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Reforestation: Bongo, one of SAPH sites, hosts the launch of the "1 day, 5 million trees" operation, initiated by the Ministry of Water and Forests.

Abidjan, July 25th, 2020 - Bongo, the Integrated Farm Unit of SAPH, the Ivorian subsidiary of SIPH Group, located in the department of Alépé, hosted the official launch of the **"1 day, 5 million trees"** operation in the South Comoé region.

Initiated by the Ivorian Government, the **"1 day, 5 million trees"** operation is a project of national interest which is in line with the five-year agreement signed last June between SIFCA Group and the Ministry of Water and Forests of Côte d'Ivoire, aiming to reconstruct the forest cover, preserve biodiversity and contribute to the environmental education of students throughout the Ivorian territory, more specifically in the implantation areas of SIFCA's subsidiaries

The launch of the 2020 edition of this operation on SAPH Bongo's Integrated Farm Unit, follows the planting in 2019 of eight hundred (800) Teak plants in the Biodiversity zones of the site, during the **"1 day, 1 million trees"** operation, and the renewed support in 2020, of the Ministry of Water and Forests of Côte d'Ivoire through the maintenance of fifty thousand (50,000) plants intended to be distributed throughout the South Comoe region.

This way, SIFCA Group, through SIPH, its rubber subsidiary, reaffirms its commitment to reconstructing the Ivorian forest cover, protecting and strengthening of biodiversity, but also promoting of good environmental practices throughout the territory. It should be noted that to date, the Group accounts for more than four thousand six hundred and fifty (4650) hectares of preserved forests at its sites throughout Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Liberia and Nigeria.

The launching ceremony of this operation took place in the presence of the Secretary General of the Prefecture of Aboisso; the Sub-prefect of Bongo; the Director of the Integrated Farm Unit of Bongo, and the Regional Director of Water and Forests of the South Comoe

About SIFCA

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