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The diagnostic report consists of three parts:

Volume I: the evaluation of the situation and the SWOT analysis

Volume II: annexes with additional data, figures and tables, and the

results of the stakeholder field survey on regional planning

sectors

Volume III the cartographic atlas.

In the present volume, the maps elaborated for the diagnostic report are presented. They are structured thematically, relating to the sectors of analysis of the first volume and were used to create geographic figures.

Their design and content were elaborated based on inputs by the experts and are meant to support their analysis by providing geospatial information about the facts described in the first volume.

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Foreword / data sources

This document is the Cartographic Atlas of the Diagnostic Study, prepared for the Regional Territoral Planning and Sustainable Development Plan of the Territory of the North-West Region of Cameroon.

The following cartographic work is based on vector layers that have been received or elaborated from information by the following institutions:

- The Ministry of Economy, Planning and Regional Development (MINEPAT): the
 data of the National Territorial Planning and Sustainable Development Plan, 2015,
 for the layers of the administrative boundaries, the administrative headquarters,
 and the layers of the protected areas, forests, plantations and mining permits. The
 information contained in the "Rapport de Développement Economique" for the
 locations of reported flood events.
- The National Institute of Cartography (NIC): the layer on surface water bodies.
- The Institute for Geological and Mining Research (IRGM) and the Ministry of Mines, Industry and Technological Development (MINMIDT): the layers on mining potentials, quarries, and natural risk zones in the North-West Region.
- The National Community Driven Development Program (PNDP): the consolidated data of the Communal Development Plans for the layers on villages and their related information, on the chiefdoms' palaces as well as the layer on the economic infrastructures (marketplaces).
- The National Institute of Statistics (NIS): the information on population by subdivision, on electrification in the divisions, on hotel beds in the divisions.
- The Ministry of Water and Energy (MINEE): the information on rural electrification
- OpenStreetMap (OSM): the road layers

The raster data were collected from the following institutions:

- The United States Geological Survey (USGS): the images of the Landsat 5, Landsat 7, and Landsat 8 satellites as well as the 1 Arc-Second Global Elevation Data of the Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM)
- The Global Land Cover Facility (GLCF) of the University of Maryland: the layers of *Tree Cover* for the years 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015.

The Landsat images were downloaded as surface reflectance and processed in *QGIS* and *LeoWorks* to calculate the land cover classifications of 1987 (Landsat 5), 2003 (Landsat 7 SLC-On), and 2018 (Landsat 8). The SRTM elevation data were used to calculate the relief layer of the background as well as the watershed.

Complementary fieldwork allowed the creation of the following layers:

- The production areas (maps 3.1-a to 3.3) have been digitalised by a field expert from the University of Bamenda.
- The areas of land use and boundary conflicts (maps 7- a to g) have been digitalised based on the information collected from PNDP officers in the municipal councils in April to May 2018.

All further thematic sources of data and information used to design and produce the maps are listed in detail at the begin of each thematic map-section.

Notice:

The authors must warn about discrepancies between the official boundaries of the subdivision as contained in the data of MINEPAT and the location of some villages according to the coordinates of the PNDP database. Some villages may appear outside their respective (sub)division. From comparison with secondary sources and local knowledge, it seems that the delineation of the boundary may be erroneous for some subdivisions (notably Bafut and Njinikom). The authors recommend the MINEPAT to verify the accuracy of its border coordinates.

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The maps 1.1-a to -g show the administrative units in the North-West Region. The Region is sub-divided into Divisions (departments). These are headed by Divisional officers appointed by the President. The Divisions are again Sub-Divided into Sub-Divisions (arrondissements) headed by Assistant Divisional Officers (Sous Prefets). See Decree n° 2008/376 of 12th November 2008 on the administrative organisation of the Republic of Cameroon. The chiefs/Fons who are traditional rulers are described as auxiliaries to administration (See law n° 77/245 of 1977 relating to the organisation of traditional chieftaincies as amended by Decree n° 2013/332 of 13th September 2013).

There is a total of seven Divisions in the North-West Region and a total of 34 Sub Division. The basic unit of local government is the council and there are 34 councils in the Region. In the North-West Region there is one special urban community: the Bamenda City Council headed by a Government Delegate appointed by presidential decree.

Used sources/data for the content of the maps:

- Boundaries: data of the National Territorial Planning and Sustainable Development Plan, 2015, donnees_decembre2015.gdb, MINEPAT
- Headquarters: data of the National Territorial Planning and Sustainable Development Plan, 2015, donnees_decembre2015.gdb, MINEPAT
- Hydrographic network: data of the National Institute of Cartography, hydro_lineaire.shp, hydro_surfacique.shp
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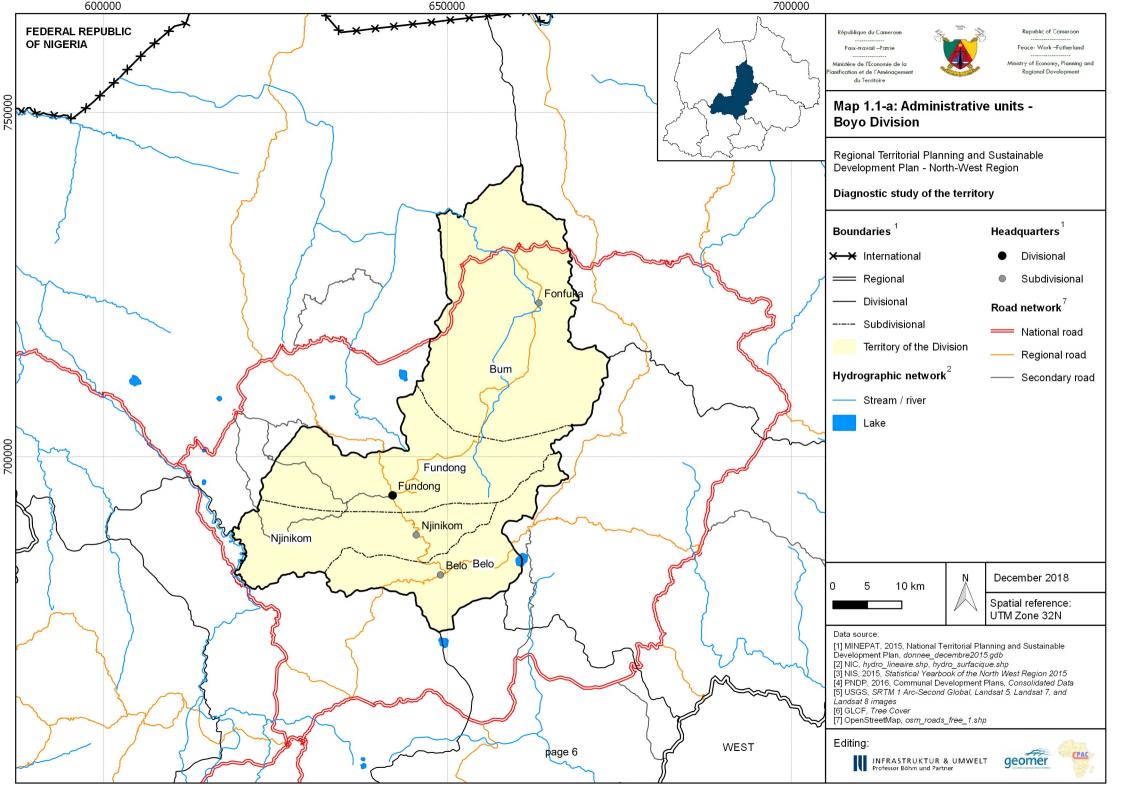
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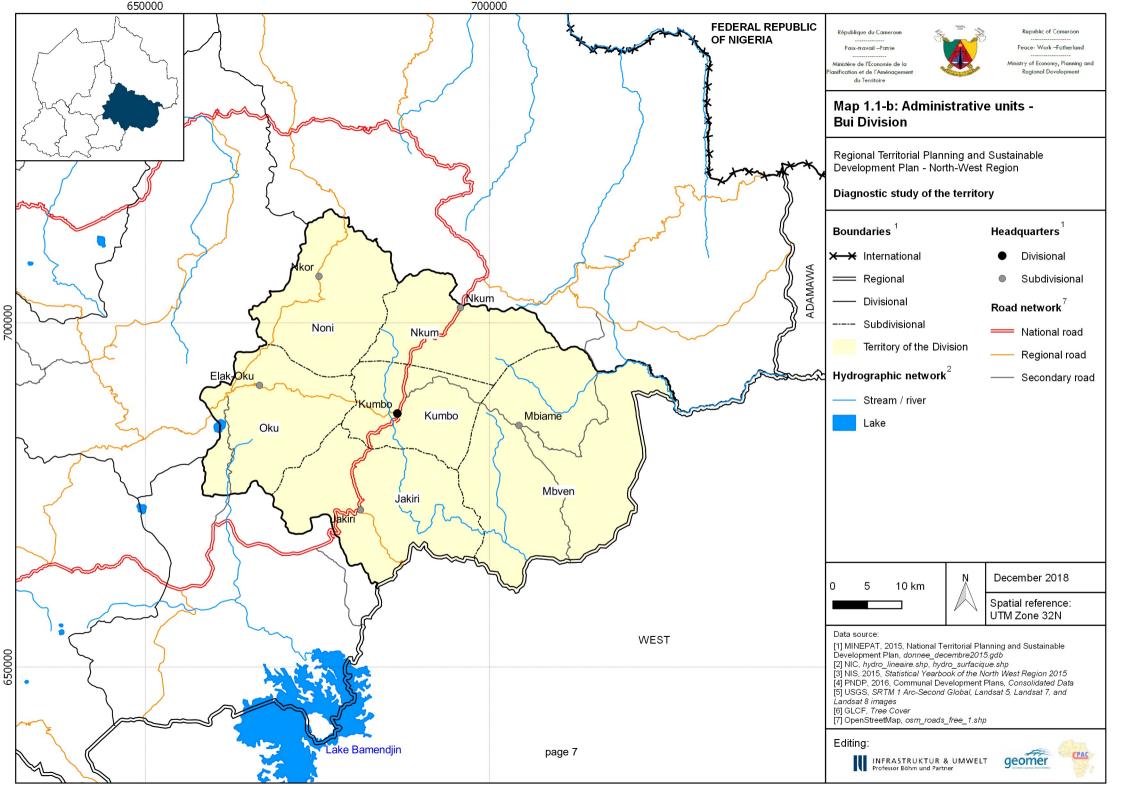
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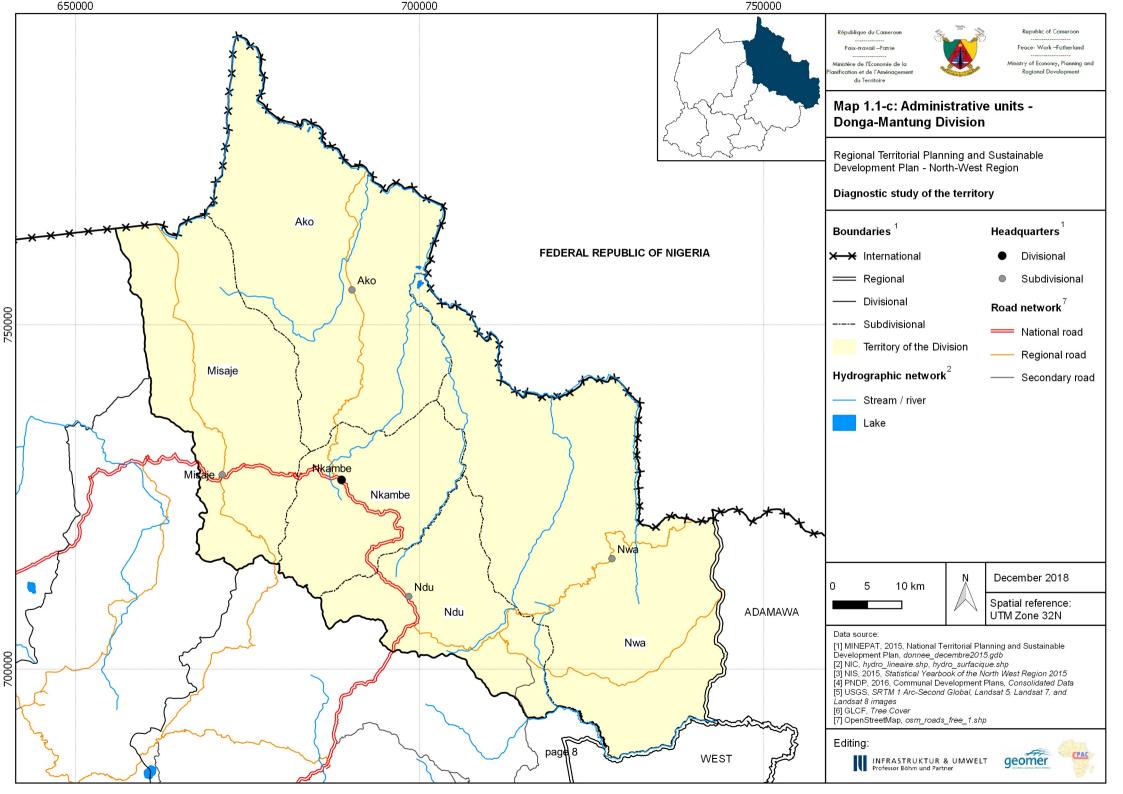
The map 1.2 shows the first and second class Kingdoms of the North-West Region. Beside the formal administrative structure, the North-West Region has its traditional authorities and traditional rulers. Most of the Fons cooperate closely with the senior divisional officers, representing the present Cameroonian presidency, in actually addressing the needs of the population. The Cameroon Chieftaincy Law contained in decree No 77/245 of July 15, 1977 organizes traditional communities into villages or chiefdoms. And according to the decree, traditional chiefdoms are organized on a territorial basis and they comprise First class chiefdom, Second class chiefdom and Third class chiefdom. There are 121 chiefdoms distributed in the North-West Region. The first class chiefdoms are Bafut, Bali Nyongha, Kom, Mankon and Nso and they cover large territories which encompass several second and third class chiefdoms. The lower chiefdoms cover villages or quarters.

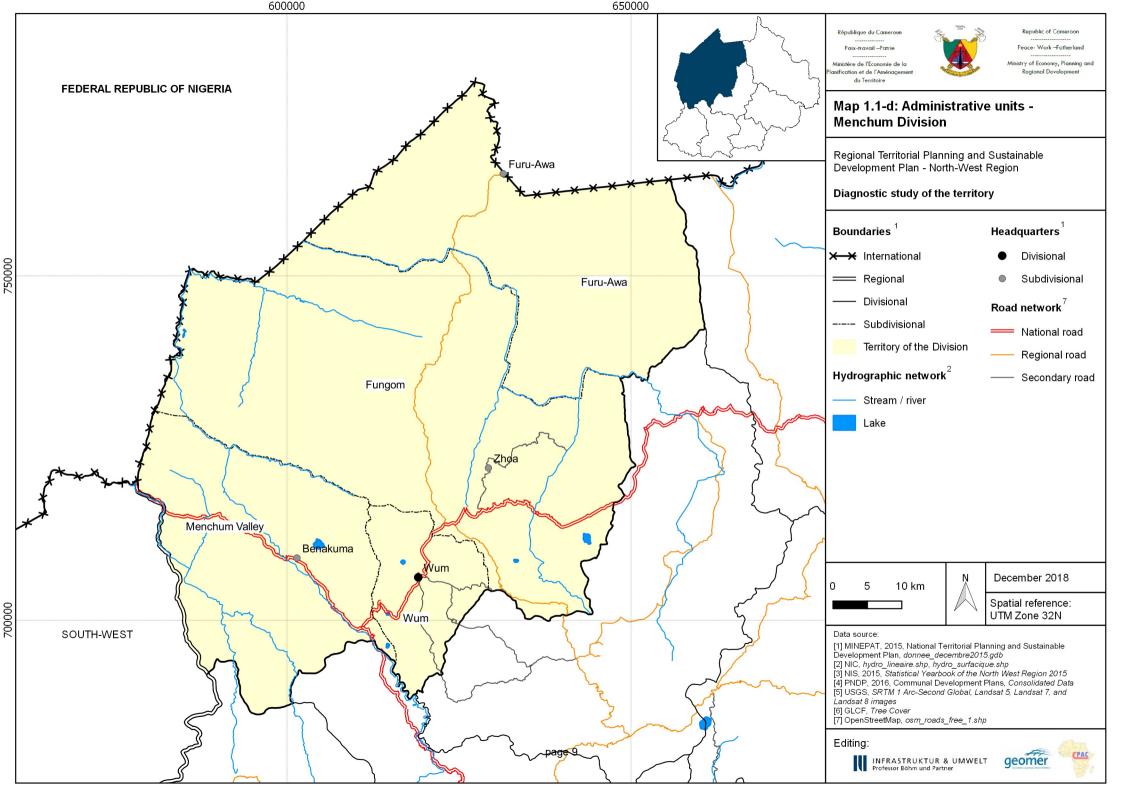
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- Road network: OpenStreetMap contributors, data downloaded from geofabrik.de, osm_road_free_1.shp
- Palaces: consolidated data of the Communal Development Plans by the National Community Driven Development Program (PNDP) as well as local experts' knowledge for the first class palaces
- First class kingdoms: layer digitalised by local experts based on the information gathered during the NW field survey of 2018 commissioned by IU/CPAC

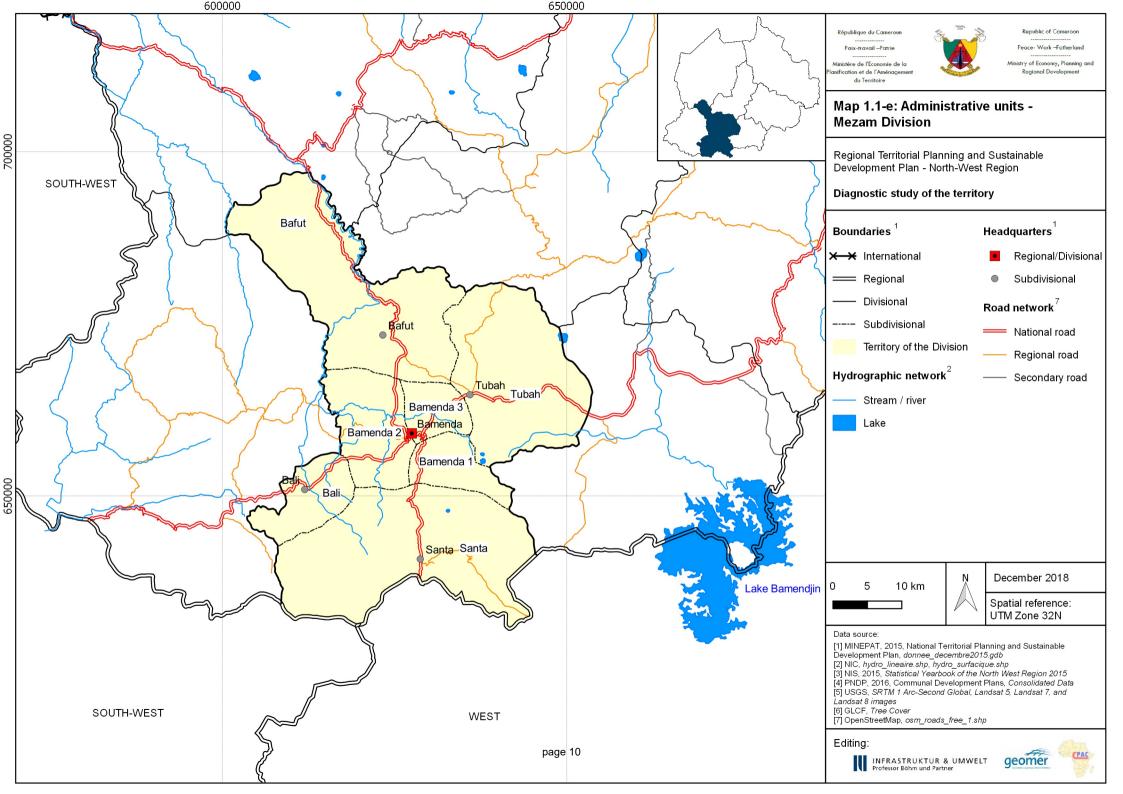


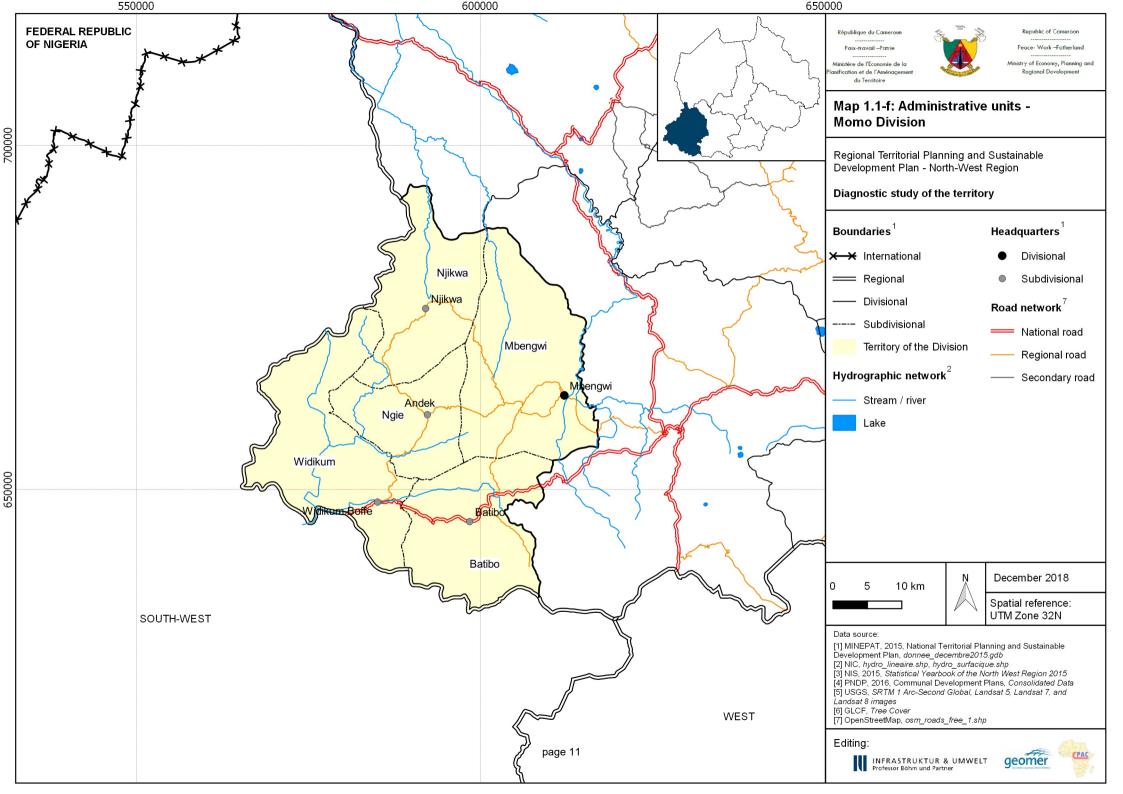


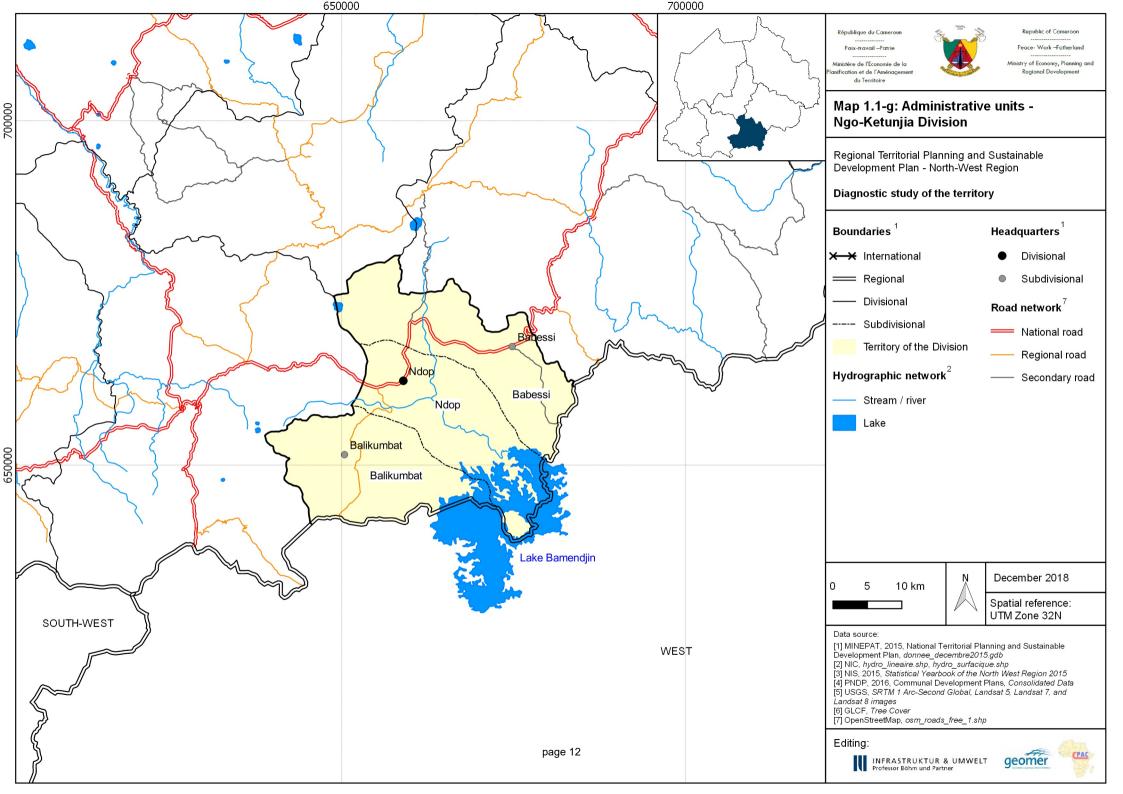


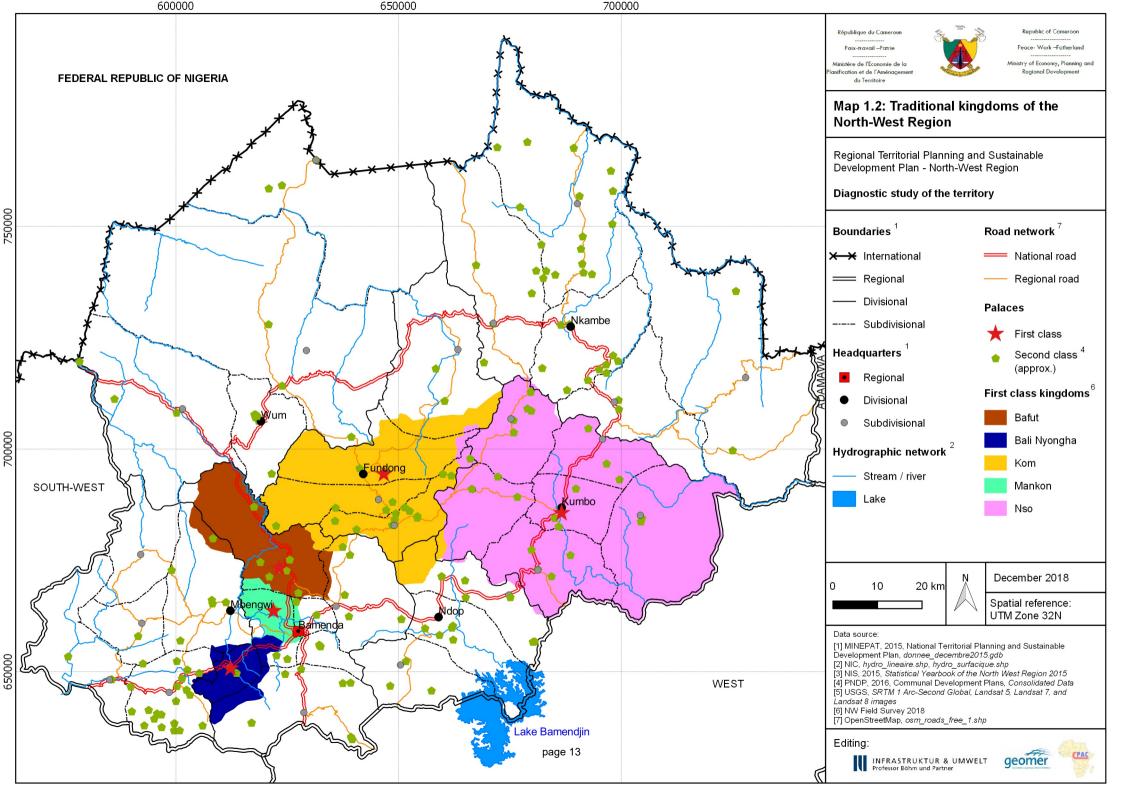












2 Environment and natural resources

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The maps 2.1-a to -g show the relief map of the Divisions. The relief with mountain ranges (highest locations, mountain tops), lowland (plains, lowest locations) and the elevation/contour lines are basic information for all land use developments and environmental settings. The North-West Region of Cameroon is known as the Western Highlands. Situated at an average altitude of 1,550 m (NIS, 2017, Statistical Yearbook 2015), it is dominated by a range of mountains, with the highest peak at Mt Oku (3,008 m). The relief, covered with grassy vegetation and some forest, offers a captivating view characterized by panoramic contrasts with plains surrounded by mountains with solid masses, deep valleys with streams, rivers, waterfalls and numerous crater lakes.

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- Road network: OpenStreetMap contributors, data downloaded from geofabrik.de, osm_road_free_1.shp
- Contour lines created with the 1 Arc-Second Global Elevation Data of the Shuttle Radar Topography Mission, United States Geological Survey
- Relief features and names provided by the local experts

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The map 2.2 shows the geological formations. The underlying bedrocks in the North-West Region are mostly granite rocks from the Pre-Cambrium, dating back from more than 500 million of years. The bed rocks are covered by either sedimentary materials from the Cretaceous and Tertiary eras or by volcanic soils, thrown out in ancient eruptions. Later in the Quaternary era in some areas new sediments were deposited on older layers, like in the Mamfe depression (partly in the North-West - and in the South-West Region).

- Boundaries: data of the National Territorial Planning and Sustainable Development Plan, 2015, donnees decembre 2015. gdb, MINEPAT
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- Hydrographic network: data of the National Institute of Cartography, hydro_lineaire.shp, hydro_surfacique.shp
- Road network: OpenStreetMap contributors, data downloaded from geofabrik.de, osm_road_free_1.shp
- Geologic units: drawn from maps by the Institute for Geological and Mining Research, *Formations et Géologie Structurale*

2.3. Pedology...... 27

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- Hydrographic network: data of the National Institute of Cartography, hydro lineaire.shp, hydro surfacique.shp
- Road network: OpenStreetMap contributors, data downloaded from geofabrik.de, osm road free 1.shp
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intensified by the growing demands of food, housing, and natural resources (like wood and water) of the growing population in the North-West Region.

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- Hydrographic network: data of the National Institute of Cartography, hydro_lineaire.shp, hydro_surfacique.shp
- Road network: OpenStreetMap contributors, data downloaded from geofabrik.de, osm_road_free_1.shp
- Land cover: classified from Landsat 5, Landsat 7, and Landsat 8 satellite imagery, United States Geological Survey

Notice:

The land cover class "built surfaces" may seem absent from the map but it is actually represented. Because of its nature, this land cover class is extremely scarce on the classified image. Built surfaces correspond to areas with an almost pure mineral reflectance (metallic rooftops, bare soil, naked rocks) and no biomass reflectance. At the resolution of a Landsat sensor (30m*30m) most pixels are a composite of the main reflectances (green biomass, water, minerals), especially in the NW region where constructions are rather small, distant from one another and where vegetation is abundant everywhere. The class "built surfaces" can therefore only be found in the most densely built-up and largest artificially sealed-off surfaces, which appear on the map as very small red clusters (area of Bamenda, Kumbo and Ndop). These clusters are sometimes overlapped by the symbol of the headquarters and the national road.

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- Hydrographic network: data of the National Institute of Cartography, hydro_lineaire.shp, hydro_surfacique.shp
- Road network: OpenStreetMap contributors, data downloaded from geofabrik.de, osm_road_free_1.shp
- Evolution of forest in % of tree cover: calculated from Tree Cover raster data by the Global Land Cover Facility of the University of Maryland
- Boundaries of protected areas: data of the National Territorial Planning and Sustainable Development Plan, 2015, donnees_decembre2015.gdb, MINEPAT
- Land cover changes: calculated by computing the differences between land cover classes obtained from Landsat 5, Landsat 7, and Landsat 8 imagery
- Changes of forest cover: calculated by computing the differences between land cover classes obtained from Landsat 5, Landsat 7, and Landsat 8 imagery, only for the forest class

Notice:

Like in the previous maps, some classes in the evolution of forest cover (the 10%-20% classes) appear to be absent but are only very scarce. Due to the 30m resolution of the dataset, individual pixels are not distinguishable at the scale of the map unless they build up to larger clusters, which is rarely the case for these classes. The "severe loss" and "medium gain" classes are transition classes between the statistically more-occurring extreme classes and can be found mostly as a very thin one or two pixel wide interface between them.

2.6. Hydrographic network and elevation...... 3

The map 2.6 shows the hydrographic network and elevation. The high amount of precipitation, the geomorphology and the soil structure cause a dense network of rivers all over Cameroon. Most of the rivers in the Western Highlands have rapids and falls. Only parts of the Katsina-Ala river in Menchum Division towards Nigeria are navigable. The rivers do supply a lot of fish in towns like Babessi (Ngo-Ketunjia Division) and Mbo-Nso (Mbven Sub Division in Bui Division).

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- Road network: OpenStreetMap contributors, data downloaded from geofabrik.de, osm road free 1.shp
- Elevation above sea level created with the 1 Arc-Second Global Elevation Data of the Shuttle Radar Topography Mission, United States Geological Survey
- Relief features and names provided by the local experts

2.7. Hydrography.....

The map 2.7 shows the hydrographic basins of the North-West Region. An important watershed between the Benoue and Sanaga drainage basins is on the southern side of the Adamawa Plateau northeast of the North-West Region. There are smaller but important other watersheds in the Manenguba Mountains in the south of the North-West Region as well as in the Bambutus- and the Bamenda highlands. The rivers flowing in the southwest direction in the North-West Region, mostly originate from the Adamawa Plateau and belong to the Atlantic (Mungo and Sanaga Hydrographic) Basin, flowing towards the Noun, Sanaga and the Wouri river, but some of the rivers like the Katsina-ala in Menchum are an effluent of the Niger and belong to the Niger Hydrographic basin.

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- Road network: OpenStreetMap contributors, data downloaded from geofabrik.de, osm_road_free_1.shp
- Drainage basins and watershed computed from the 1 Arc-Second Global Elevation Data of the Shuttle Radar Topography Mission, United States Geological Survey

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the growing demands of a growing population. Deforestation takes place outside as well as inside (because of a lack of enforcement of regulations) protected reserves. Fragile habitats and threatened species are getting more rare at an alarming speed. Looking at the different divisions, there are big differences in the percentage of coverage by natural forest. Menchum Division is the top area for naturalness in the North-West Region, with Donga- Mantung as the second Division, rich in biodiversity. Together these divisions host more than 90% of the protected areas of the whole North-West Region and host a lot of rare endemic species of fauna and flora in its habitats. Menchum is also the division with the only National Park in the North-West Region (Kimbi Fungom). Part of that park, as well as Mbembe Ako Forest in Donga-Mantung were designated more than 80 years ago and have since been legally protected and managed as natural areas. Other divisions and especially Momo and Bui divisions (both only 1 protected area, respectively Kagwene Gorilla Sanctuary in Njikwa and Kilum-Ijim Mountain Forest & Plant life Sanctuary in Oku) have only a few strongholds left, while in Ngoketunjia there is not even a single protected forest or wildlife reserve. Boyo and Mezam are both intermediate and have 3 or 4 different (parts) of protected areas, that together comprise 1,000-s of hectares.

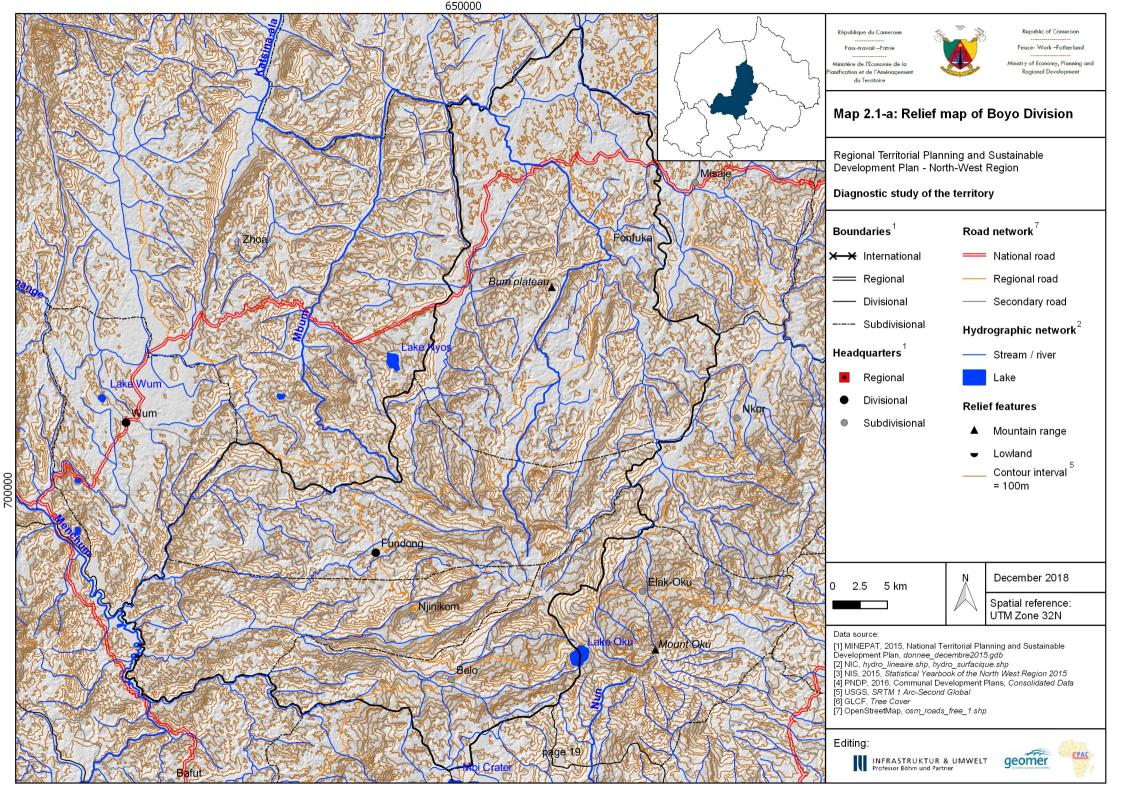
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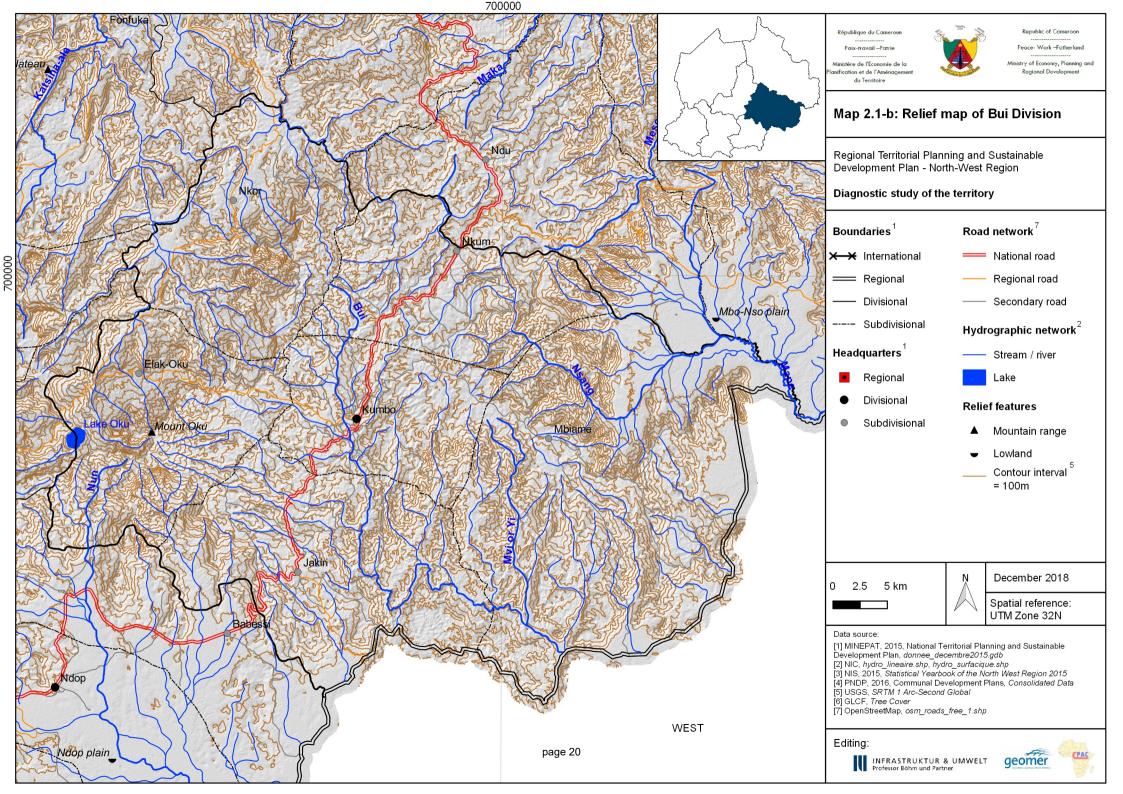
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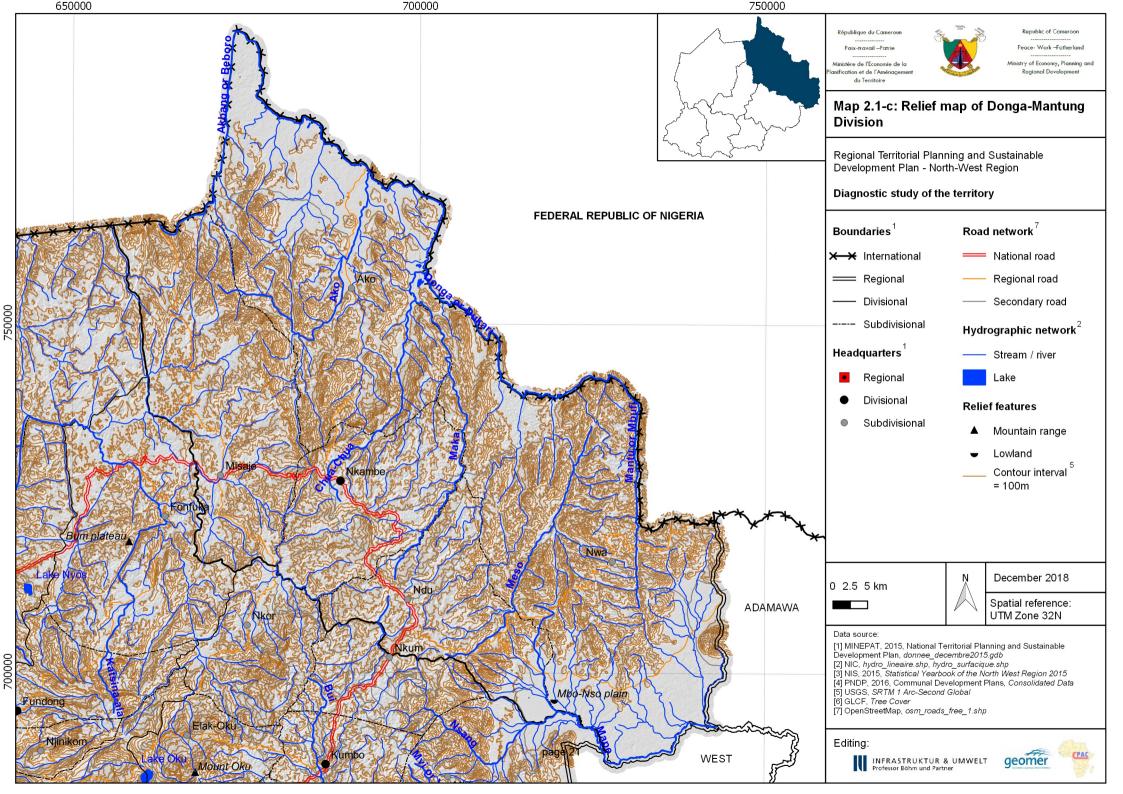
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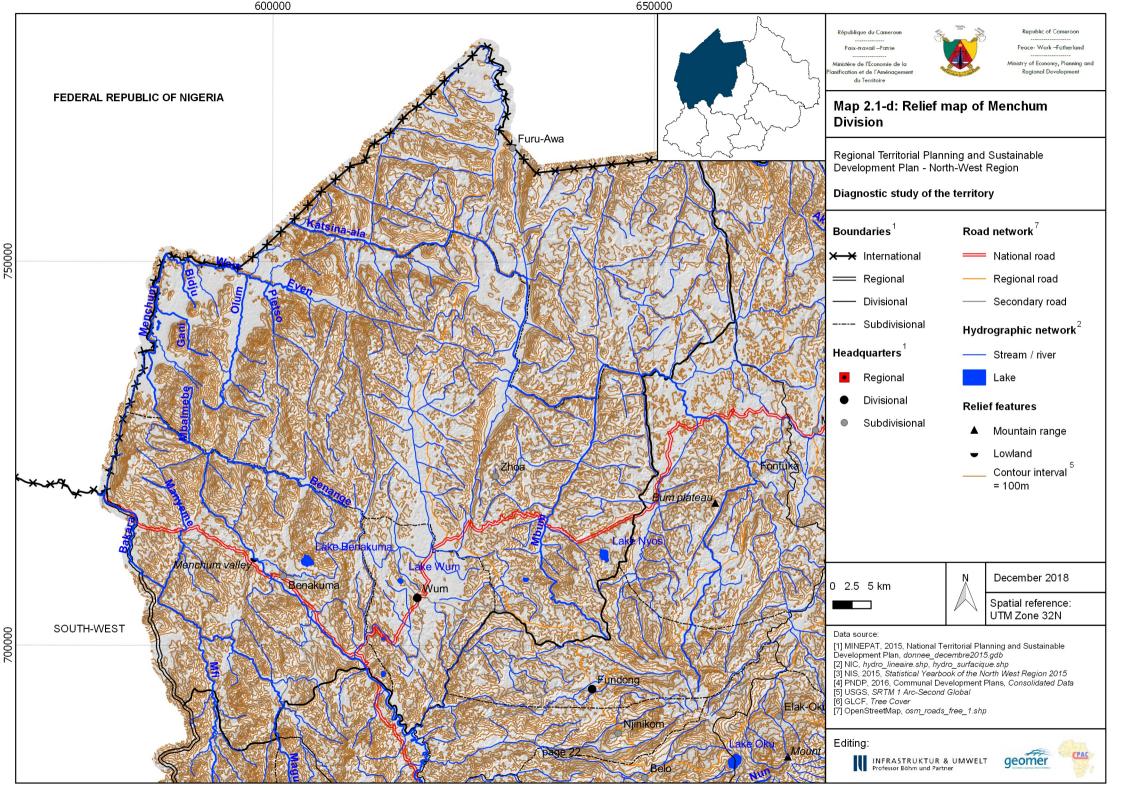
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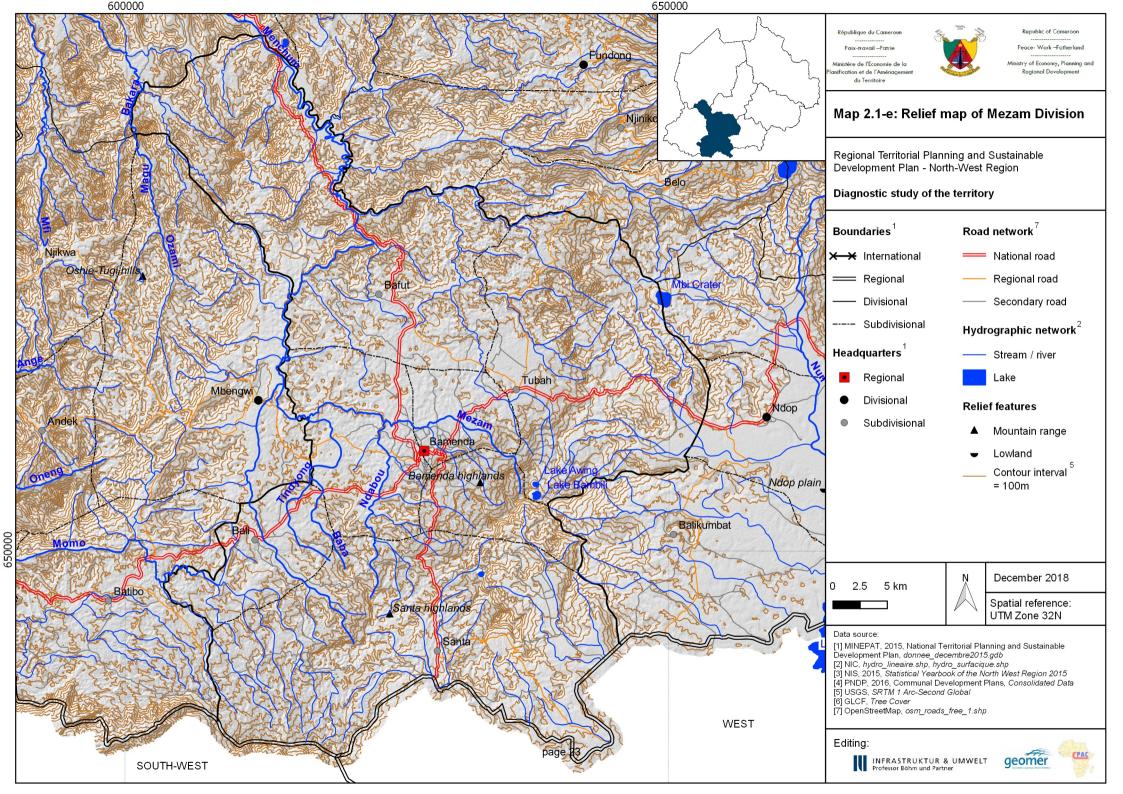
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- Natural risk areas: the flood events were located on the map according to the information contained in the "Rapport de Développement Economique" by the MINEPAT. The other risk areas were located using the information of the IRGM report "Situation of natural risk zones in the NW region".
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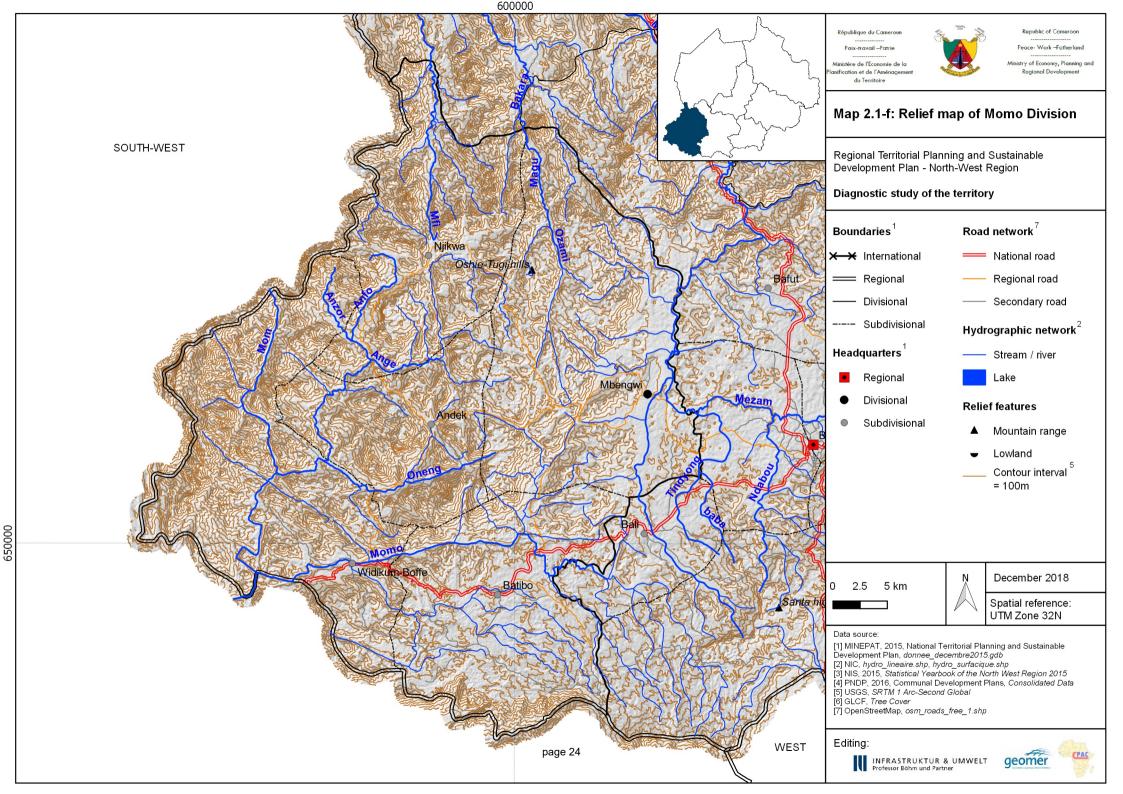


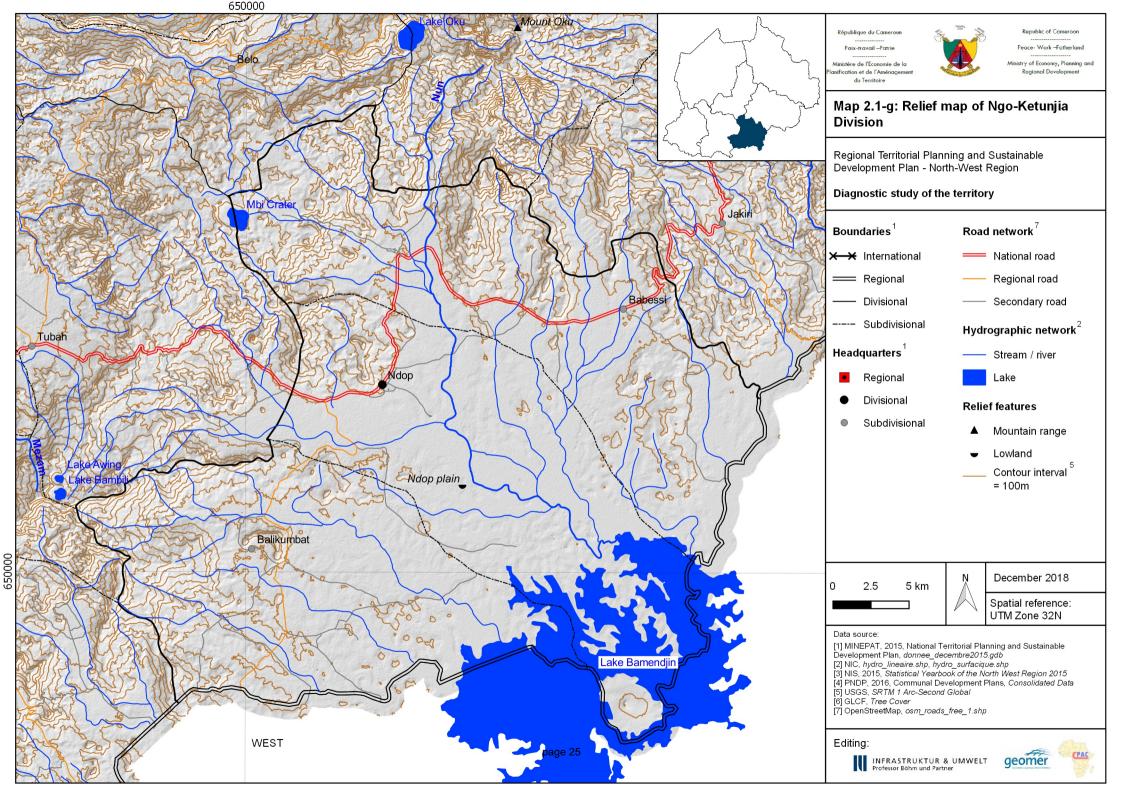


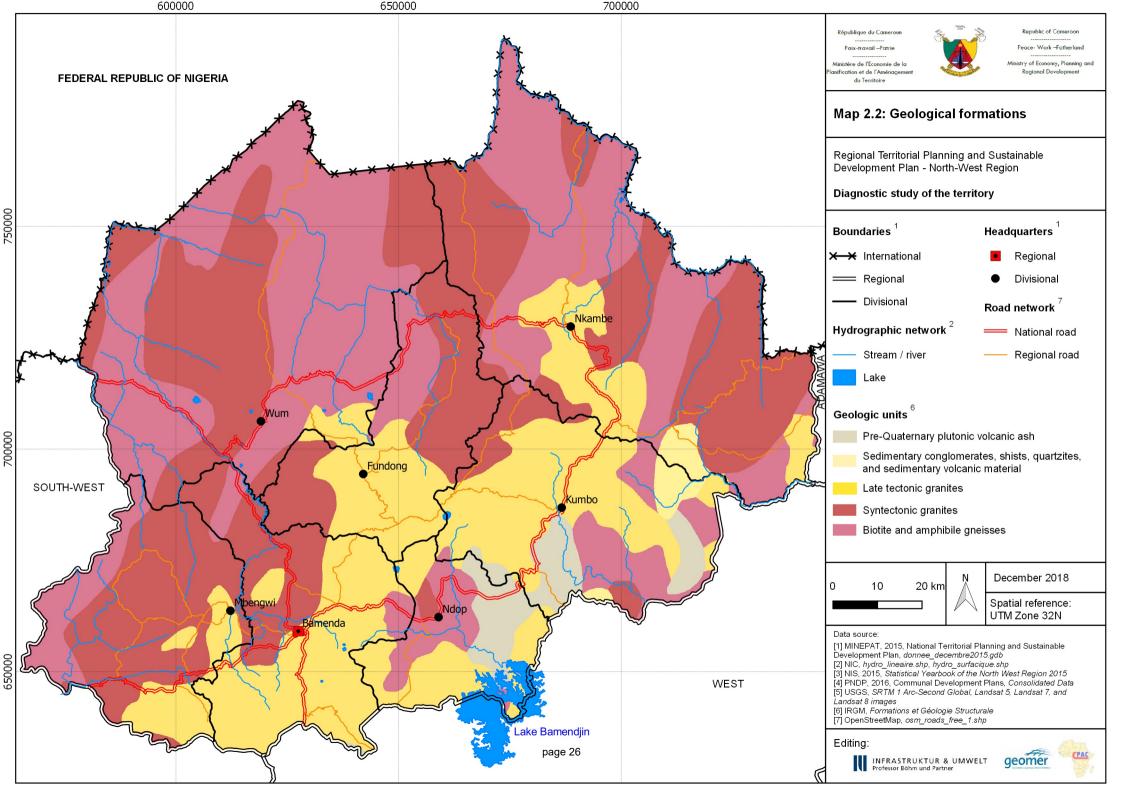


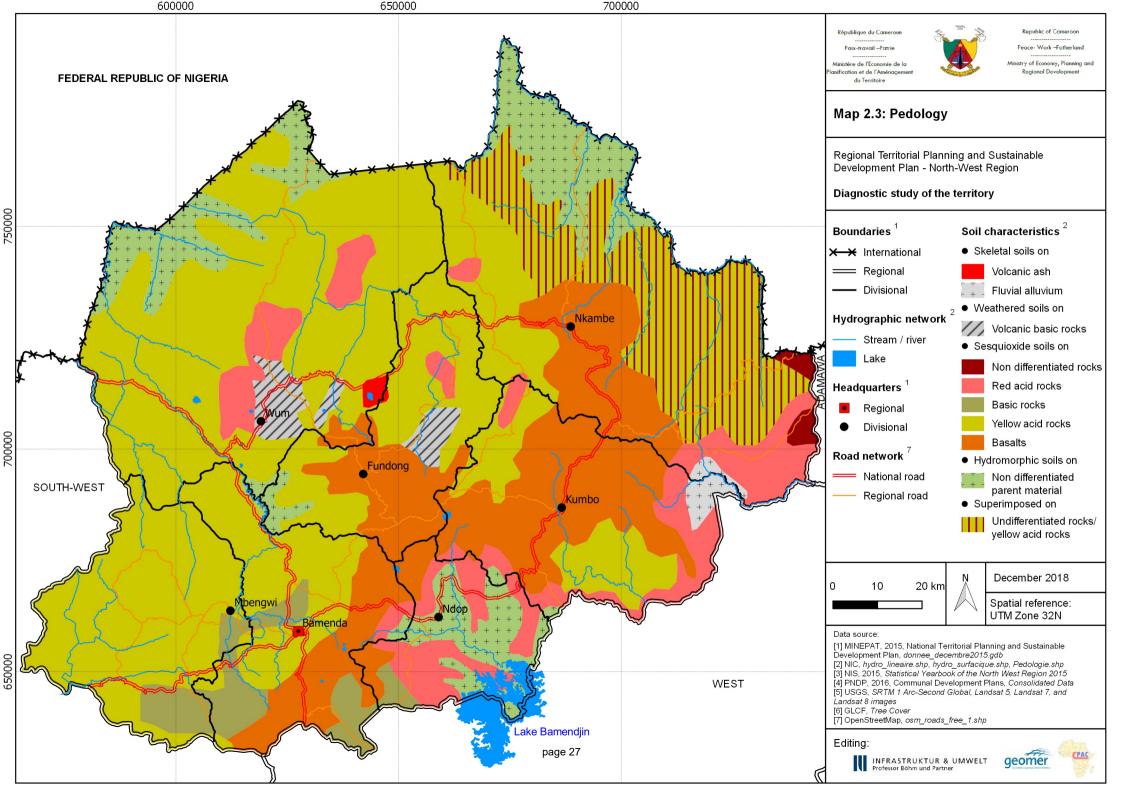


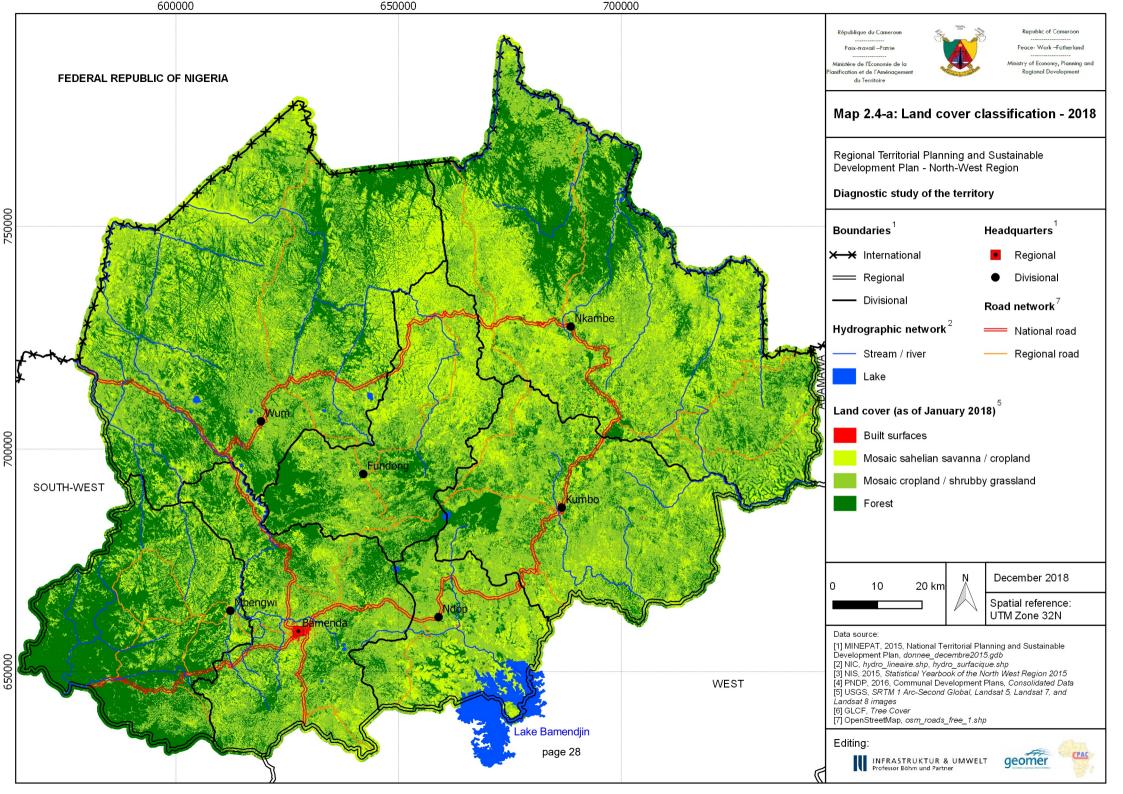


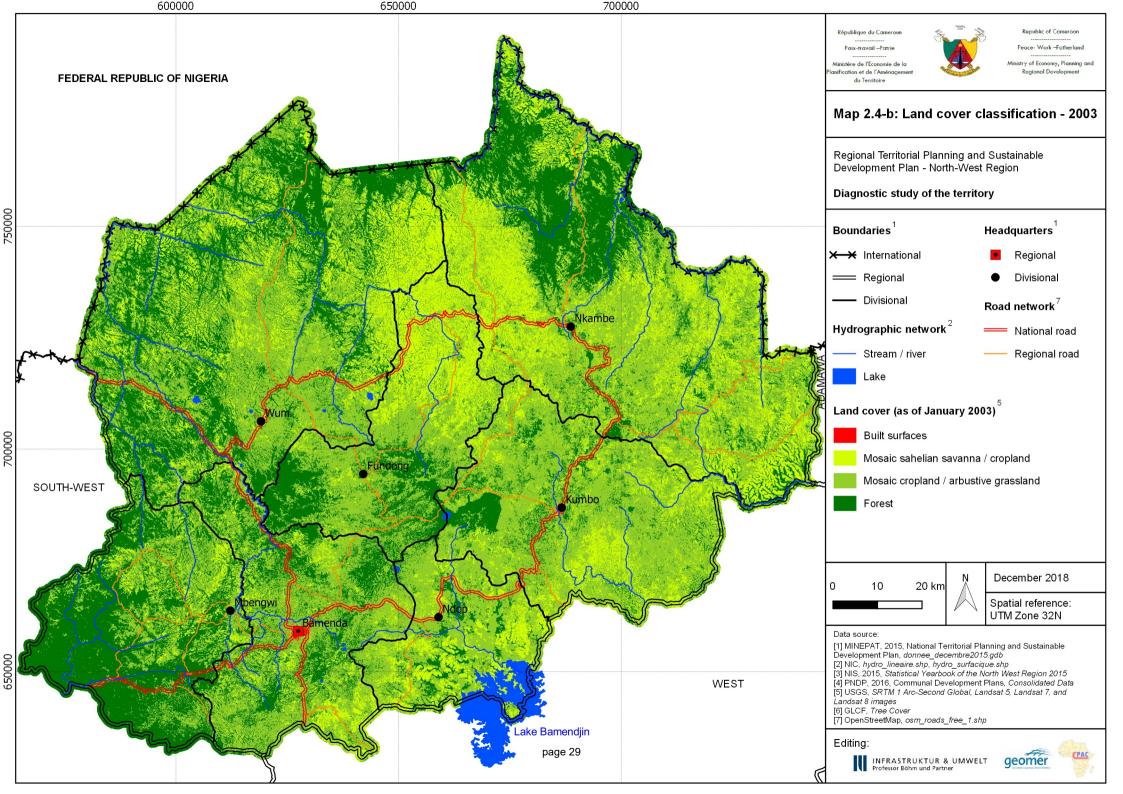


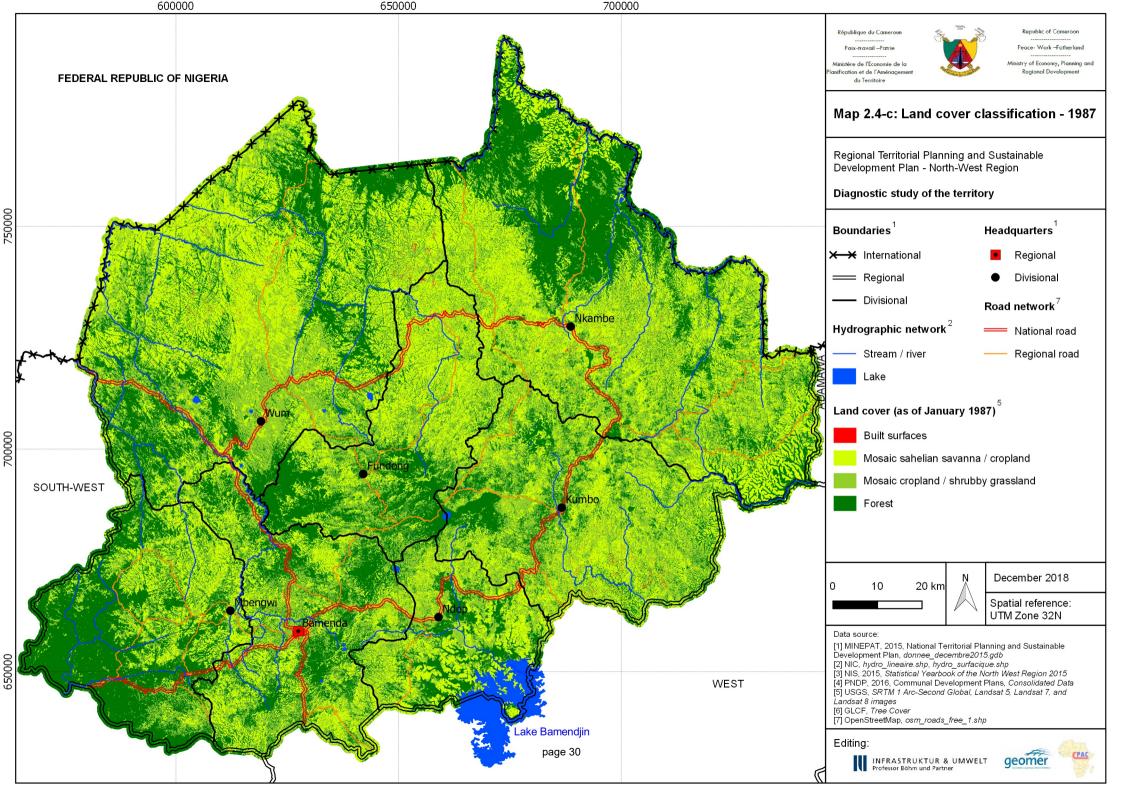


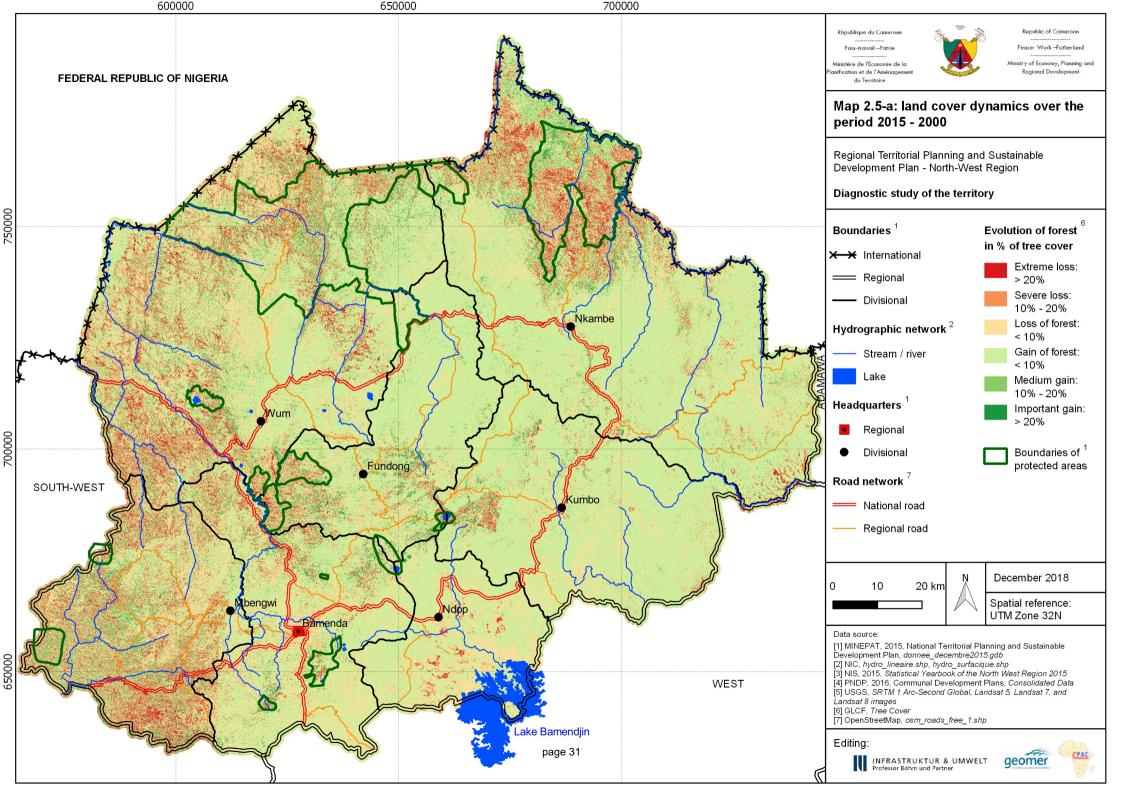


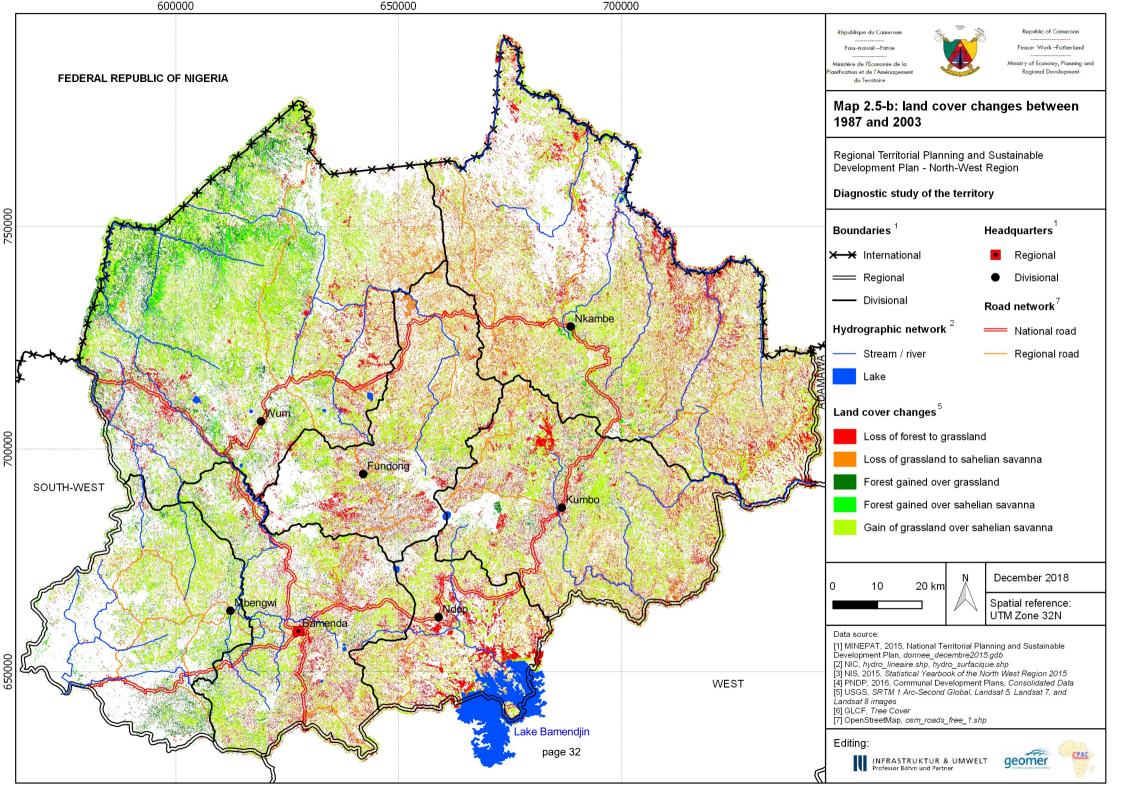


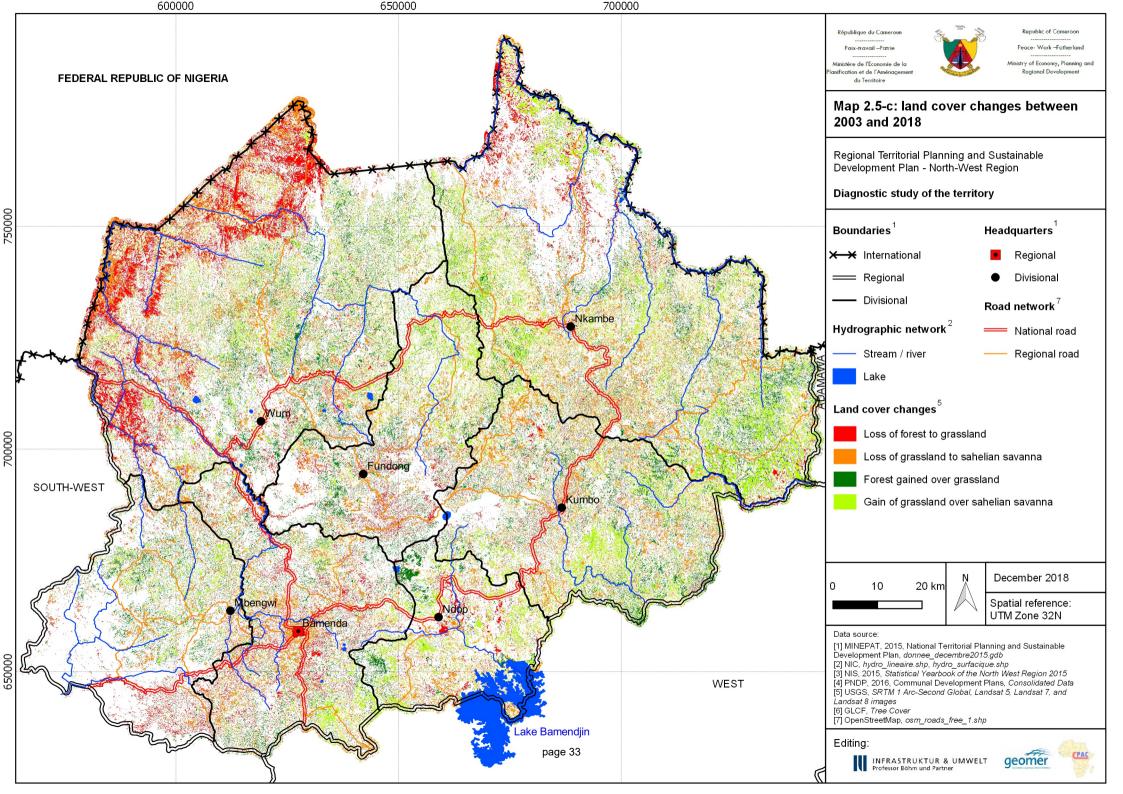


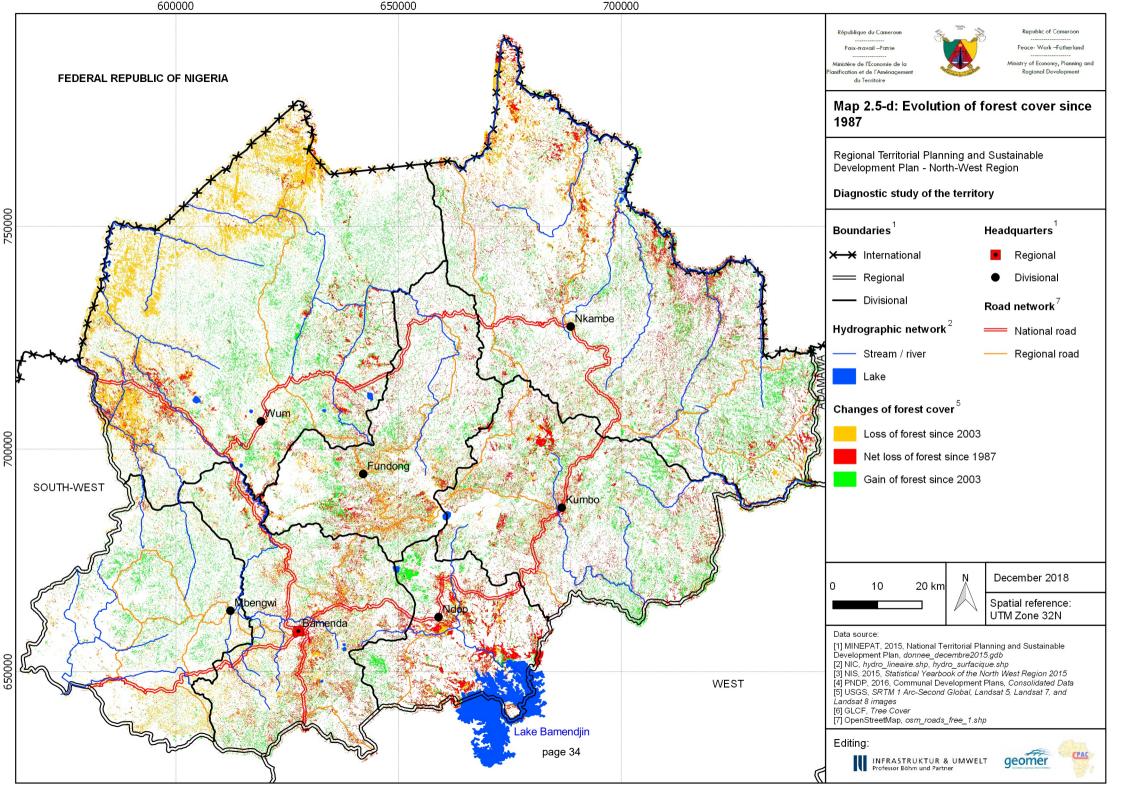


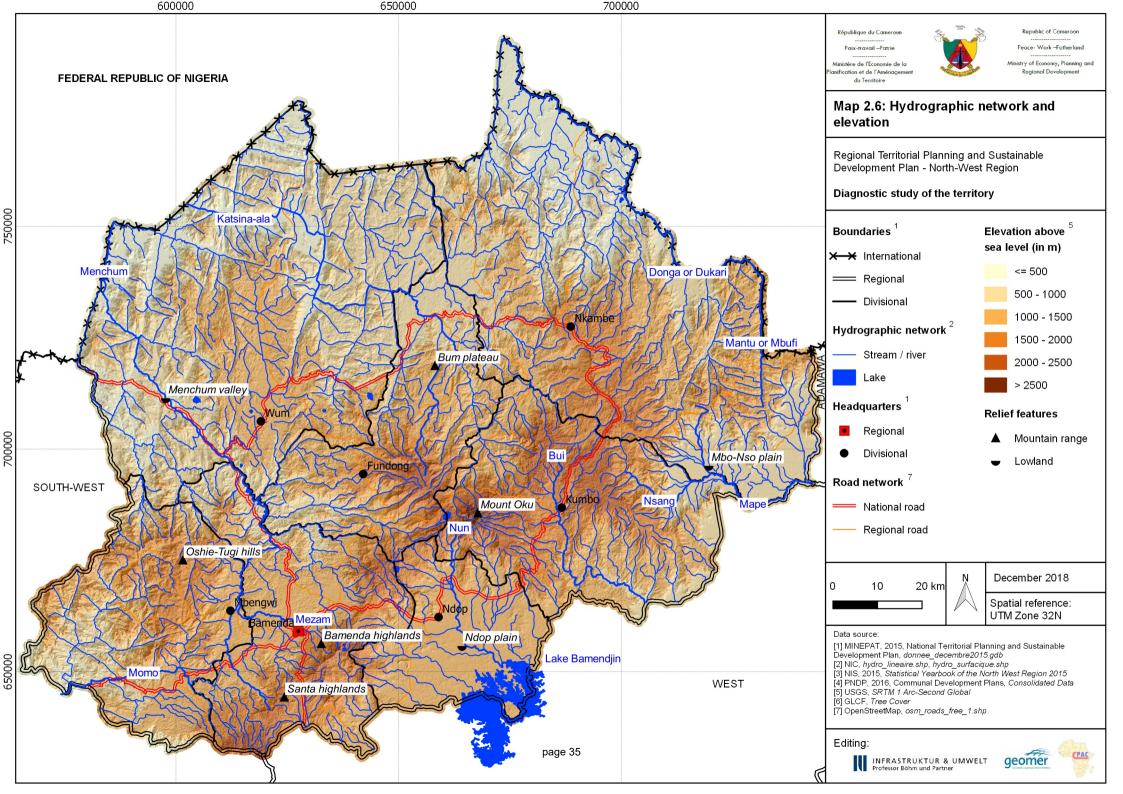


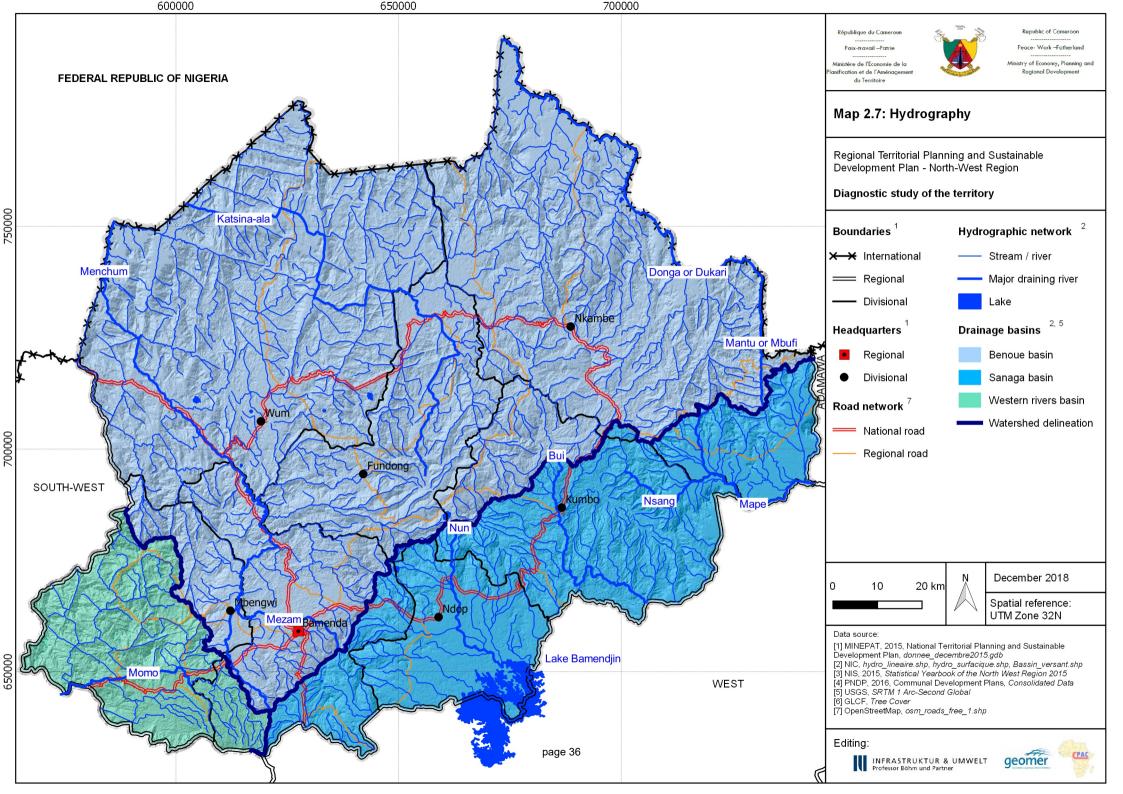


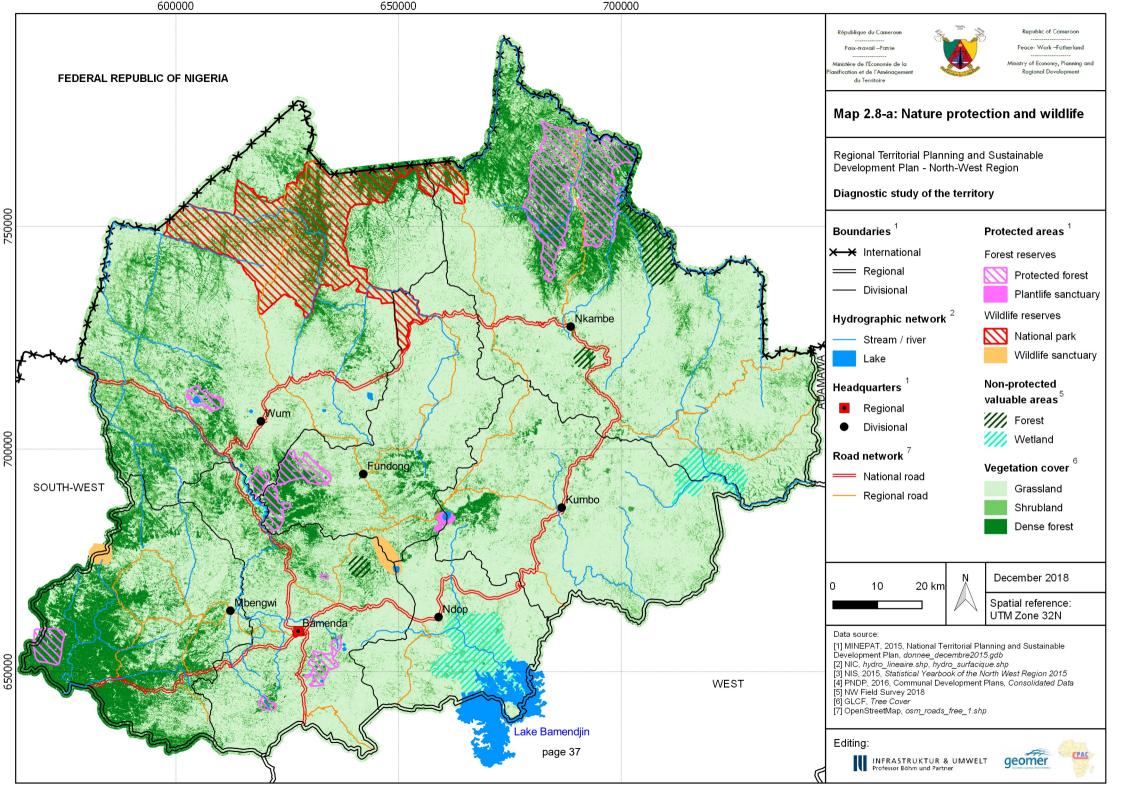


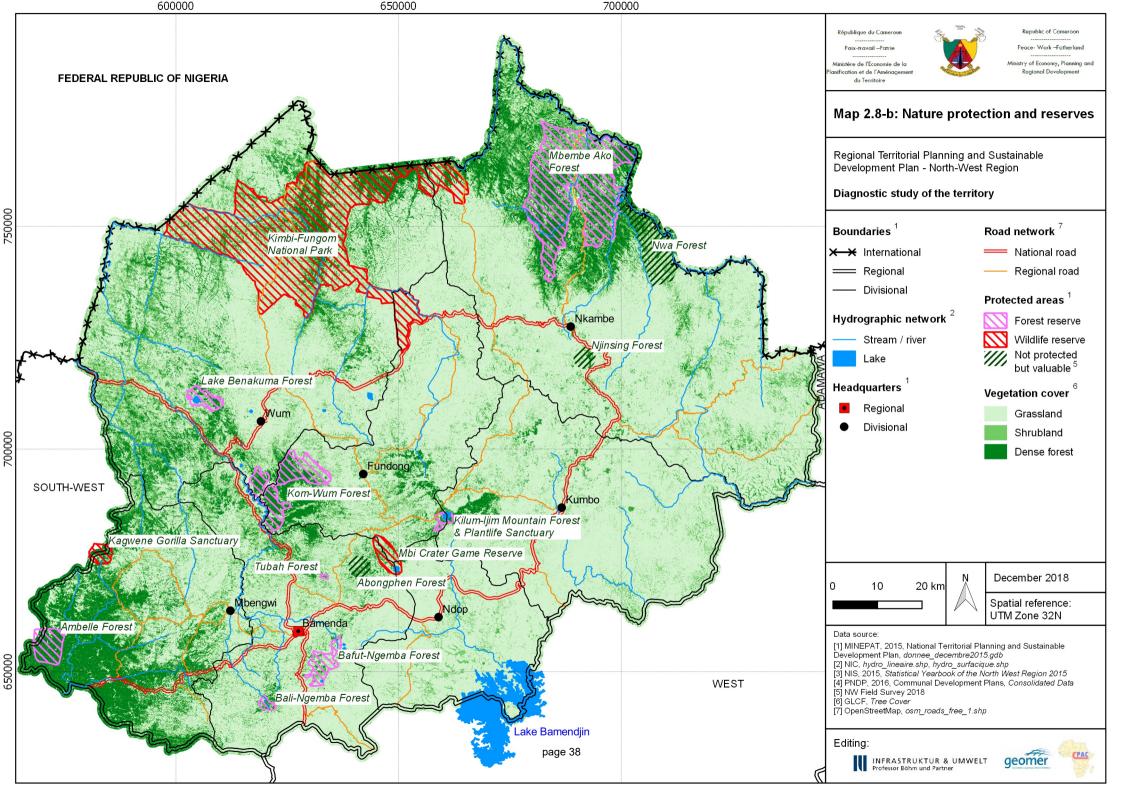


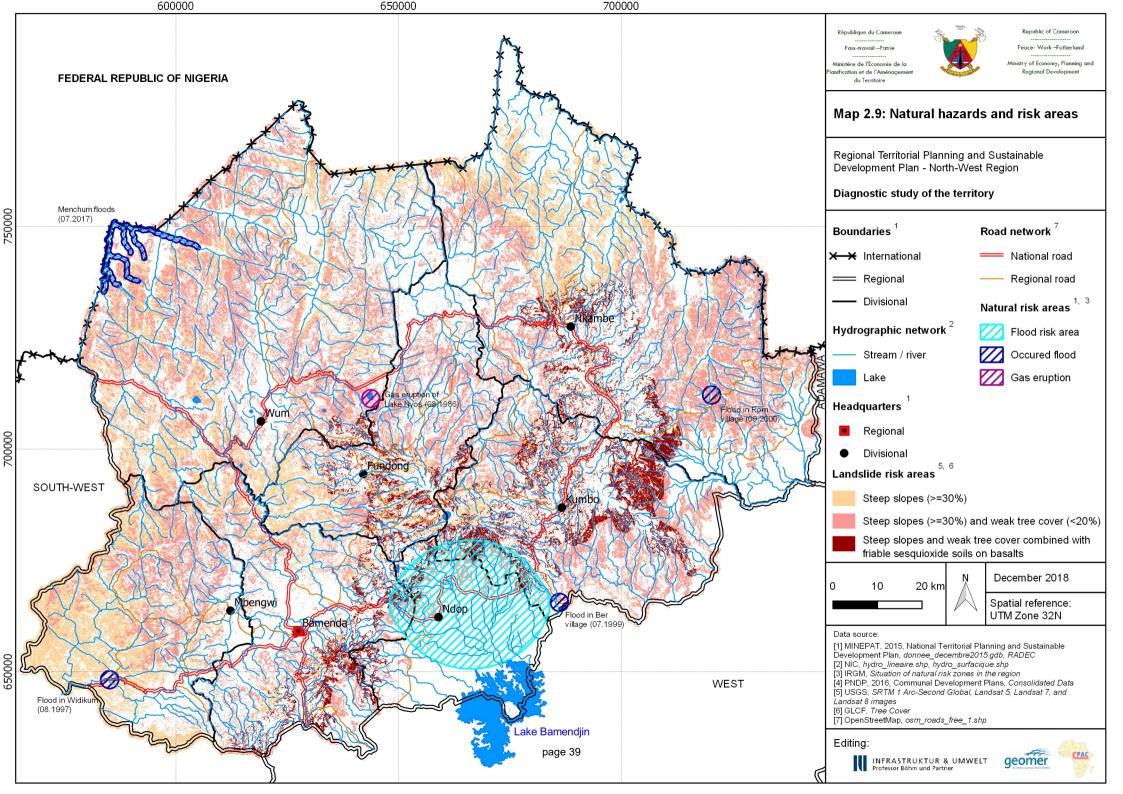












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seven divisions of the North-West Region, except Menchum, are involved in the production of Arabica coffee. Robusta coffee does well in Menchum, Mezam, Momo, Ngoketunjia and cocoa farming is practiced mostly in Donga-Mantung, Menchum, Mezam, and Momo. Cocoa is still practiced at a very small scale, small farms, in the North-West Region compared to other regions like the Southwest, where we have plantations. Plantation-driven types of projects are not very common in the North-West Region until today as they are in the Southwest region from old tradition.

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- Production areas: layer digitalised by local experts based on the information gathered during the NW field survey of 2018 commissioned by IU/CPAC
- Trade structures: consolidated data of the Communal Development Plans by the National Community Driven Development Program (PNDP)
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range. Arabica is already farmed largely in the Mezam, Bui, Boyo and Donga-Mantung Divisions whereas rice is known to be extensively cultivated in Ngo-Ketunjia.

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- Production and potential areas: layer digitalised by local experts based on the information gathered during the NW field survey of 2018 commissioned by IU/CPAC

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- Eucalyptus tree: layer digitalised by local experts based on the information gathered during the NW field survey of 2018 commissioned by IU/CPAC
- Forest activity: consolidated data of the Communal Development Plans by the National Community Driven Development Program (PNDP) as well as donnees decembre 2015.gdb of the SNADDT by the MINEPAT
- Vegetation cover: classified from Tree Cover raster data by the Global Land Cover Facility of the University of Maryland

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The map 3.4 shows the mining activities and potentials in the North-West Region. The mining industry in the North-West is still in its infancy stage, with activity being predominantly artisan in nature. However, the Region has significant potential, and large proportions of its landmass are yet to be explored. As the state of infrastructure improves, it can be expected that mining in this fast emerging region to prosper. The region has considerable potential for mining with its prospects of bauxite, iron ore, sapphire, ruby, diamond, tin, gold, titanium, rutile, kyanite, basalt, sand, pyroclastic materials and others. Of the region's 17,300 km2 surface area, less than 25% has been explored for mineral by five different exploration projects. In 2017, a total of 67,936 m2 of land was occupied by industrial guarry activities. A vast geography endowed with diverse topography has made the North-West Region the repository of abundant resources which provides a base for investment. The region is guite rich in natural resources. The region has considerable potential for Gold in Misaje, Lum Ndu, Mbengwi, Diamond in Misaje, Donga Mantung, Iron in Mayor-Binka, Coal in Tabeken, Saphire in Mayo-Kilah, Mbiame, Donga-Mantung, Zircon in Fonfuka and Coal, Kaolin in Mbengwi, pyroclastic materials in Befang, clay on the lower slopes of the Sabga hill and the upper limits of the Ndop plain and Bamessing. Though there are no industrial mining activities going on, small scale mineral mining activities, industrial quarrying, semi-industrial and artisanal activities dominate the mining industry in the region. It is sometimes difficult to differentiate between non-industrial commercial and nonindustrial domestic activities from some artisanal activities, considering that many of them are seasonal.

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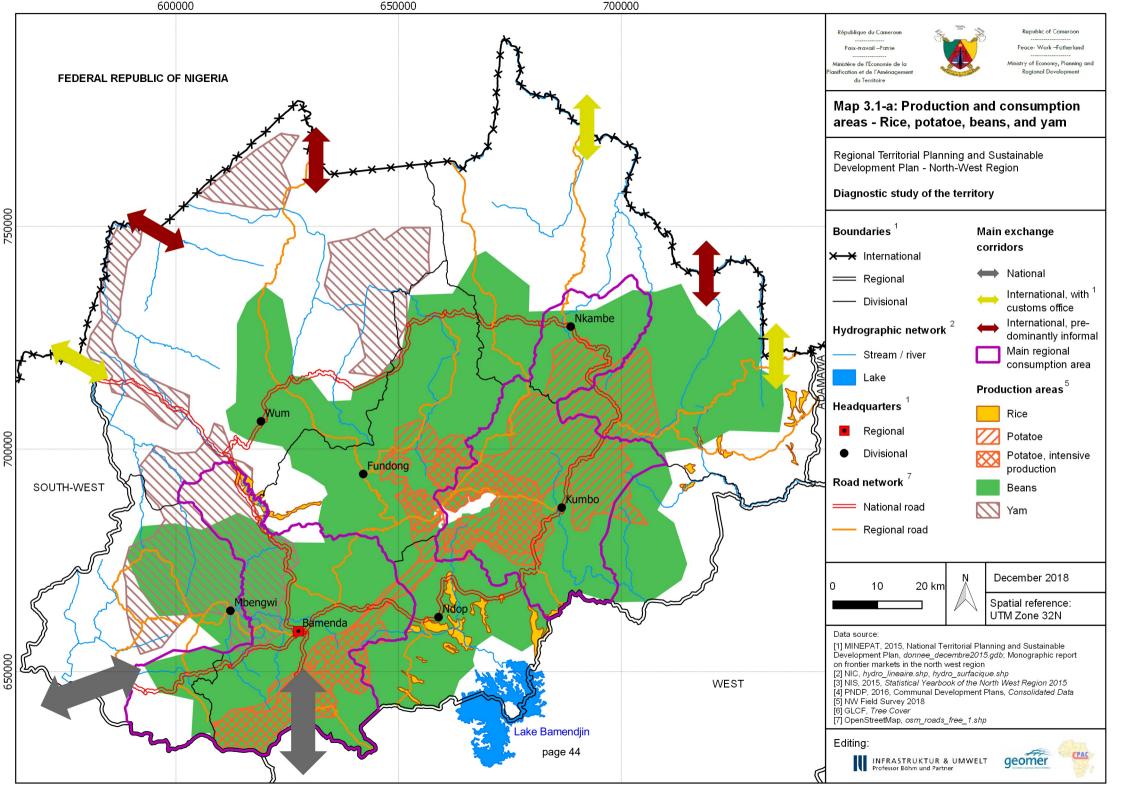
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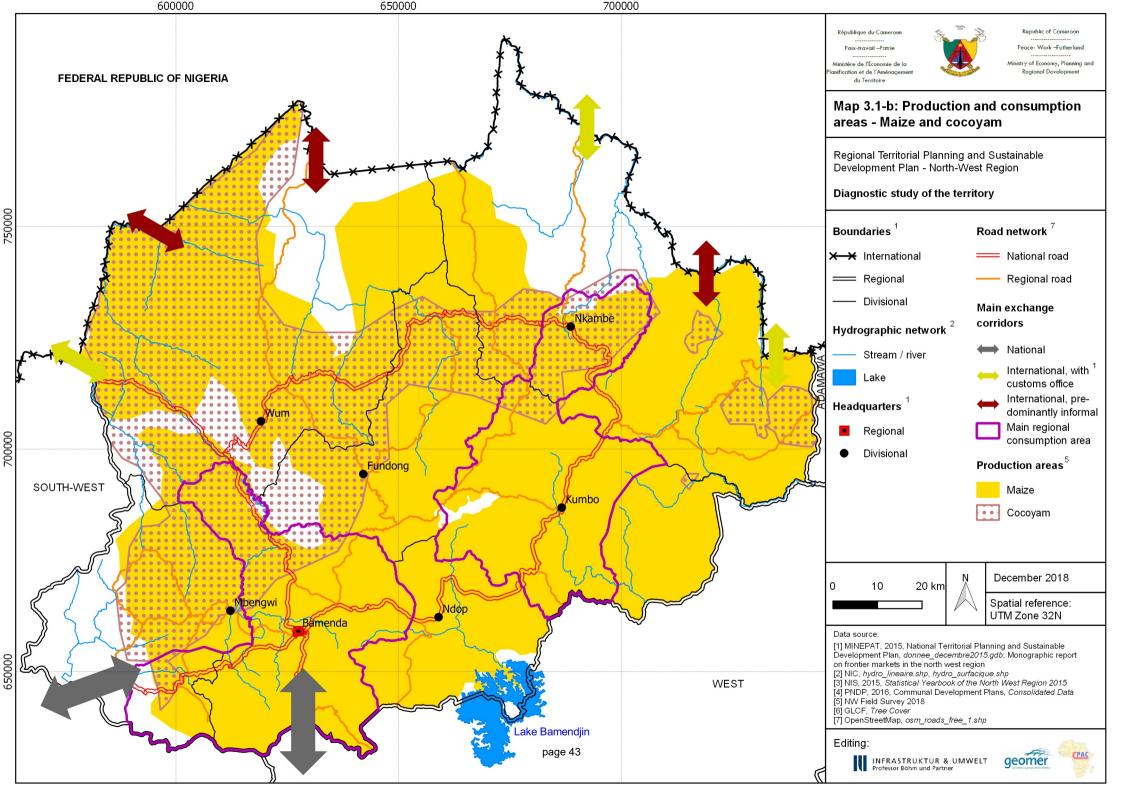
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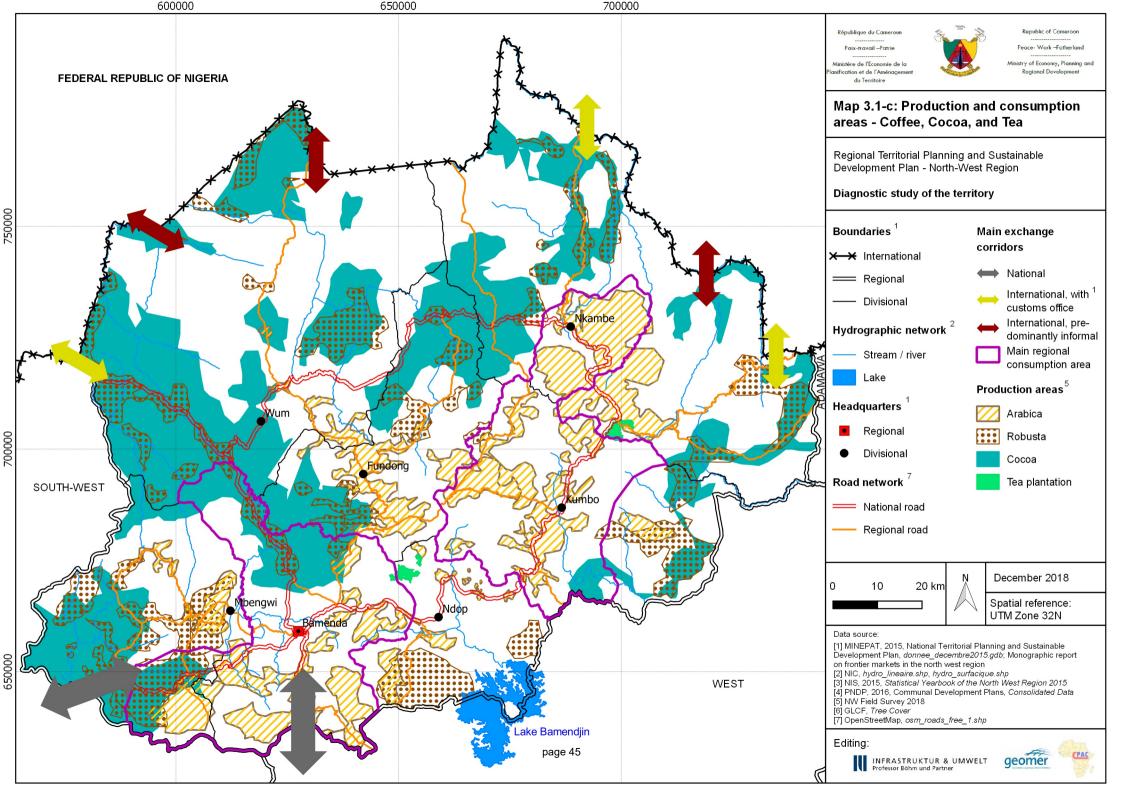
Most of the touristic potential of the North West region corresponds to the area of the traditional kingdoms. The Fons' palaces belong to the traditional heritage of the North West Region and are often accompanied by museums that expose the artifacts of the kingdom. The center of the region between Bamenda and Kumbo is also its touristic heart as it comprises beside the Fon's palaces, ecotourism sites, mountains as well as the protected areas of Mount Oku forest and Mbi Crater. The good road quality between Kumbo and Bamenda makes the travel to all these points of interest quite convenient whereas the National Park in the Menchum Division is currently much more difficult to access. The most populated Divisions of Mezam, Bui, and Ngo-Ketunjia offer the largest hotel beds capacity.

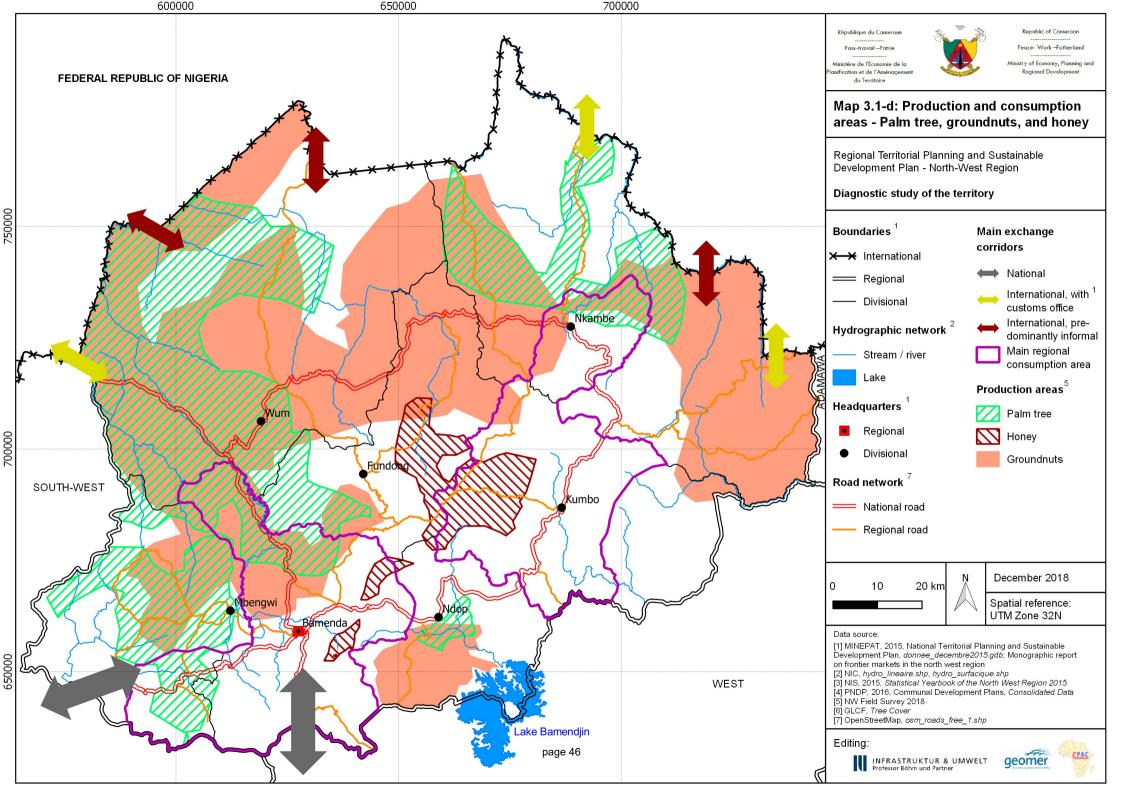
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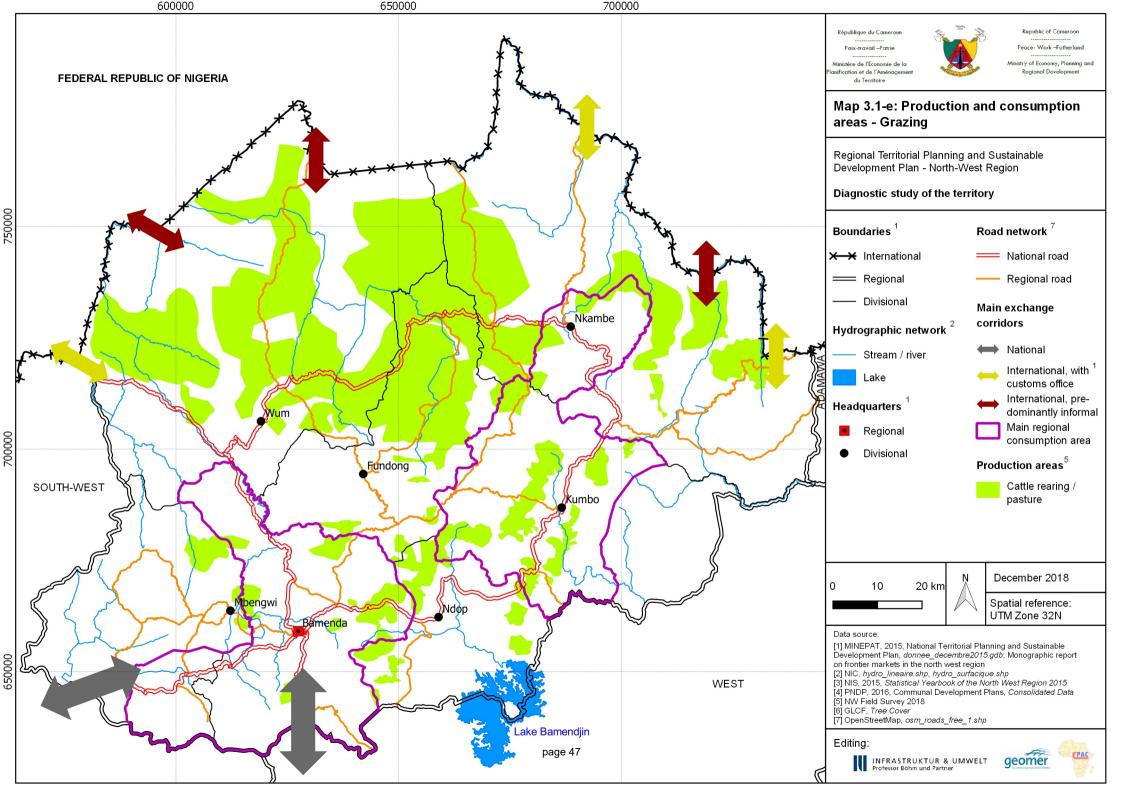
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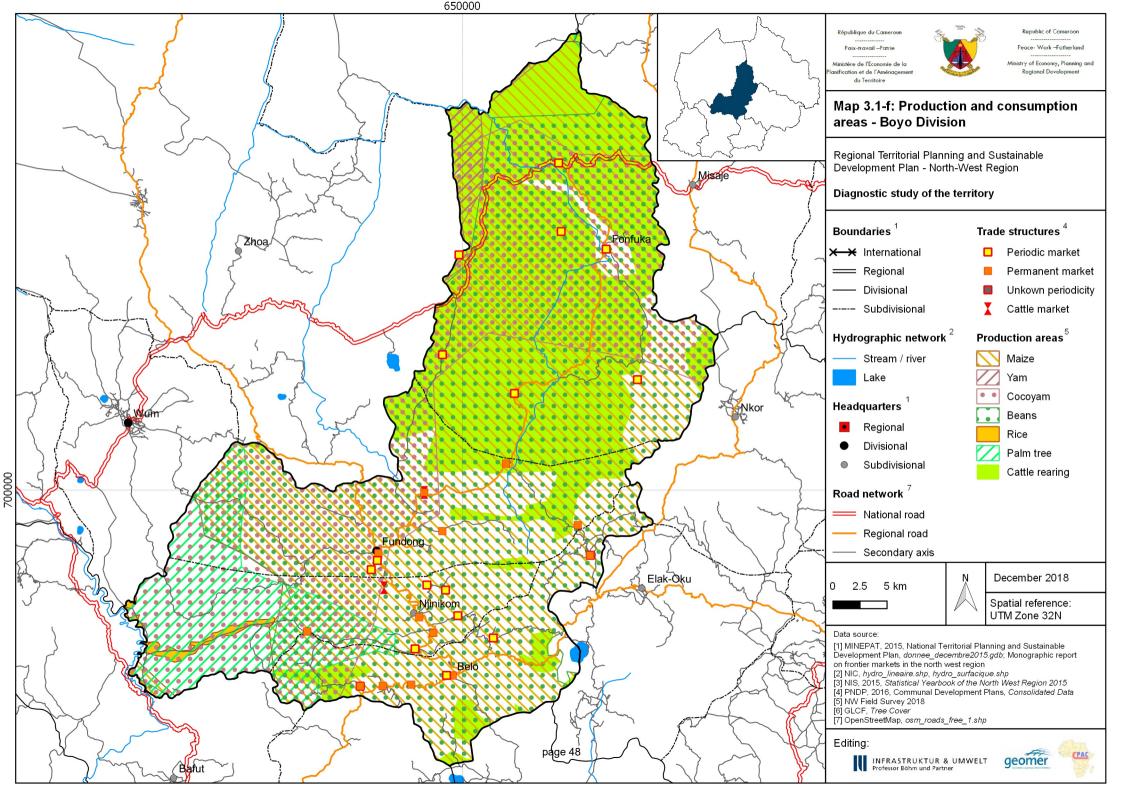


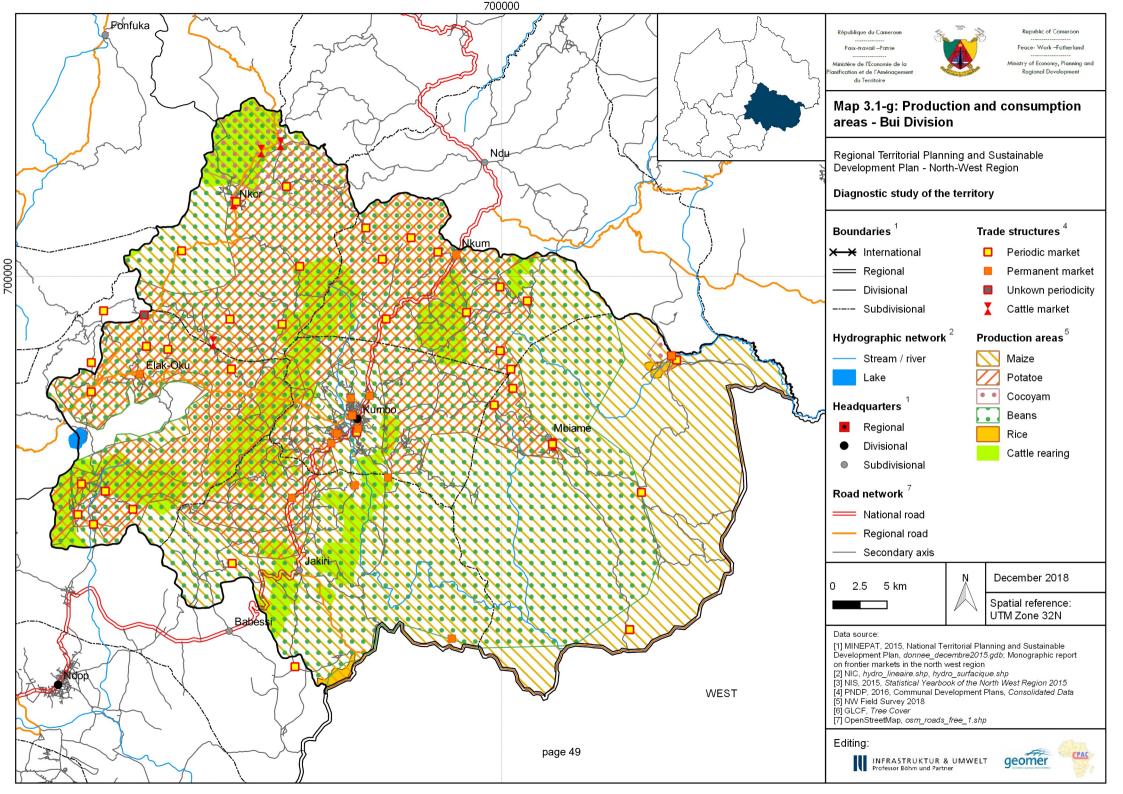


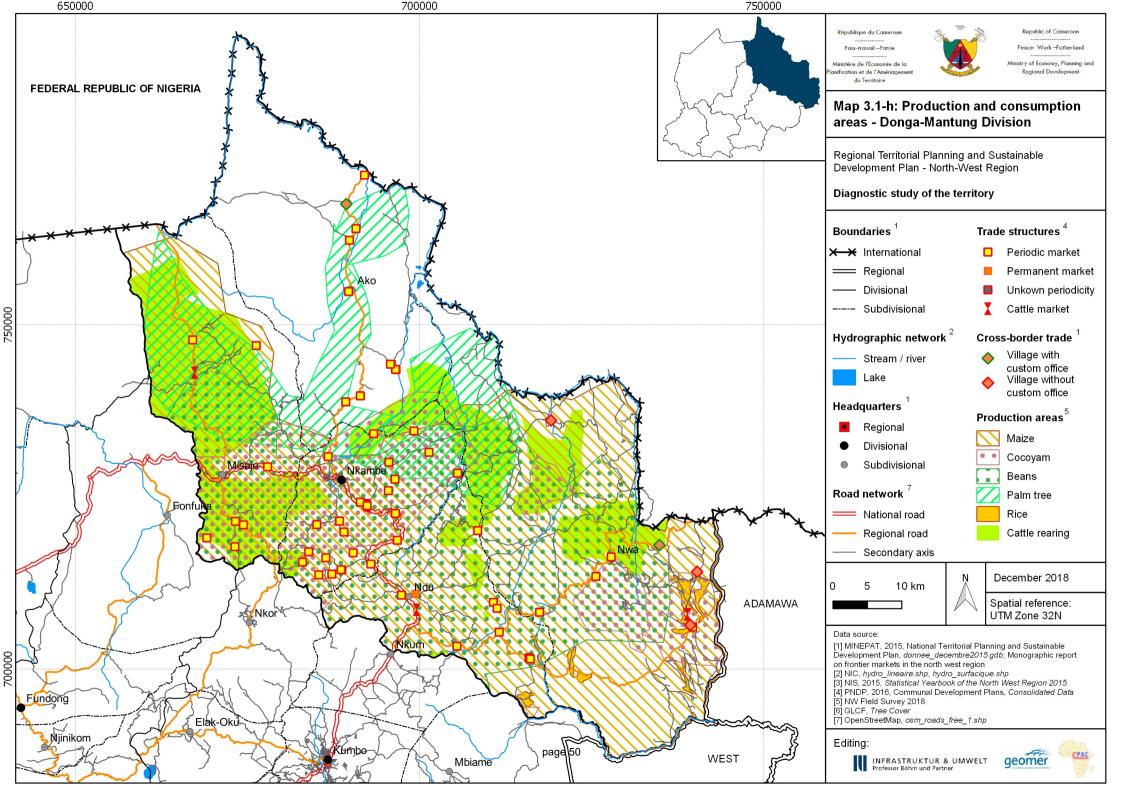


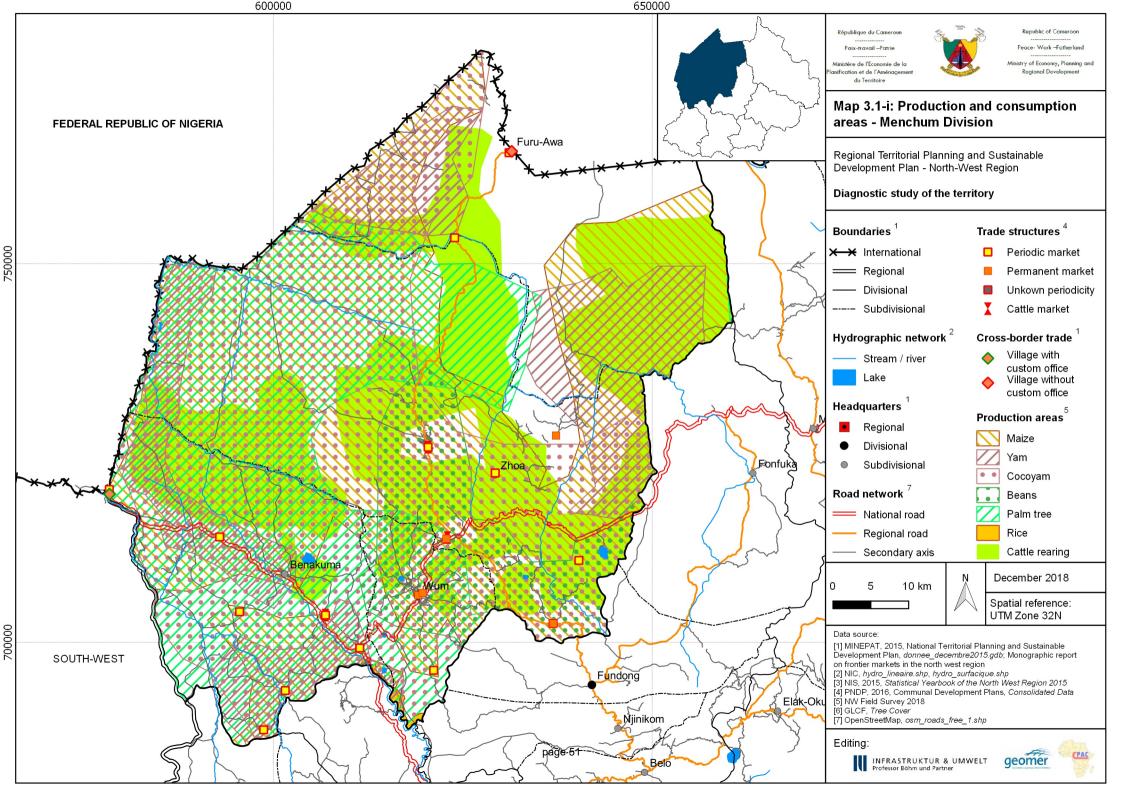


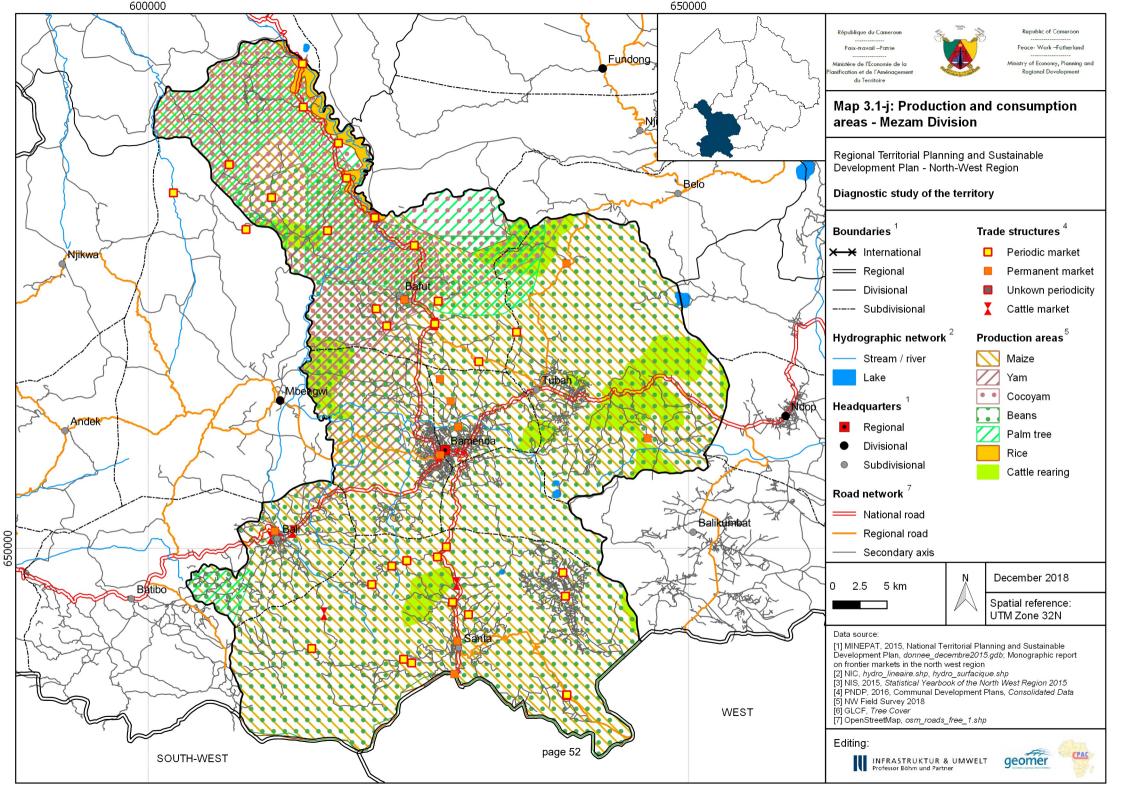


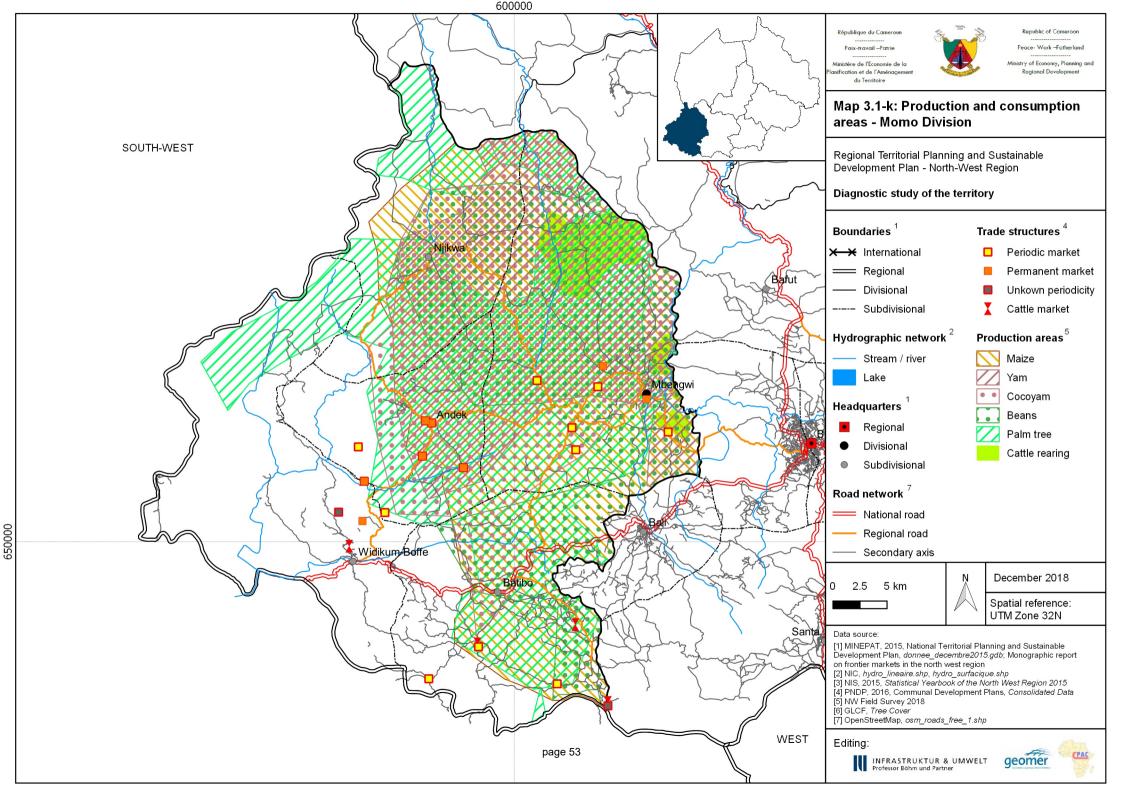


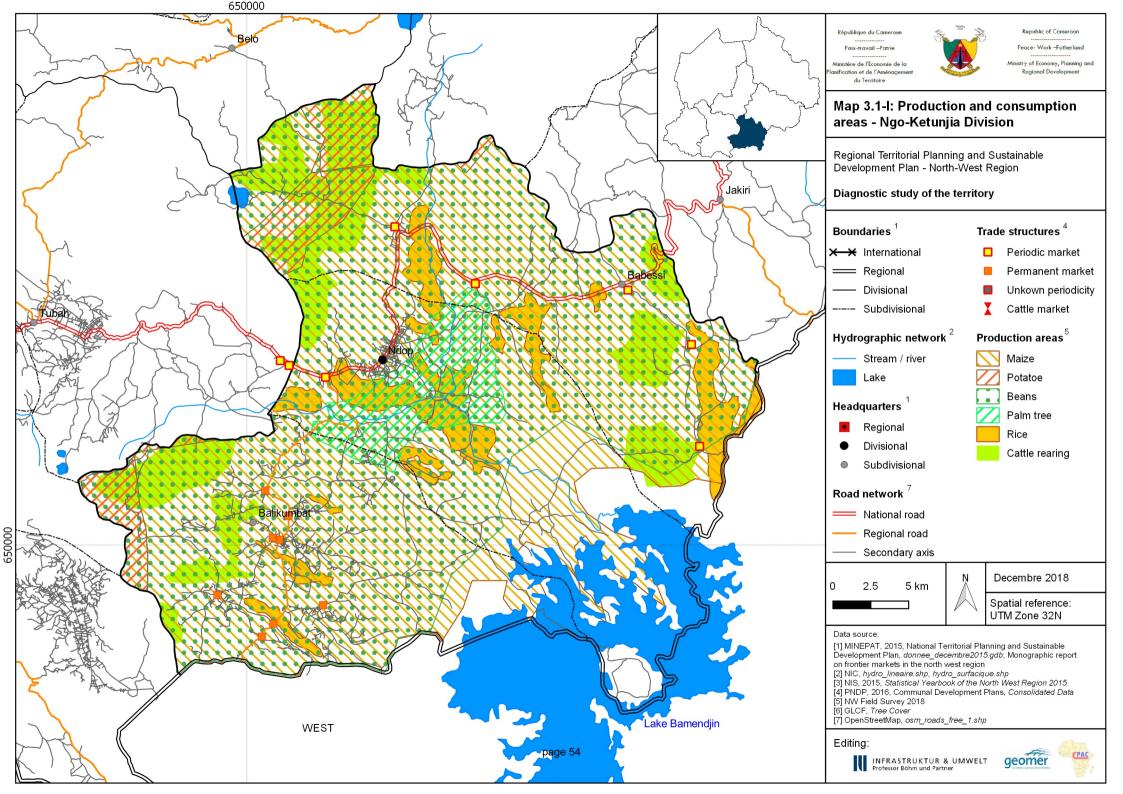


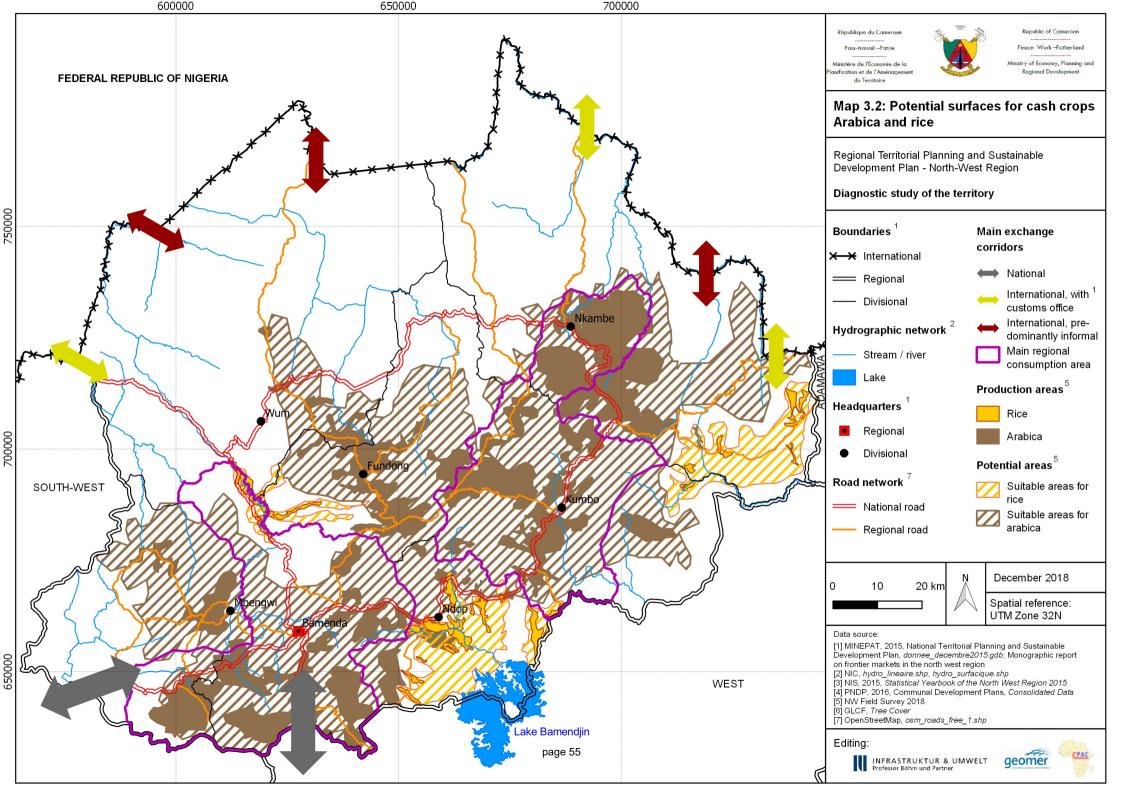


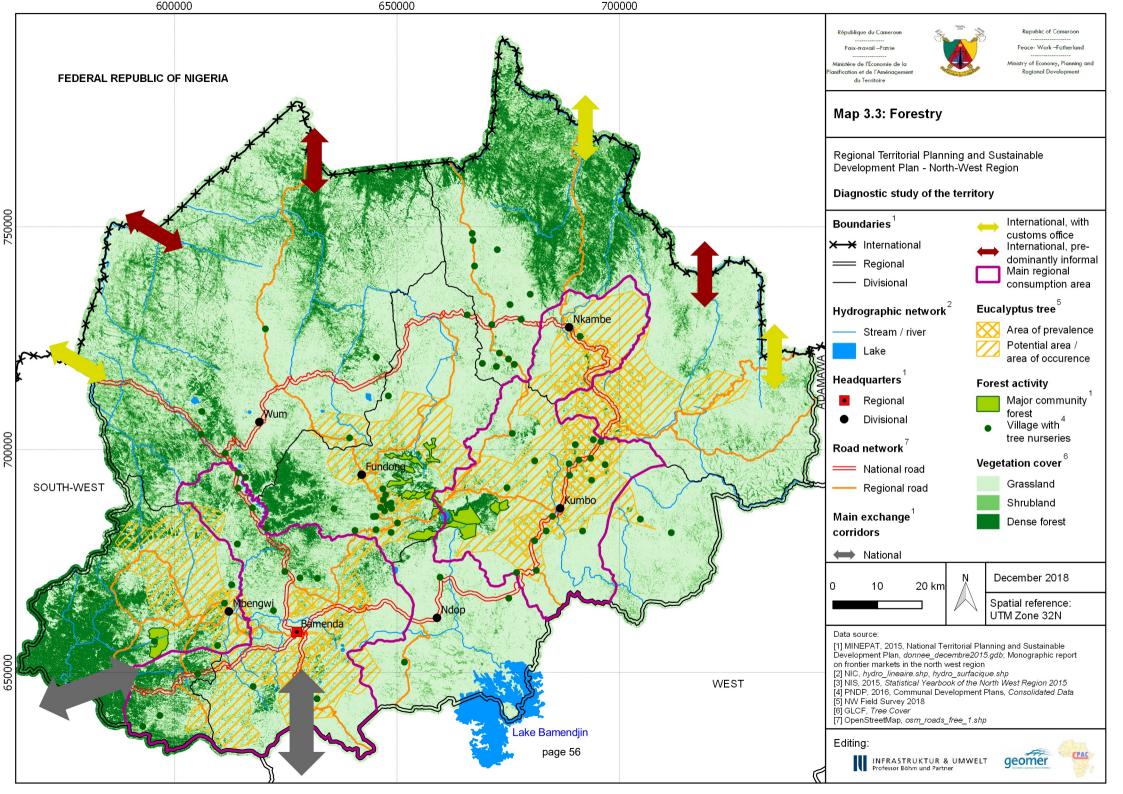


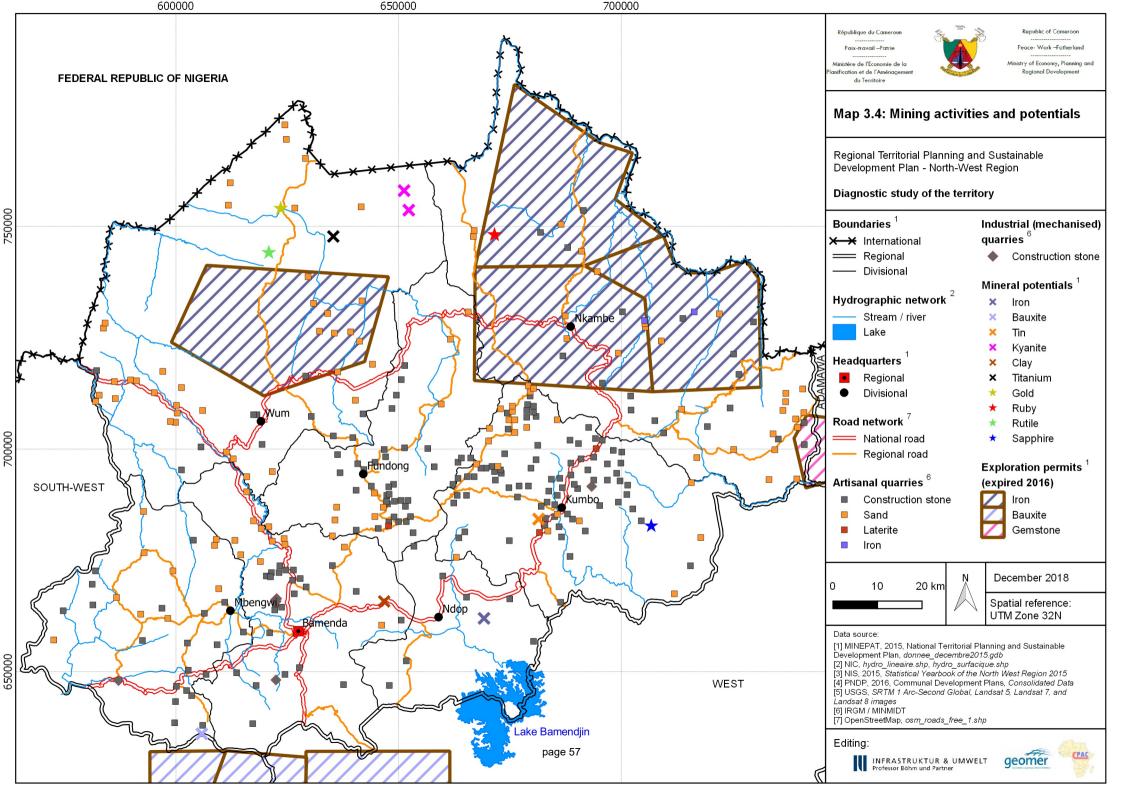


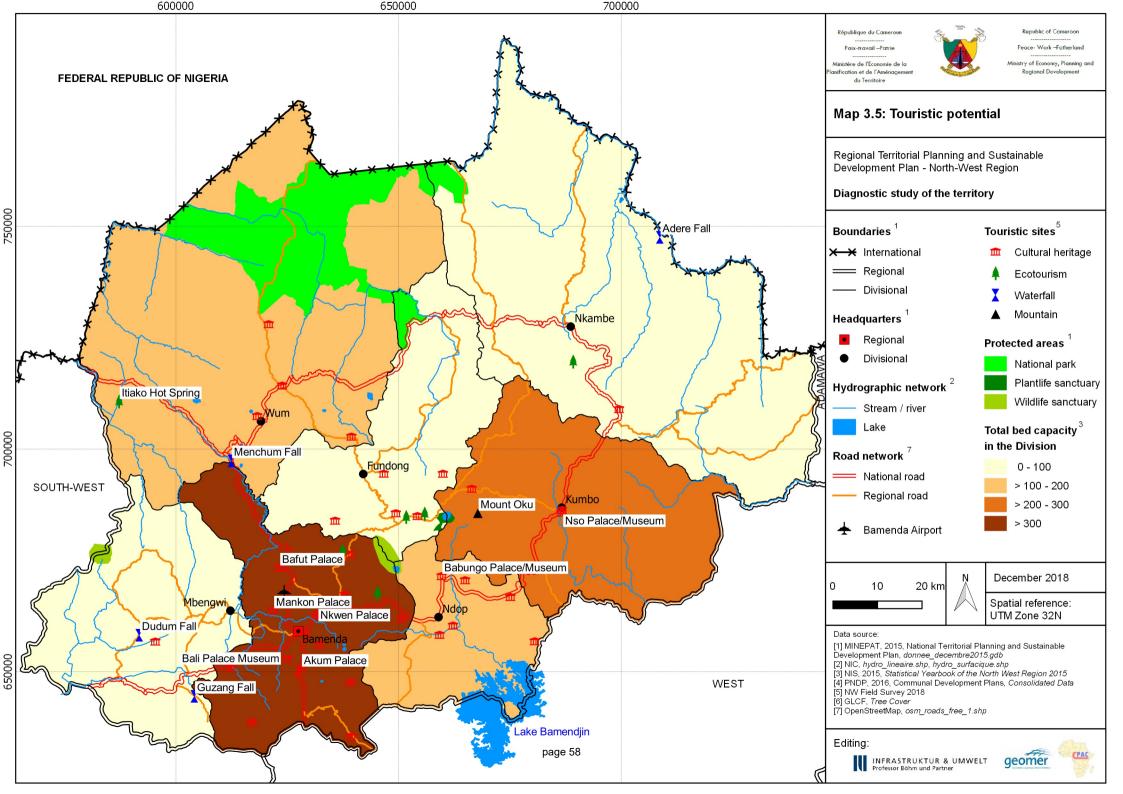












4 Urbanisation (see report chapter 6)

4.1. Total population of Division and Subdivisional population density in 2015.....

The map 4.1 shows the total population of Division and Subdivisional population density in 2015where we can see the emergence of the Kumbo urban area as the secondary population center of the Region.

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- Road network: OpenStreetMap contributors, data downloaded from geofabrik.de, osm road free 1.shp
- Population size: information contained in the Statistical Yearbook of the North West Region 2015 by the National Institute of Statistics
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4.2. Densely populated / urbanised divisions of the North-West Region.....

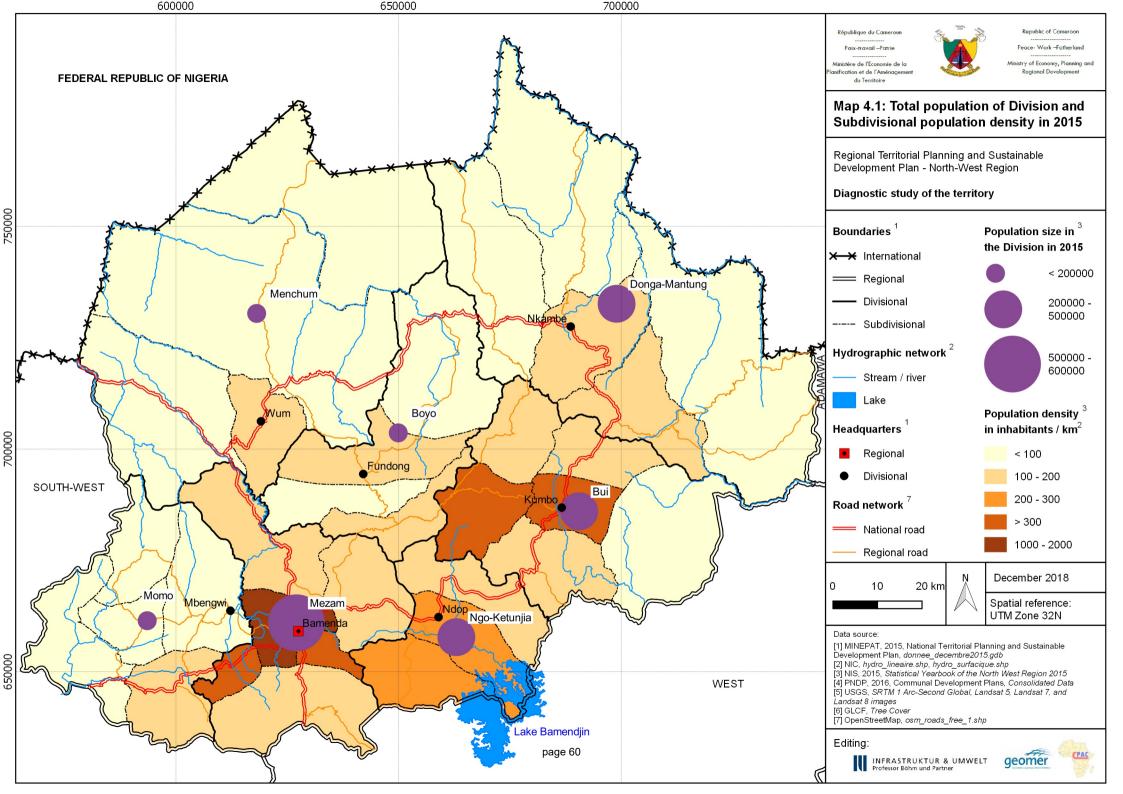
The map 4.2 shows the urban area of the North-West Region. The general trend is the movement from the rural to the urban centres. Putting this side by side with the increase in the birth rate, healthy conditions of living consequent upon a reduction in the death rate, it is anticipated that by the year 2050, most of our present urban centres like Bamenda, Kumbo, Wum, Nkambe and Mbengwi shall increase their present population by about 50%, while towns like Ndop, Bali, Batibo, Fundong, Jakiri will become heavily populated urban centres.

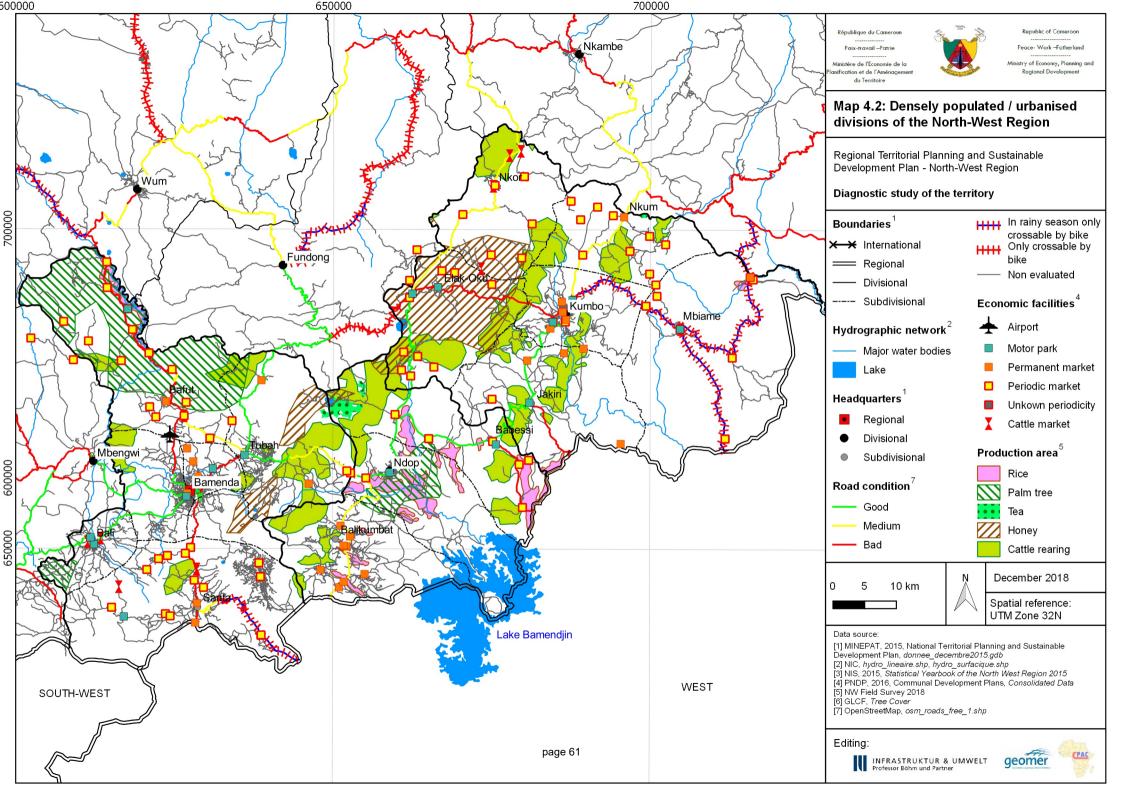
Today, the Bamenda-Ndop-Kumbo axis already concentrates more than half of the population of the North-West region. It is a heavily urbanized and cultivated area where we can find most of the economic facilities and public services in the region. The villages are well connected to one another thanks to a road network that is in a significantly better condition than elsewhere in the North-West.

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- Economic facilities: consolidated data of the Communal Development Plans by the National Community Driven Development Program (PNDP)
- Production areas: layer digitalised by local experts based on the information gathered during the NW field survey of 2018 commissioned by IU/CPAC

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- Transport facilities: consolidated data of the Communal Development Plans by the National Community Driven Development Program (PNDP) complemented by information gathered during the NW field survey of 2018

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- Road practicability by car: OpenStreetMap contributors, data downloaded from geofabrik.de, osm_road_free_1.shp, complemented by field expert knowledge
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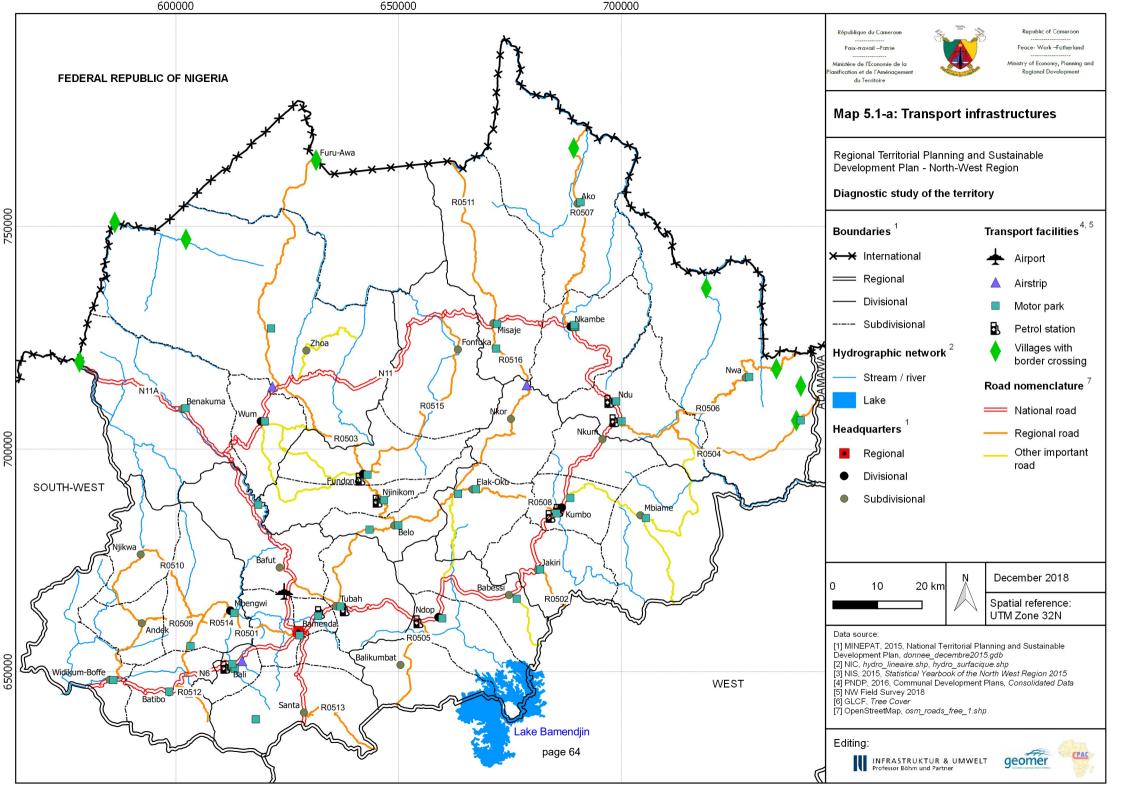
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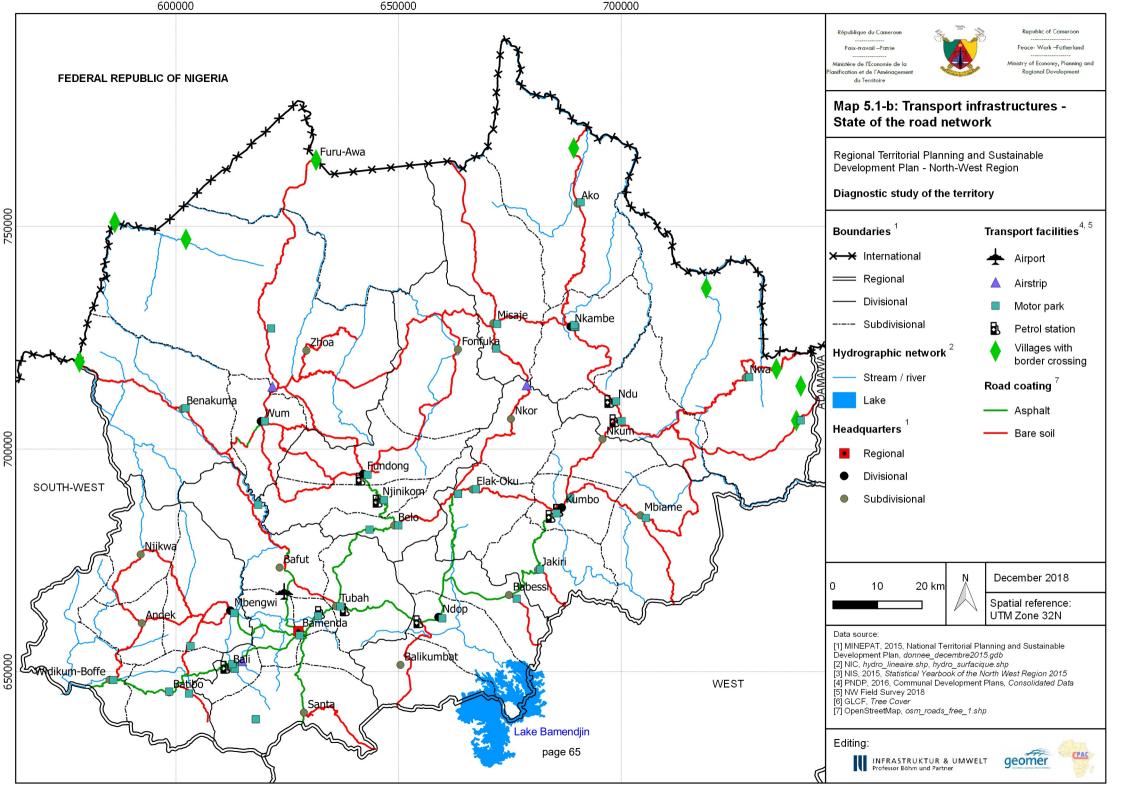
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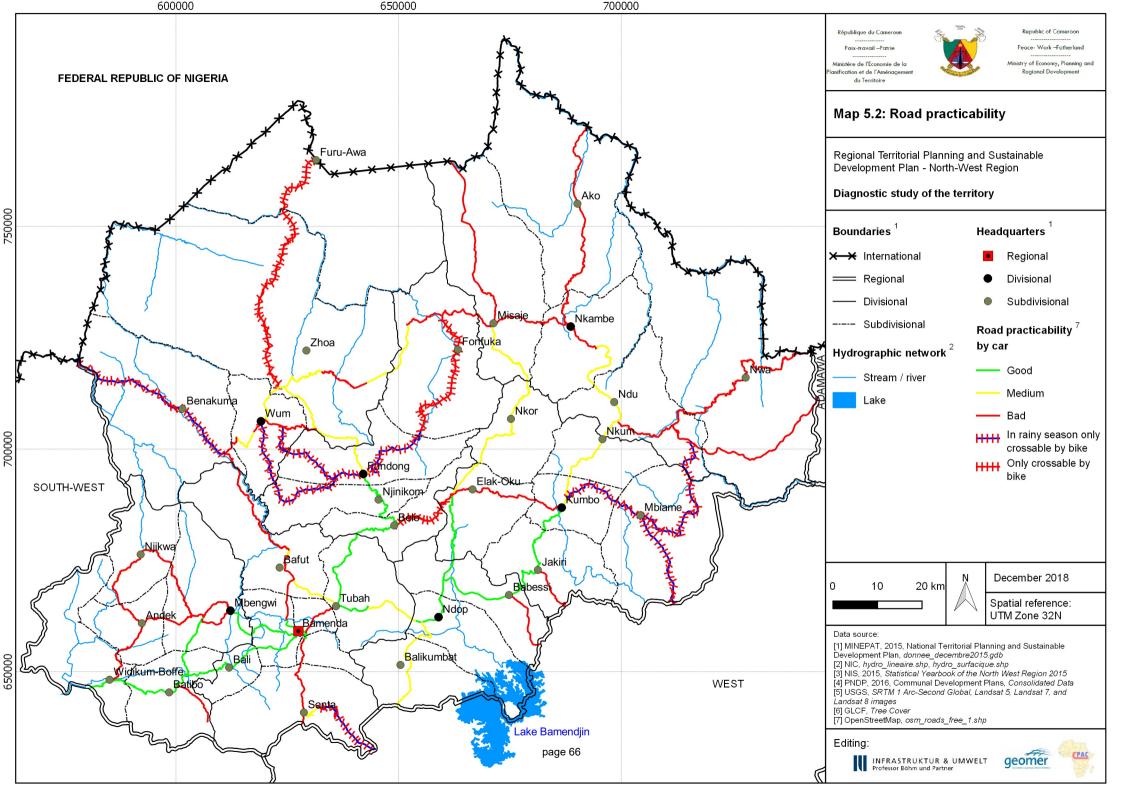
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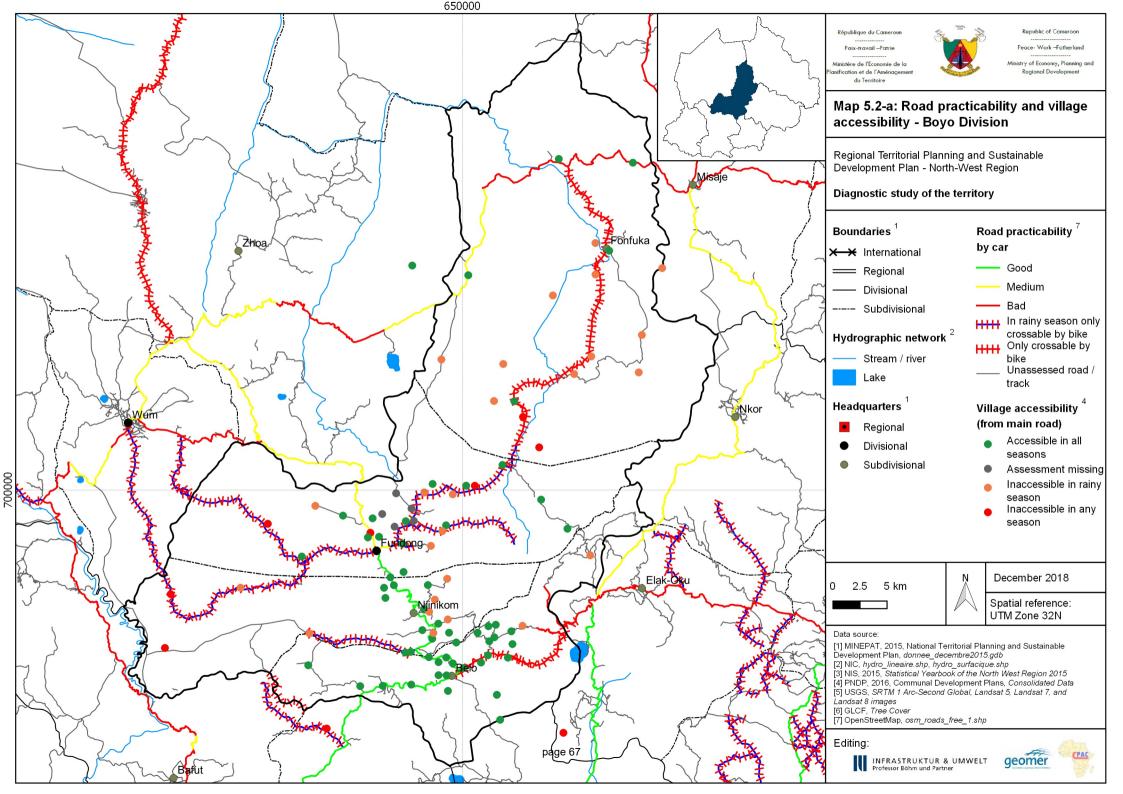
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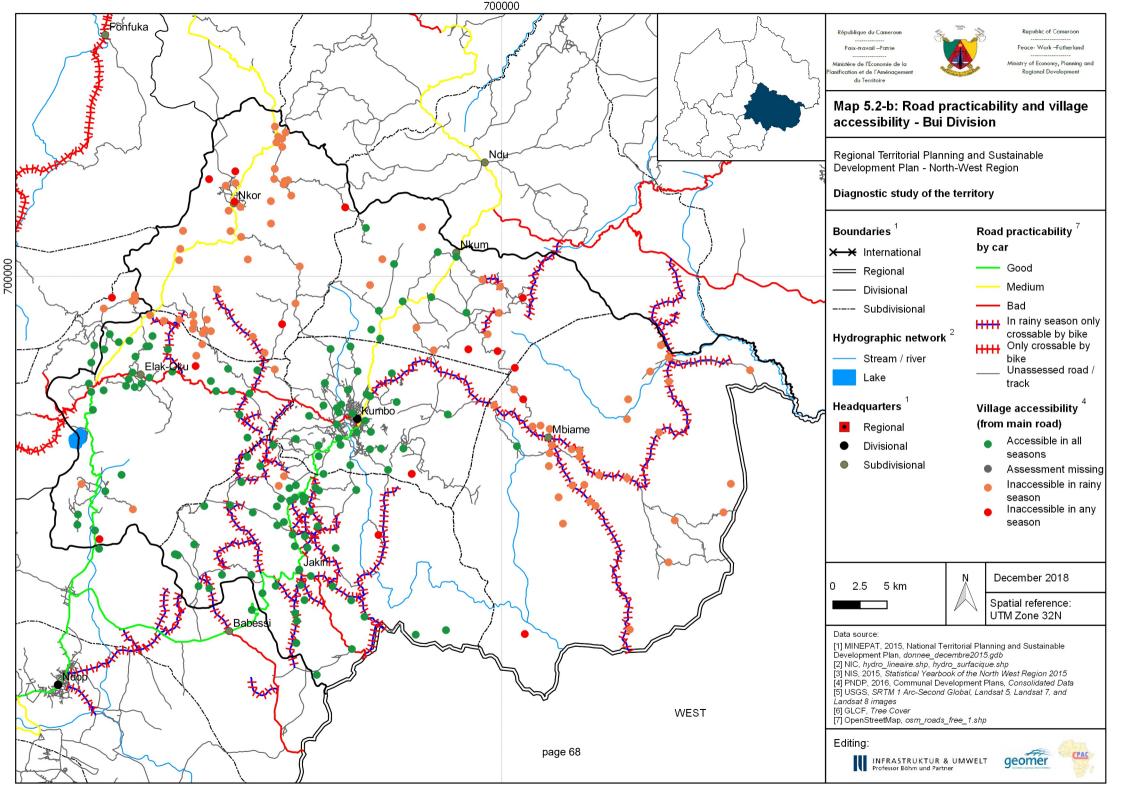
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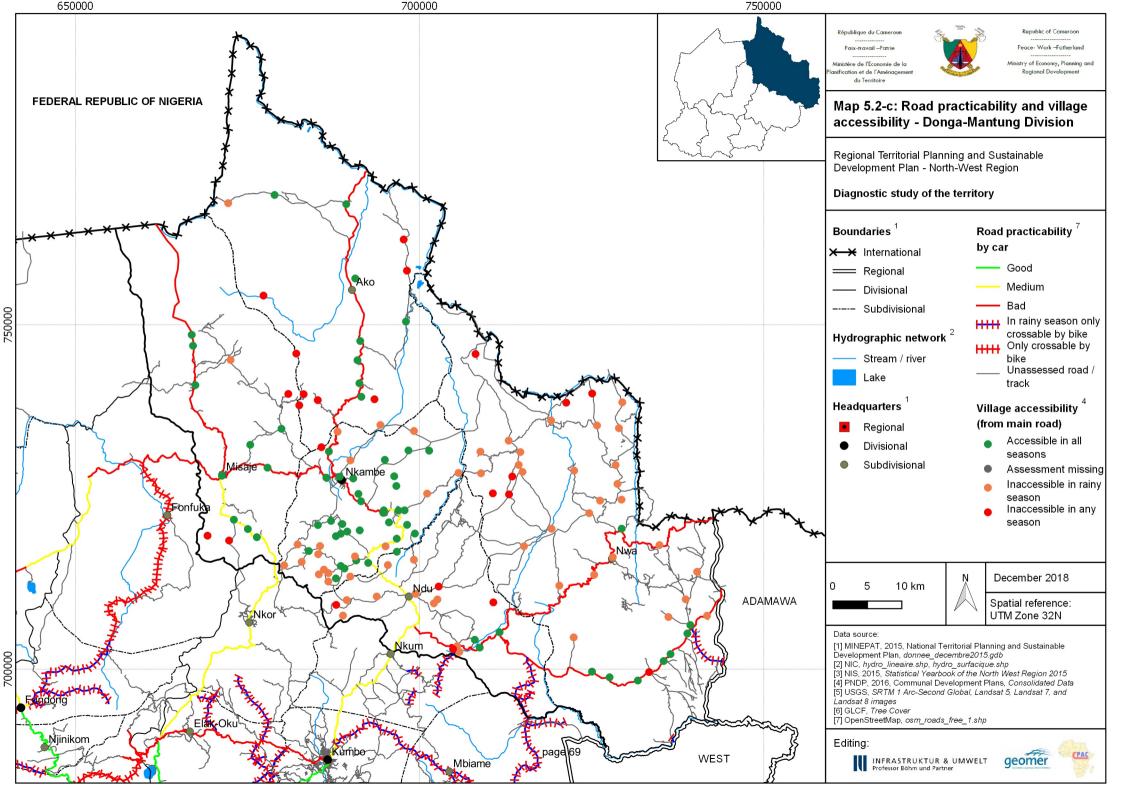


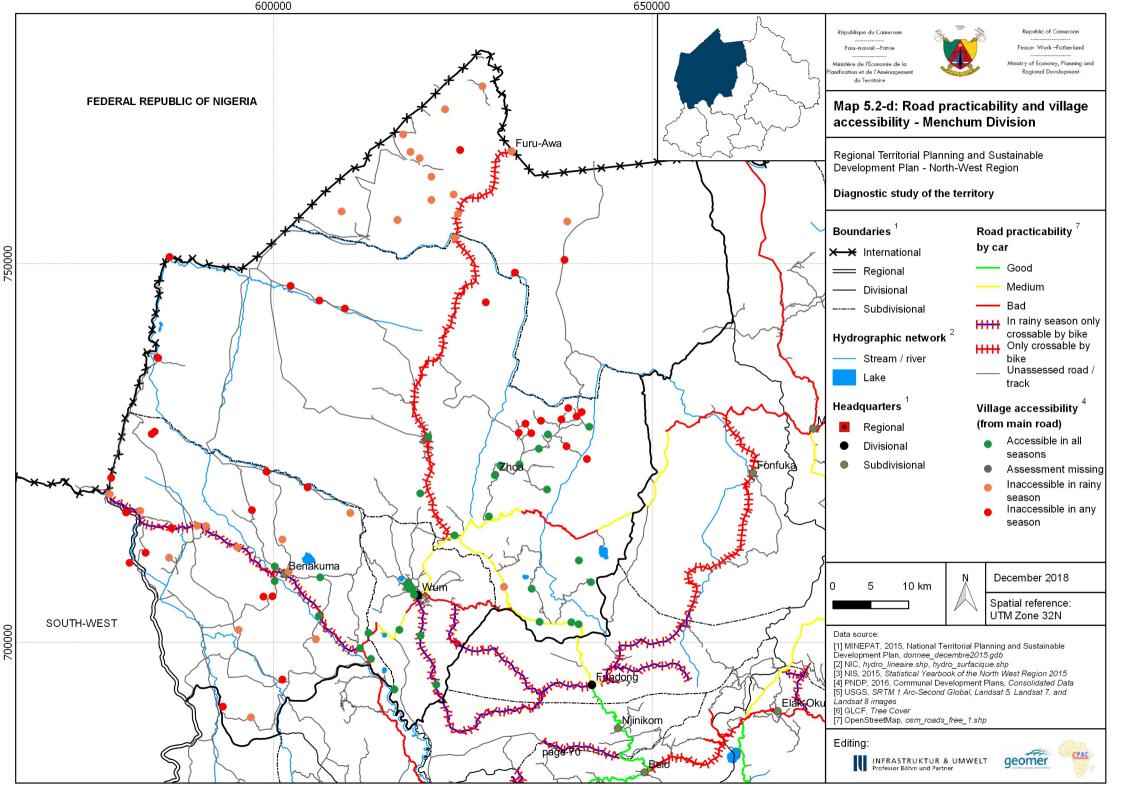


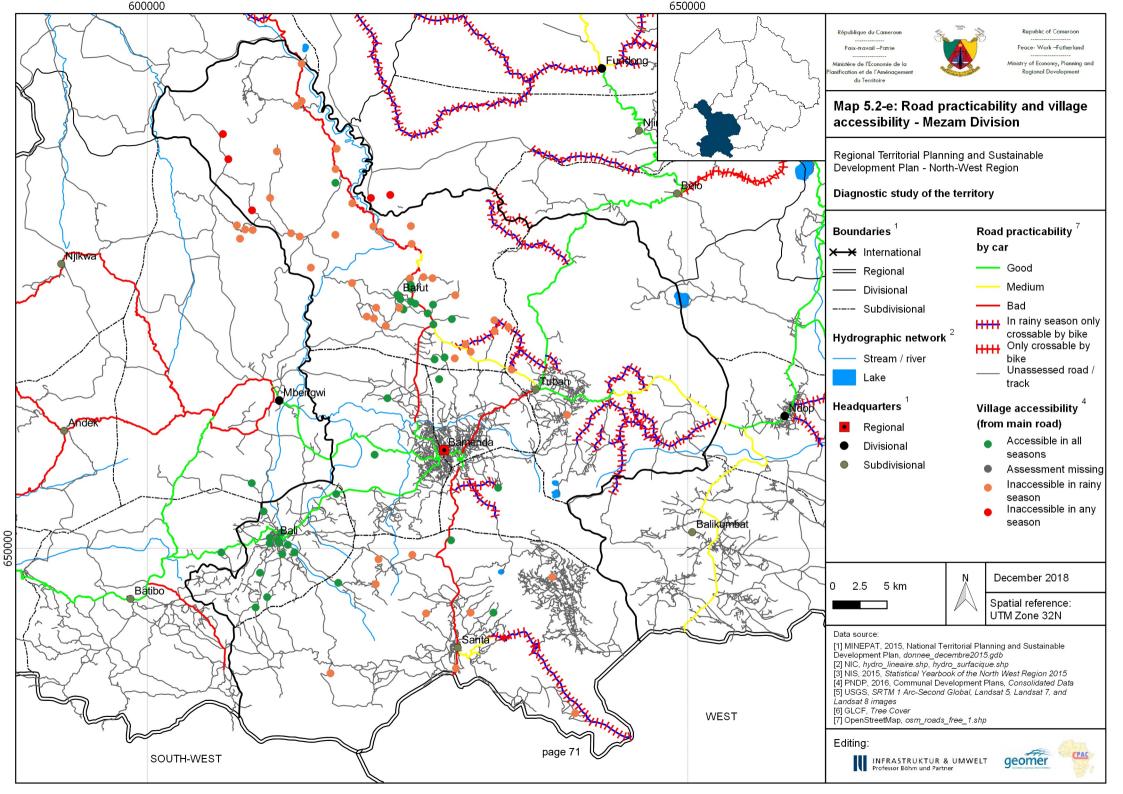


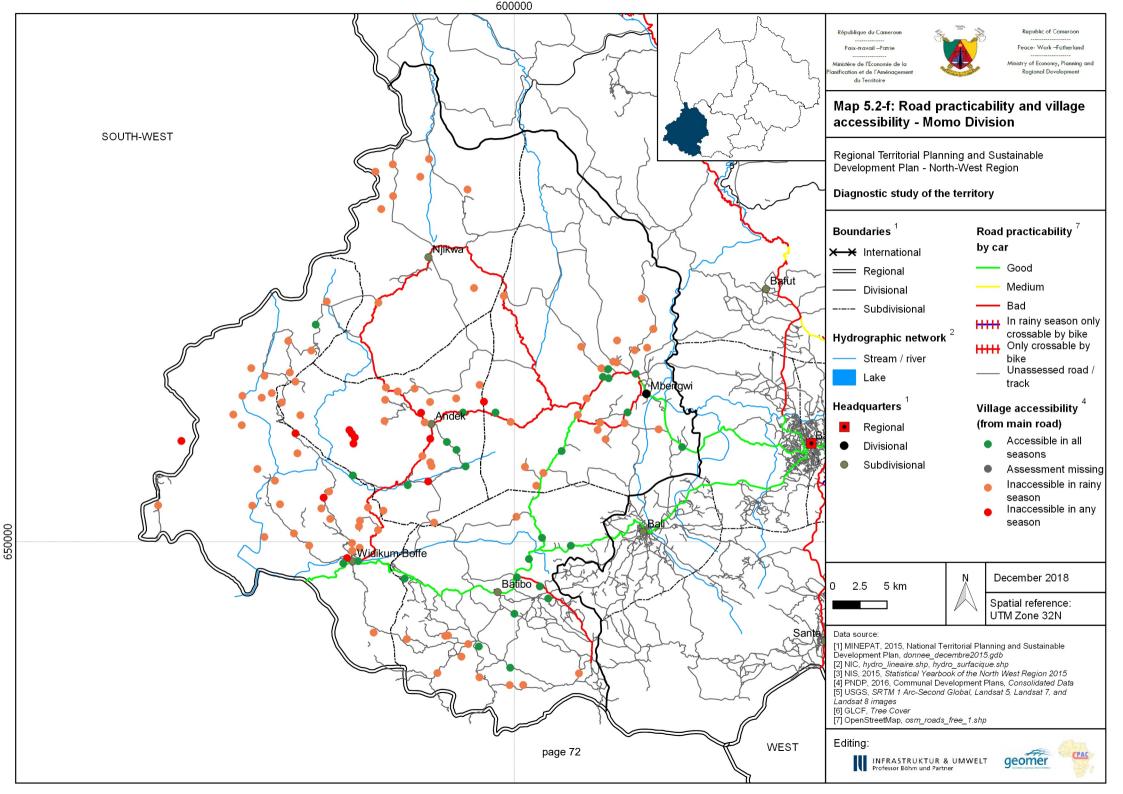


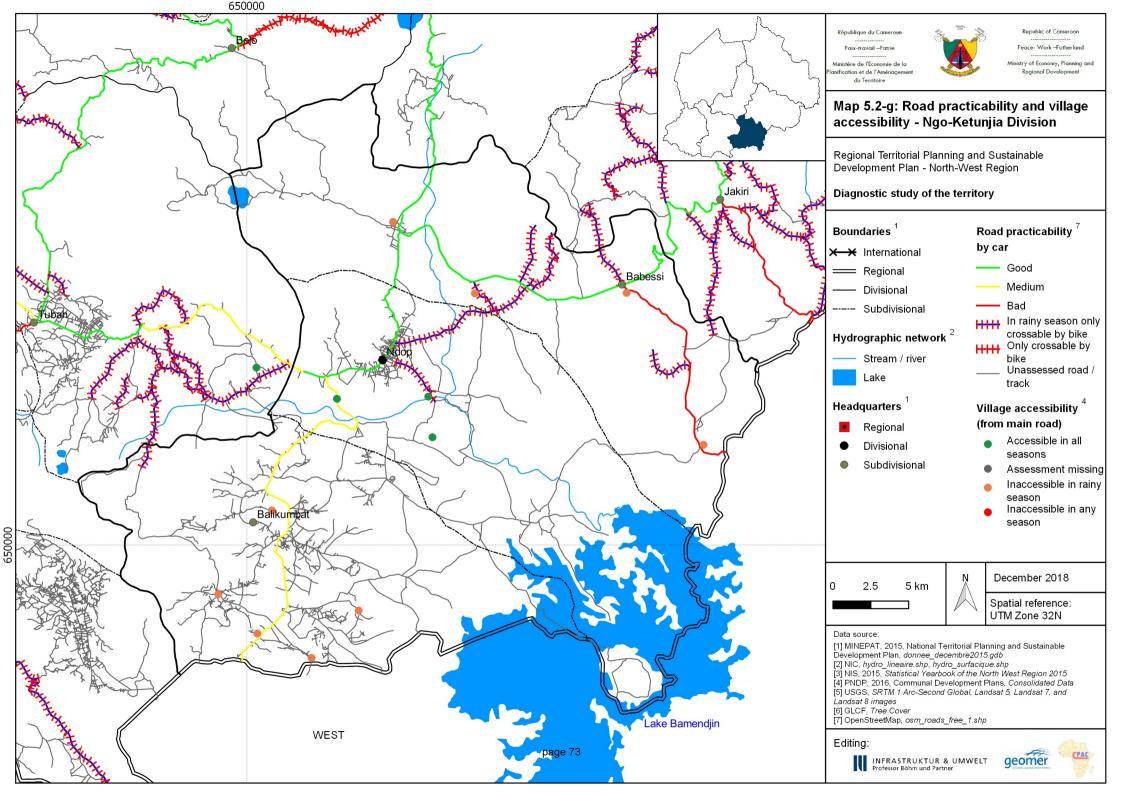


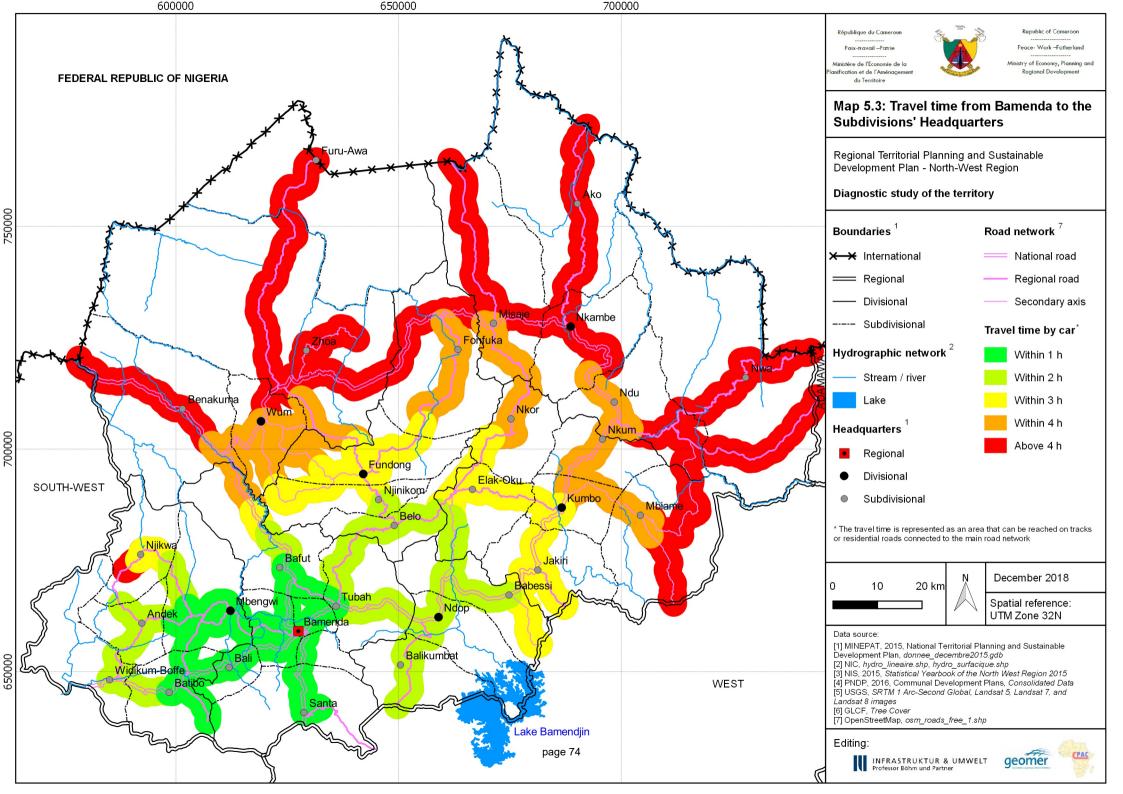


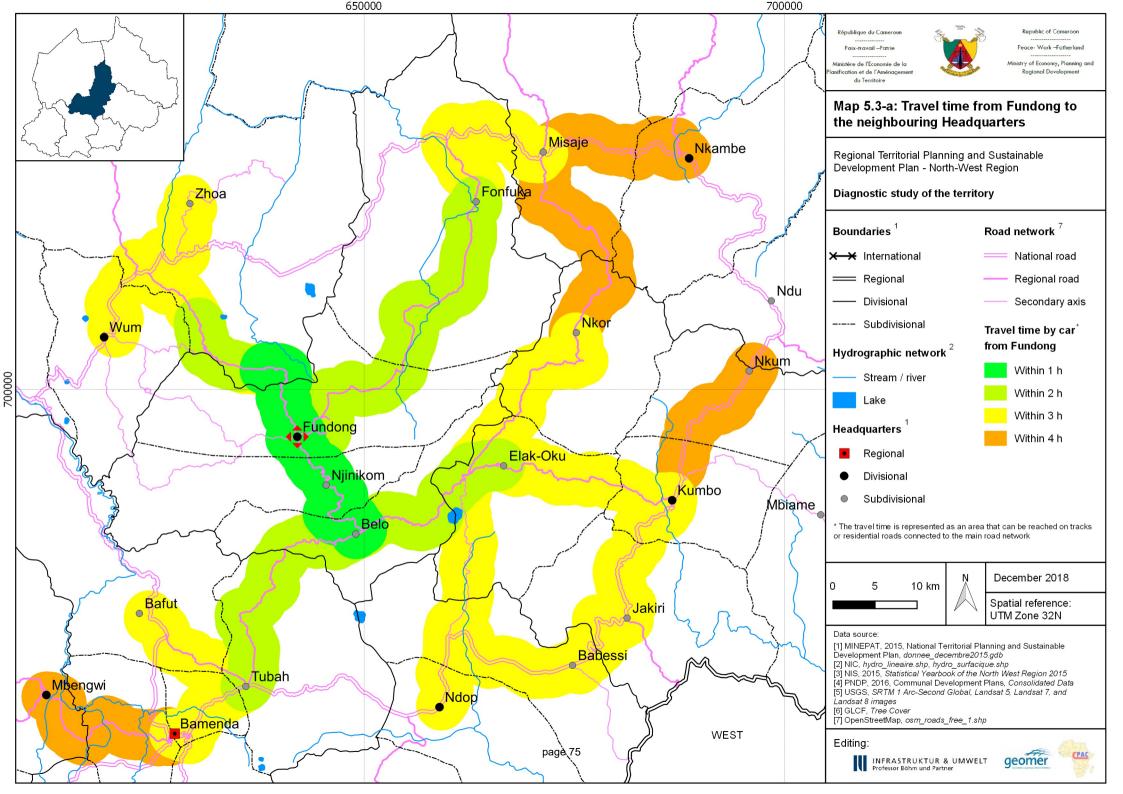


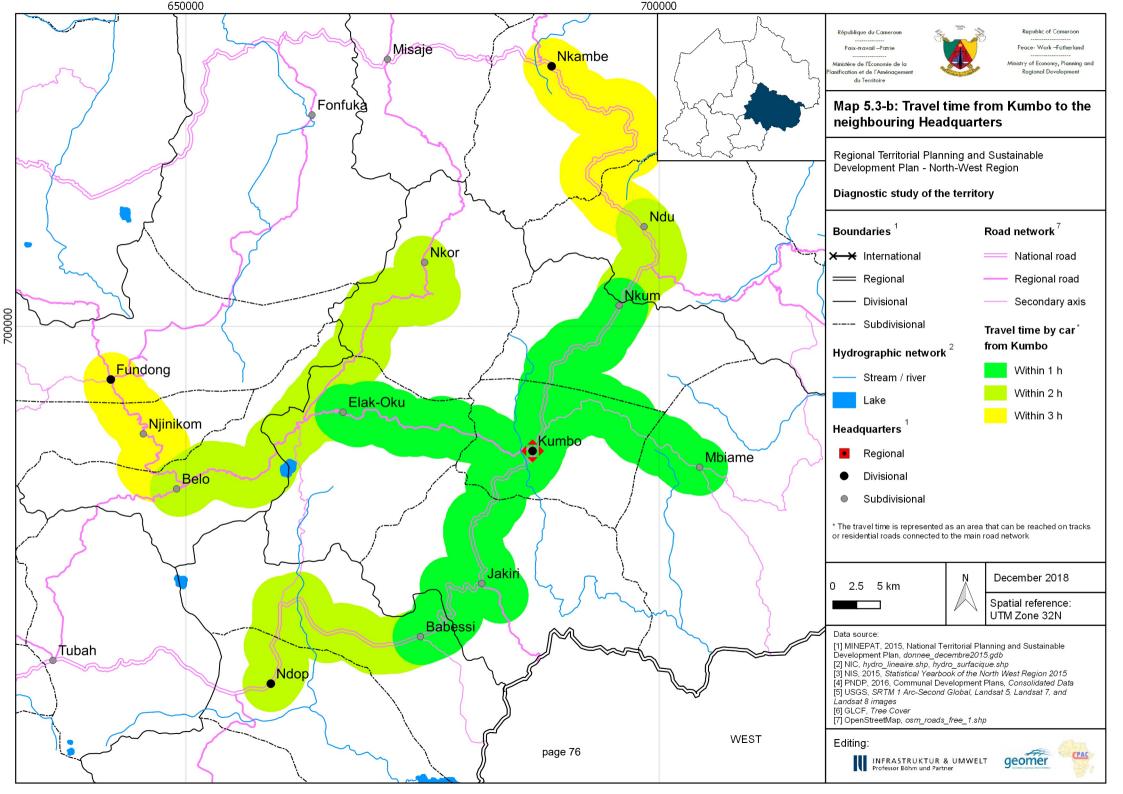


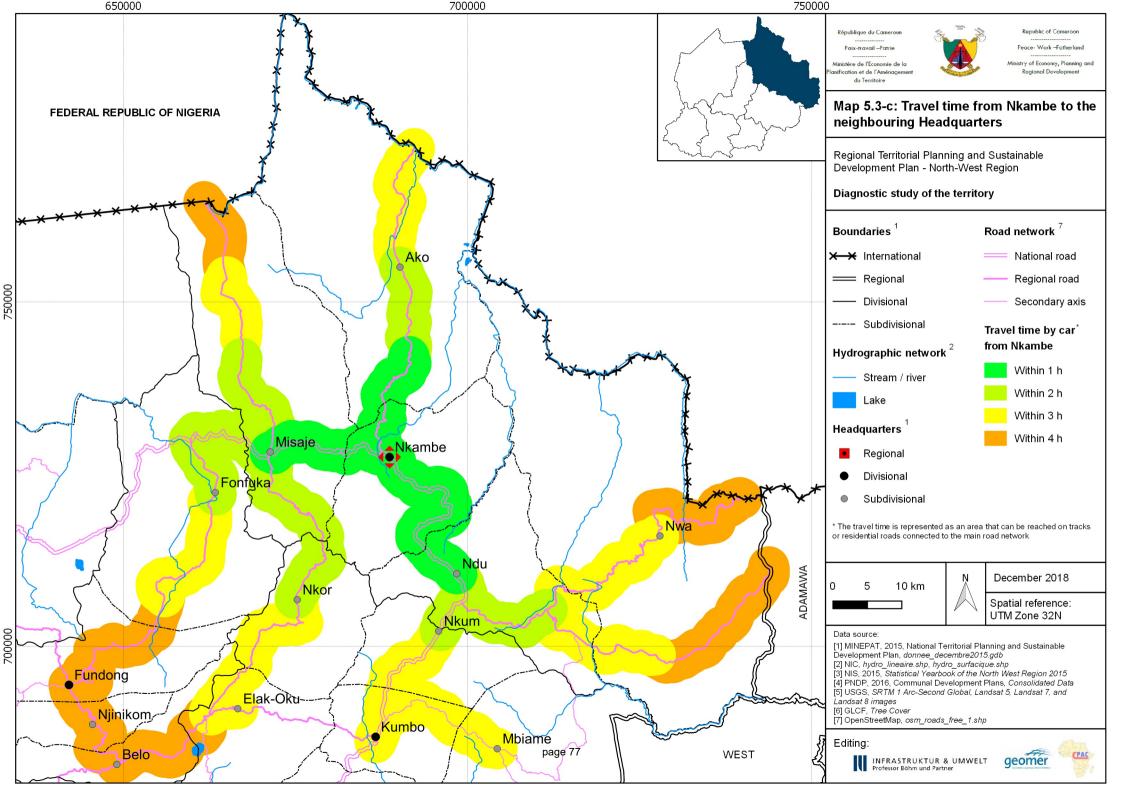


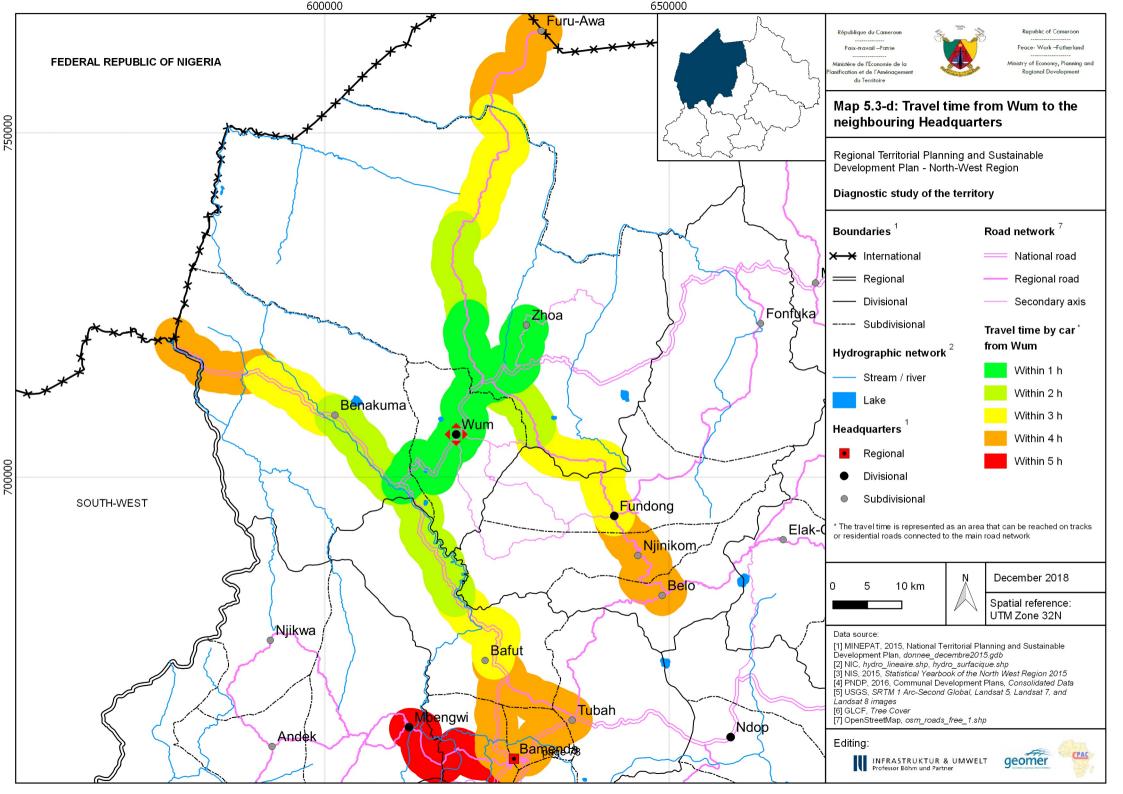


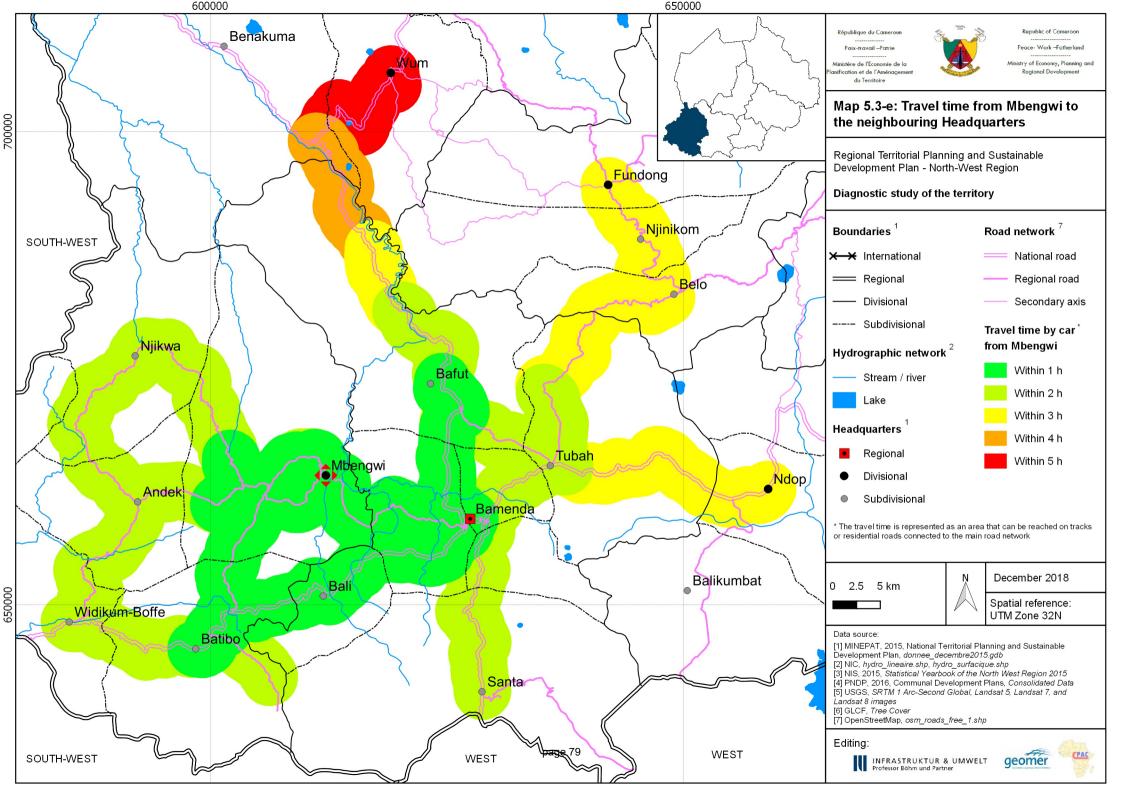


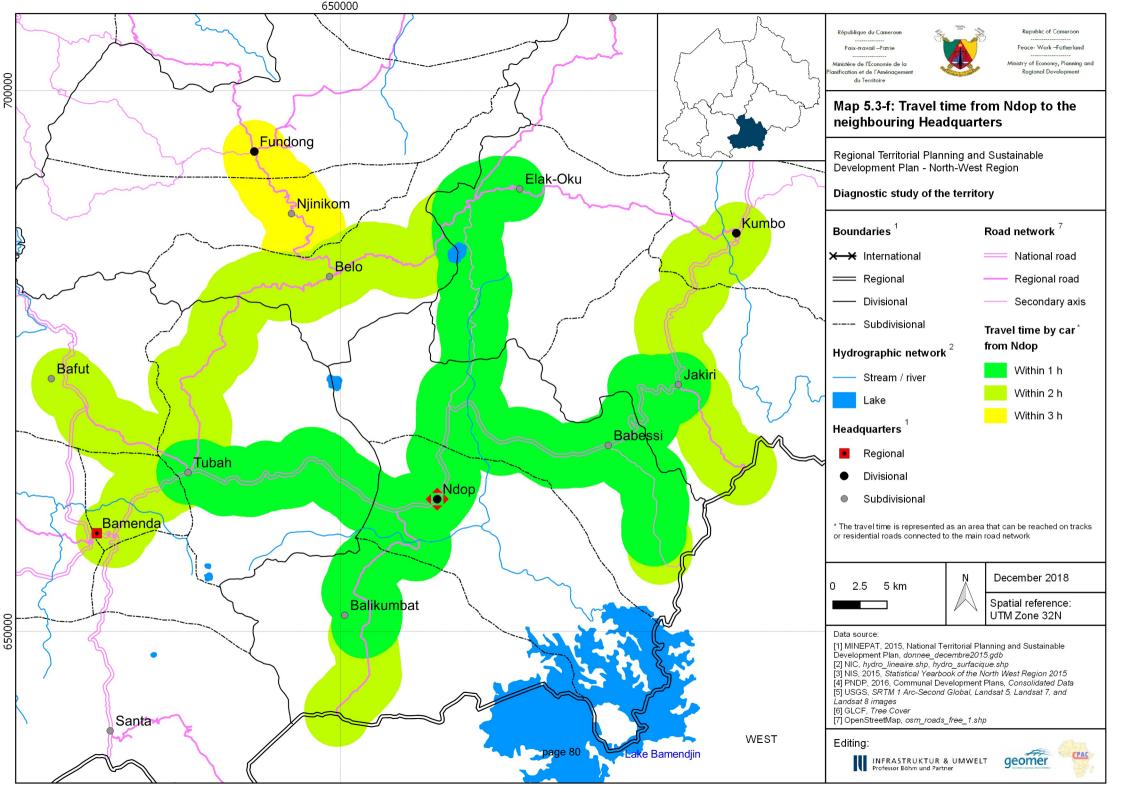


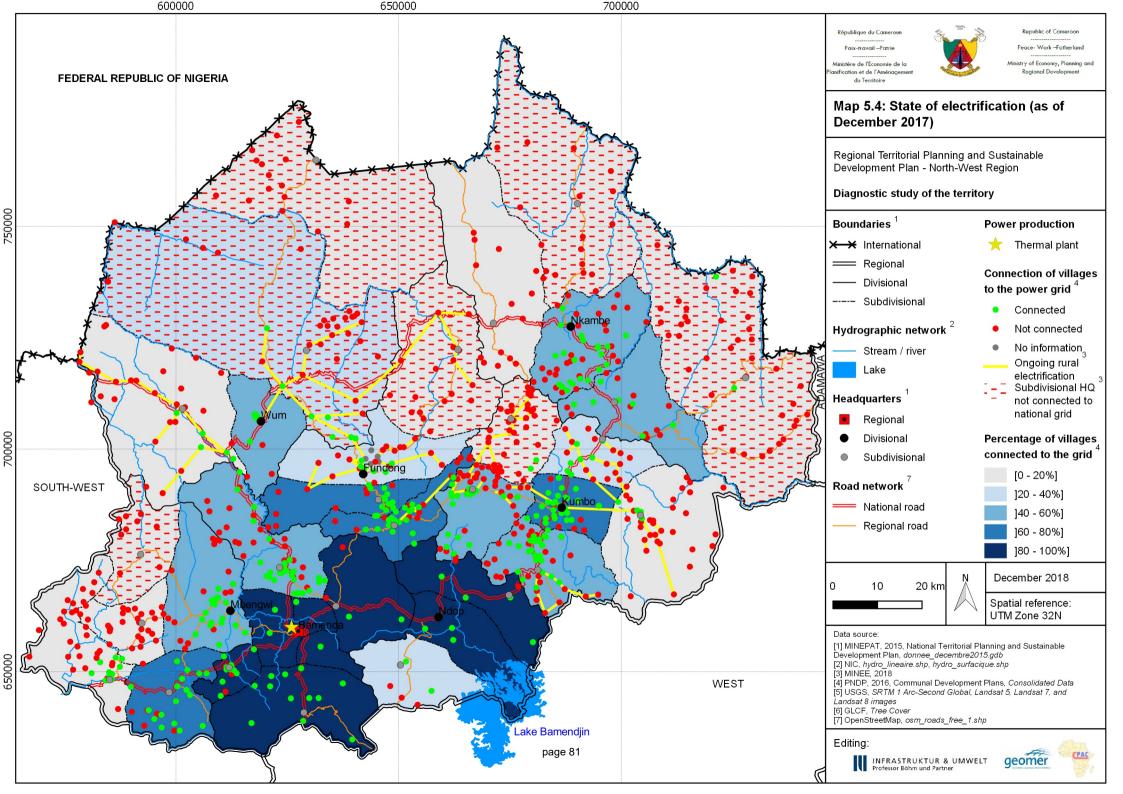










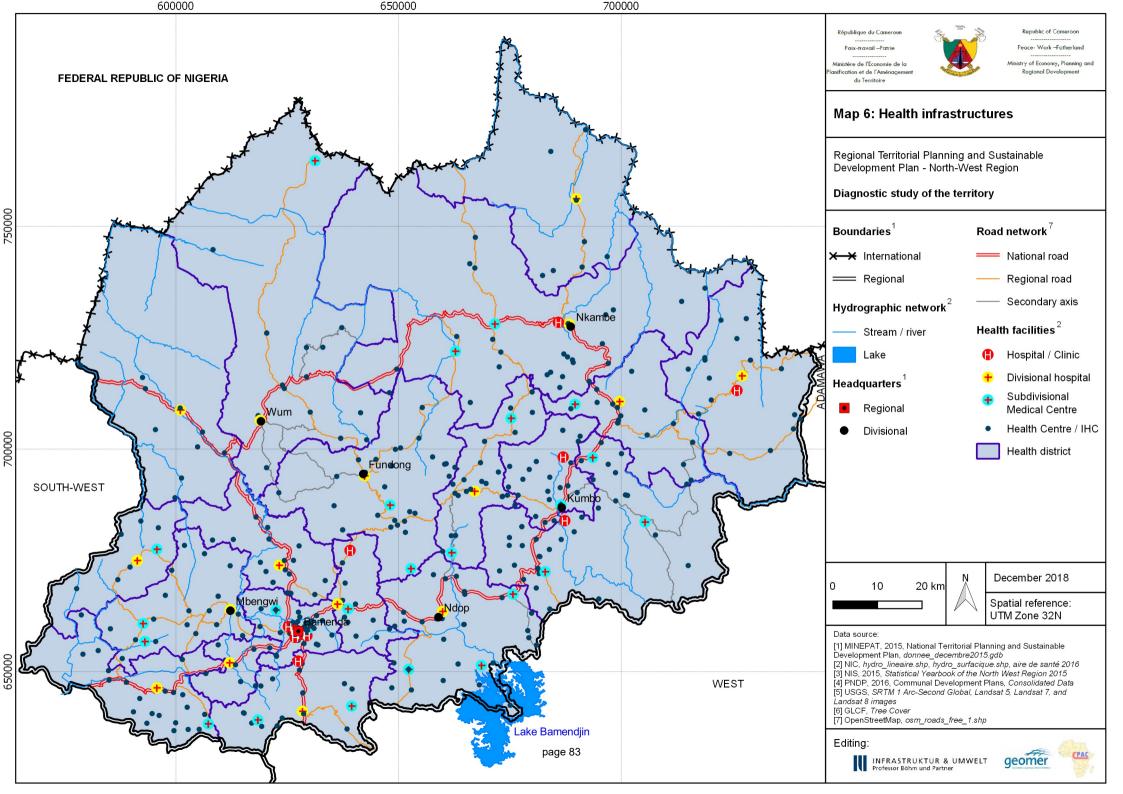


6 Social infrastructures (see report chapter 8)

The map 6,1 shows the location of the health facilities across the North-West Region. With the exception of the most remote rural areas in the Donga-Mantung and Menchum Divisions, all the villages in the region are within 20km of a medical center.

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7 Land use conflicts (see report chapter 10.3)

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The maps 7.1 show the areas of land uses and boundaries disputes. By analysing the different relevant sectors in the North-West Region land use conflicts were identified and mapped. Showing their geographic location always runs the risk of subjectivity. However, to support the transparency and the discussion on land use conflicts and boundary disputes the maps 7.1 show them for the North-West Region. The locations were identified with PNDP-officers and stakeholders, but they are expected to be not complete for all stakeholders points of view. Because of the particular nature of the land tenure in the North-West and due to the fact that herding and farming are the main economic activities, the main disputes are between farmers and grazers both in term of surface and number.

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- Land disputes: layer digitalised by local experts based on the information gathered by the PNDP as part of the NW field survey of 2018 commissioned by IU/CPAC
- Location of quarries: data of the Ministry of Mines, Industry and Technlogical Development
- Protected areas: data of the National Territorial Planning and Sustainable Development Plan, 2015, donnees_decembre2015.gdb, MINEPAT
- Location of villages: consolidated data of the Communal Development Plans by the National Community Driven Development Program (PNDP)
- Land cover: classified from Landsat 5, Landsat 7, and Landsat 8 satellite imagery, United States Geological Survey

