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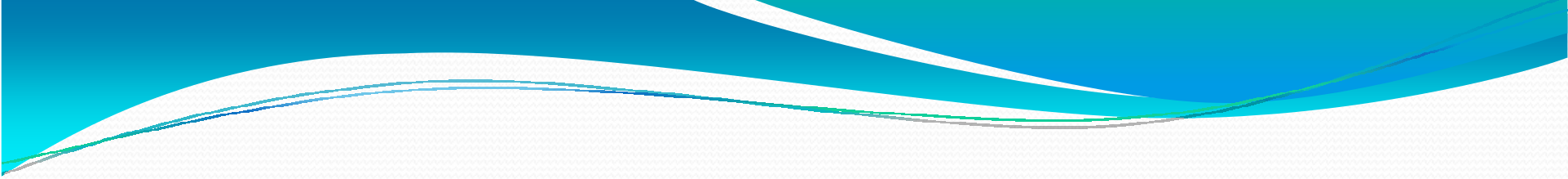
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A Rocha Ghana: Working with Communities to Restore SEPLS

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A ROCHA GHANA : WORKING WITH
COMMUNITIES TO RESTORE SOCIO-
ECOLOGICAL PRODUCTION LANDSCAPES
AND SEASCAPES (SEPLS)

About A Rocha Ghana



- 11 staff members and supporting over 100 communities in various conservation actions

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A Rocha Ghana Operation



CONSERVATION ACTIONS & STRATEGIES

- Habitat restoration through climate stewards project



- Alternative livelihood programmes



- Capacity building

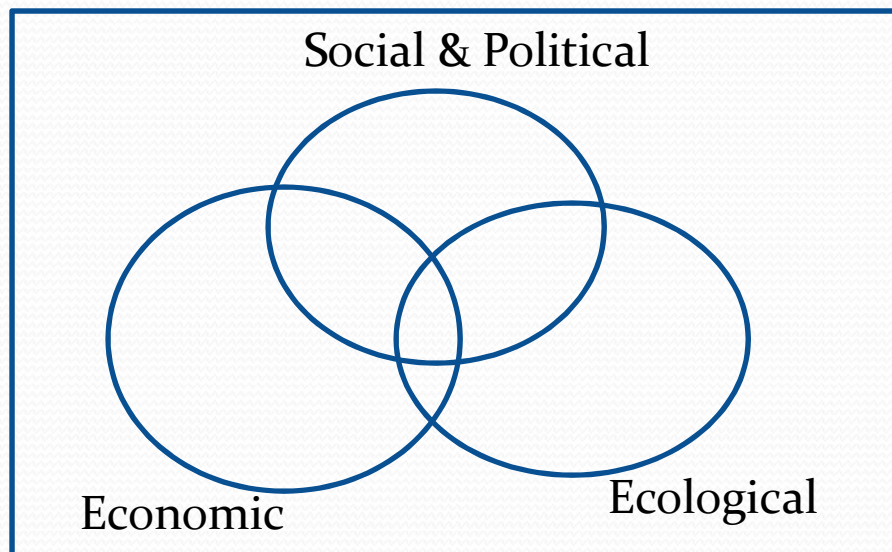


- Scientific research



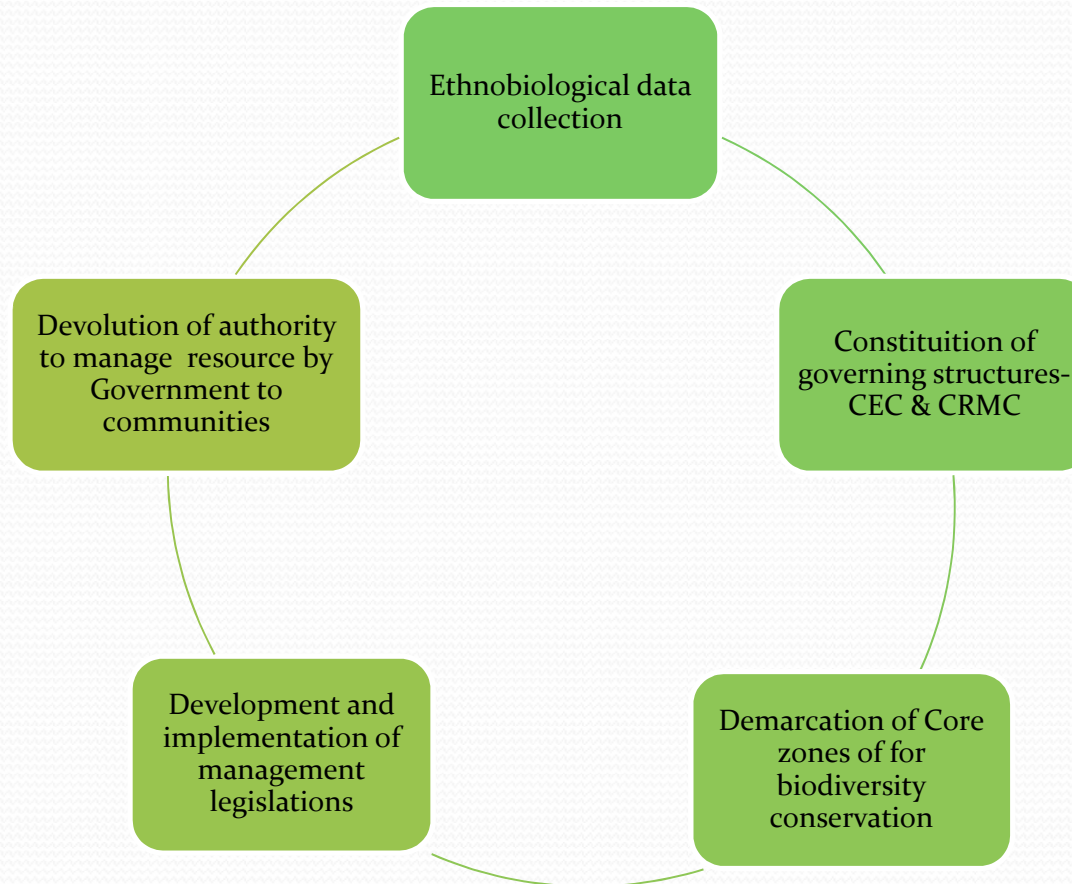
OUR PROJECTS- COMMUNITY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AREAS (CREMA)

CREMA CONGRUENCY OF INTERESTS



- A Rocha has supported the establishment of 4 CREMAs across Ghana

CREMA cycle



A Rocha CREMA Initiatives-Alternative livelihoods



Community wetland conservation project at LAKE BOSUMTWI



- Ghana's only natural lake formed by meteorite
- Has rim diameter of 10.5km on coordinates [6°30.3'N 1°24.5'W](#)
- Has 11 known fish species
- Endemic species include [Hemichromis frempongi](#) and *Tilapia busunama*
- Fringed by 26 communities

Threats to the Lake Basin



Unsustainable fishing practices



Pollution: e.g piggy at edge of lake



Waste management problems

OBJECTIVE OF BOSUMTWI PROJECT

- Achieving conservation and improving livelihoods through sustainable management of Lake Bosomtwi basin resources
- A Rocha Ghana's role: Train and equip community members with livelihood options

Bosumtwi Project Initiative



Livelihood survey



Livelihood training



Demonstration centre built

COMMUNITY MANGROVE RESTORATION MUNI-POMADZE RAMSAR SITE

- Muni Pomadze- One of Ghana's 5 Ramsar Sites
- Important bird area particularly for migratory birds
- Mangrove for spooning fish

MUNI-POMADZE RAMSAR SITE

- Nesting site for marine turtles



Leatherback sea turtle



Green sea turtle



Olive ridley sea turtle

Threats to Muni Pomadze Ramsar site

- Habitat degradation particularly around river bodies
- Sand winning
- Destruction of Mangrove around lagoon

Project Initiatives



Nursery establishment



Restoration of degraded river & mangroves



Improved stoves for fish mongers

Challenges

- No initial baseline Information on livelihood alternatives in most cases
- Staff numbers
- Funding opportunities
- Community enthusiasm to sustain the project
- Additional sources of funding for future upscaling



Opportunities

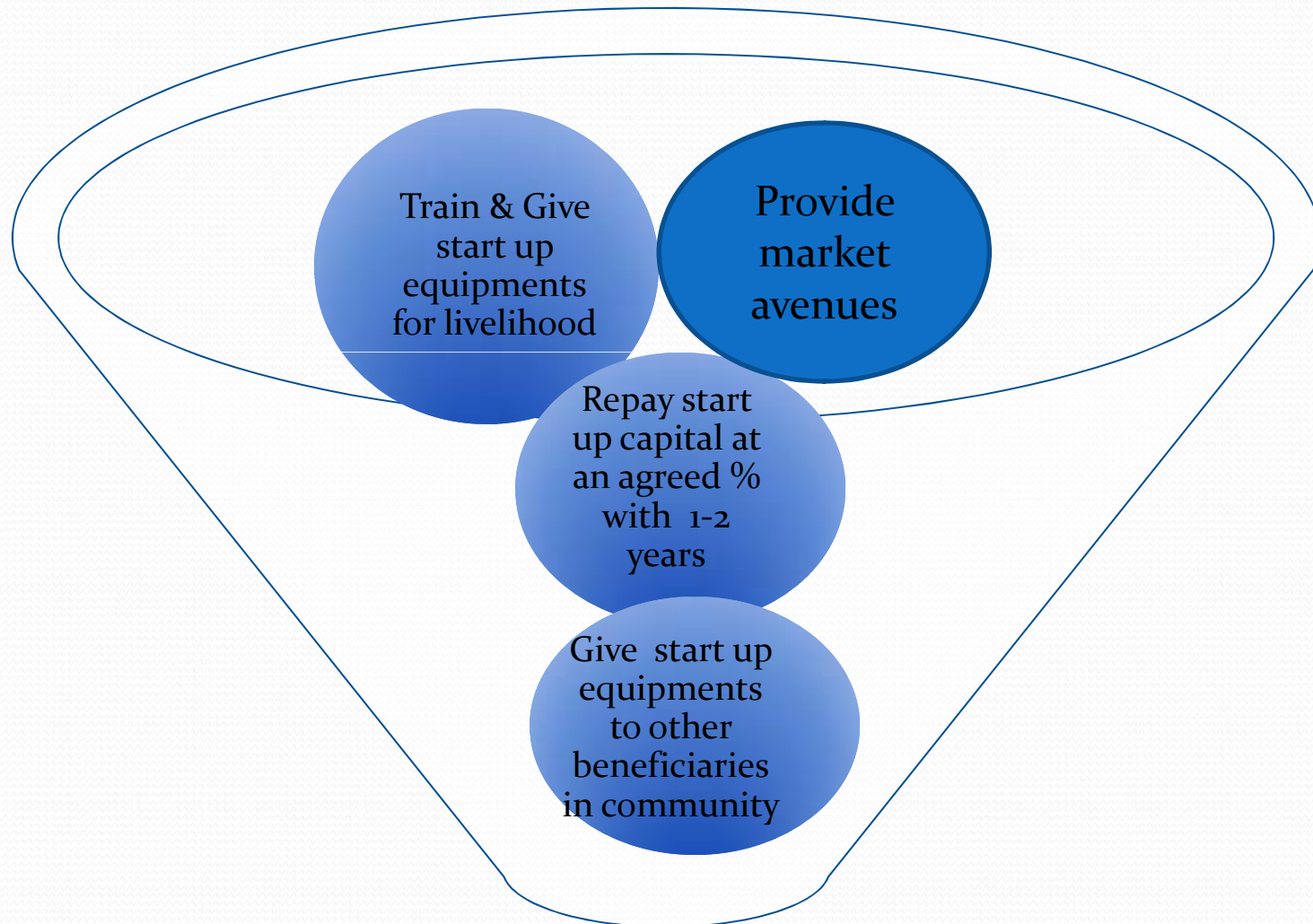
- Development of new projects
- Support from communities & other stakeholders
- Invitation to partner and champion advocacy projects-E.g IUCN Ghana invited A Rocha Ghana to be part of REDD+ implementation project

Integration of SEPL management of mosaic systems at local scale

- Climate stewards projects across all our project sites
- A Rocha Ghana has 140ha at different sites



Enhancing economic benefits at the local level-REVOLVING FUND SCHEME



Effective and meaningful stakeholder involvement

- Involve all relevant stakeholder depending on scope of the project
- Hold consultative meetings before & during project implementation





QUESTIONS

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