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The domestication of Bush Mango (Irvingia spp.) in Cameroon

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Biography:
Tyler Rundel is pursuing a PhD in Geography under the supervision of Dr. Nigel Smith. His research focuses on smallholder - indigenous fruit tree interactions, specifically issues of domestication and extraction. He has recently returned from a year field work in Cameroon where he worked with the World Agroforestry Center (ICRAF) with the support of the U.S. Borlaug Fellows in Global Food Security program. He holds a MS in Regenerative Studies (Sustainability) from Cal Poly Pomona and a BA in International Relations from San Francisco State University.

Content:
The nuts of Irvingia gabonensis and I. wombolu are one of the most economically important NTFPs in the humid lowlands of West and Central Africa. The World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) has been working in the region on the domestication of these and other priority indigenous tree species to promote sustainable rural development. The presentation will cover his research on these species in Cameroon, focusing on issues of phenotypic variation and smallholder livelihood strategies.

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