- Overgrazing, soil erosion



# ■ deforestation = desertification

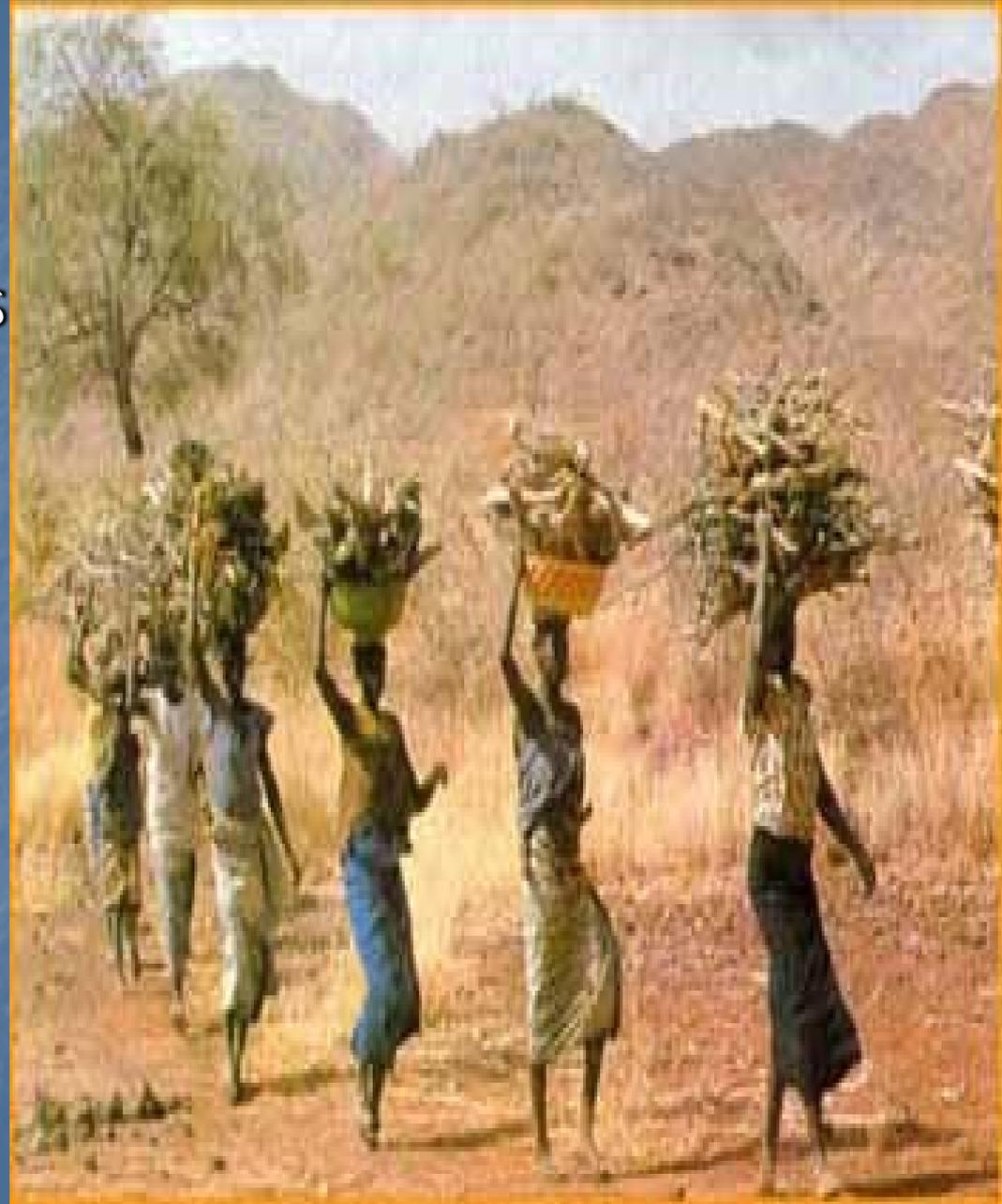


250,000 ha are lost  
each year in Niger  
by cutting wood for  
Cooking (90%)



Due to its  
rarefication(wood), it's  
necessary to cover a  
distance to find some

each day this is fatigue  
for women



Through JICA seminar I got a lot of experinces and learned many valuable lessons about community development and environmental conservation specifically:

- greennery of the cities
- prevention of river and marine pollution
- securing safe drinking water
- waste collection, its transportation, incineration and recycling
- organic farming.....

# ACTION PLAN



# Project Title:



Planting vitellaria paradoxa for developing local women economy in the national Park



## Objectives:

- To promote ecosystems conservation
- To ensure sustainable source of firewood by local women in the Park
- To reduce women's work for collecting firewood

# Reason for selecting this project

- Reforestation of the Park, providing fuel wood, halting soil erosion and desertification
- Raising awareness on the importance of the environment
- Raising awareness of the need to protect local biological diversity
- Empowerment of women
- Improve image of women

## **Duration of the project**

- two years

## **Budget**

- Government of Niger
- Donors contribution Partners
- Local community

52,500 seedlings on 20ha for 26,565,000 US\$

# Activities

- information dissemination to raise local awareness on the importance of planting trees and establish contact with groups
- Training in trees nursing techniques for the local women
- Creation of trees seed nursing units
- Production of seedlings
- Reporting on the progress of the nursery
- Purchasing and planting of trees after digging holes
- Monitoring of the trees nursing
- Conduction of periodic evaluations

## My role in this project

- In this project my role is to mobilize women, to train and provide them regular technical support to the trees nursing

# Foreseen obstacles

- How to deliver the conservation message because rural women are illiterate
- How to make women understanding and own the project
- How to motivate local women

# Measures to tackle the obstacles

- To help women to perceive the environment as a real and living part of their communal life
- To communicate all details concerning the project to the local women
- To work patiently by repeating abstract ideas before they are internalized

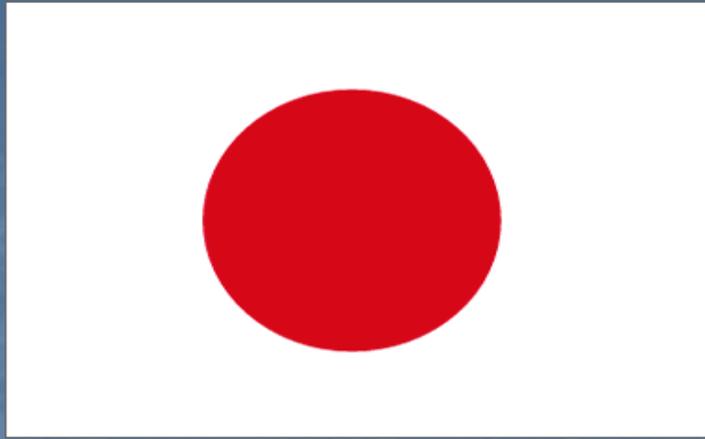
# Indicators to measure outputs

- Number of trees nursing managers trained
- Number of trees nursing sites created and equipped
- Number of trees plants produced and sold
- Number of trees plants planted
- Percentage of trees nursing which survived

# Expected outcomes



- To increase trees cover and recover biodiversity
- To make a change in the women lives (no long distance to fetch food) and in the quality of household (save financially)
- To earn income after trees maturity



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