

And – set the scene

But – introduce your problem

Therefore – present your solution



Previous research in Cameroon has shown evidence that 12 species of insectivorous birds eat brown capsids (Africa's #1 cocoa pest), and can be used for pest biological control in cocoa farms. However, these species are subject to haemosporidian parasites infections (*Plasmodium*, *Haemoproteus* and *Leucocytozoon spp.*) identified as a potential cause of extinction and population decline in many bird species. Better understanding the pathogenicity of avian haemosporidiosis might ultimately contribute to improvement of health and wildlife conservation policies.

Adapted from 2022 awardee Mélanie Adèle Tchoumbou's project: <https://www.conservationactionresearch.net/projects/which-native-shade-trees-will-attract-pest-eating-birds-to-cameroonian-cocoa-farms>