

The Sacrifices in Lake Bam,

The 20 mars 2013, I was really honored by the invitation given to me by His Majesty Naba Belem-Wende, Chef of Bam Village. He was inviting me to the ceremony of sacrifices that the fishermen of Lake Bam initiated and that had to be led by Tengsoba-Yaalè, the priest of the traditional religion who is leading the management of the lake. The goal of the ceremony was to improve the landings of fish that have drastically decreased. In the framework of Susfish, I could not reject the invitation. In addition I invited the sociologist of Susfish to be part of the trip but unfortunately the deadline was too short.

On arrival I went to him, than he carried me to Tengsoba-Yaalè. They were very happy to see a scientist visiting they work. White chicken, black chicken, black goat, traditional drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic both drinks made of sorghum), traditional cakes made of sesame, millet and beans, and some fishes were the ingredients.

As in Burkina, when taking part in any a ceremony of any religion, you are expected to give a 'financial contribution' I gave some gave mine to the fishermen and to the two traditional leaders of the village.

I, the fishermen and the traditional authorities were happy to have taken the opportunity to come together. Let us hope that the next sacrifices could be reported on the TV and radio for popular opinion and decision makers to know that, the local fishermen of the depleted Bam fishery are working towards the rebuilding of their fishery but they need to be supported.

		
<p>The President of the union of the fishermen associations of the lake is greeting Tengsoba-Yaalé</p>	<p>Waiting for the ceremony to start: Drinking traditional beer and chatting. The Chief of Bam Village is on the left and is wearing a red colour hat.</p>	<p>The fishermen are presenting the ingredients to Tengso-Yaalé.</p>
		
<p>The black goat</p>	<p>The traditional alcoholic drink in a container</p>	<p>The traditional cakes and flours</p>

Note: some other pictures are already available on Susfish website.