

Date: 9th November 2024

Location: Bamenda 2 Council Hall

Organizers: UNIMAC and STRESORS

UNIMAC, in collaboration with STRESORS successfully held a Snail Farming Workshop on 9th November 2024, commencing at 9:00 AM. The event welcomed a diverse group of participants eager to delve into the intricacies of snail farming, a burgeoning agricultural opportunity.



The workshop kicked off with an inspiring welcome speech from UNIMAC's director, Mr. Ameh Maurice. He extended a warm welcome to all participants, setting a positive tone for the day's activities and emphasizing the importance of sustainable agriculture.



The workshop featured several informative sessions led by experts in the field.

Introduction to Snail Farming. Presented by Akongnwi Claudia, this session laid the groundwork for understanding the potential of snail farming and effective marketing strategies.



Hatching of Snails: Ngong Blaise took the stage to provide an in-depth look at the hatching process. His presentation covered essential factors for increasing egg production, the process of hatching, post-hatching behavior, and the challenges of ensuring hatchling survival. Participants engaged with several insightful questions and discussions, demonstrating their keen interest in overcoming common challenges faced in this area.



The spotlight then shifted to Yvette Ngum, who discussed various breeding systems: extensive, intensive, and semi-intensive. Key topics included housing selection, types of snail pens, and best practices for snail nutrition—particularly the sources of calcium crucial for healthy growth. Her presentation provided attendees with practical tips on managing feeding regimens effectively.



Marketing for Snails. Akongnwi Claudia returned for a comprehensive overview of the marketing aspects of snail farming. She outlined the key requirements for entering the

market, common challenges encountered, and effective solutions to maximize profitability.

Following the presentations, participants were taken outdoors for a hands-on practical session. This included:

- Identification of various types of snails.
- Examination of different housing designs suitable for snail farming.
- Techniques for composing snail feed, giving participants the opportunity to apply their newly acquired knowledge practically.



A notable address was given by Mr. Mokere, a representative from the Women's Empowerment and Family department. His encouraging words inspired attendees to embrace this new venture, highlighting the potential for growth in the snail farming sector.



The workshop concluded with the presentation of certificates to all participants, celebrating their successful completion of the snail training workshop. Refreshments were served, allowing for networking and discussions among the participants.



Participants captured their memories with group snapshots, marking the successful conclusion of the day filled with learning, practical experience, and community building.

The Snail Farming Workshop served as an excellent platform for educating participants about snail farming and empowering them to embark on this rewarding agricultural journey. UNIMAC and STRESORS look forward to future collaborations aimed at promoting sustainable farming practices.