

Restoration of Community Sacred Forest

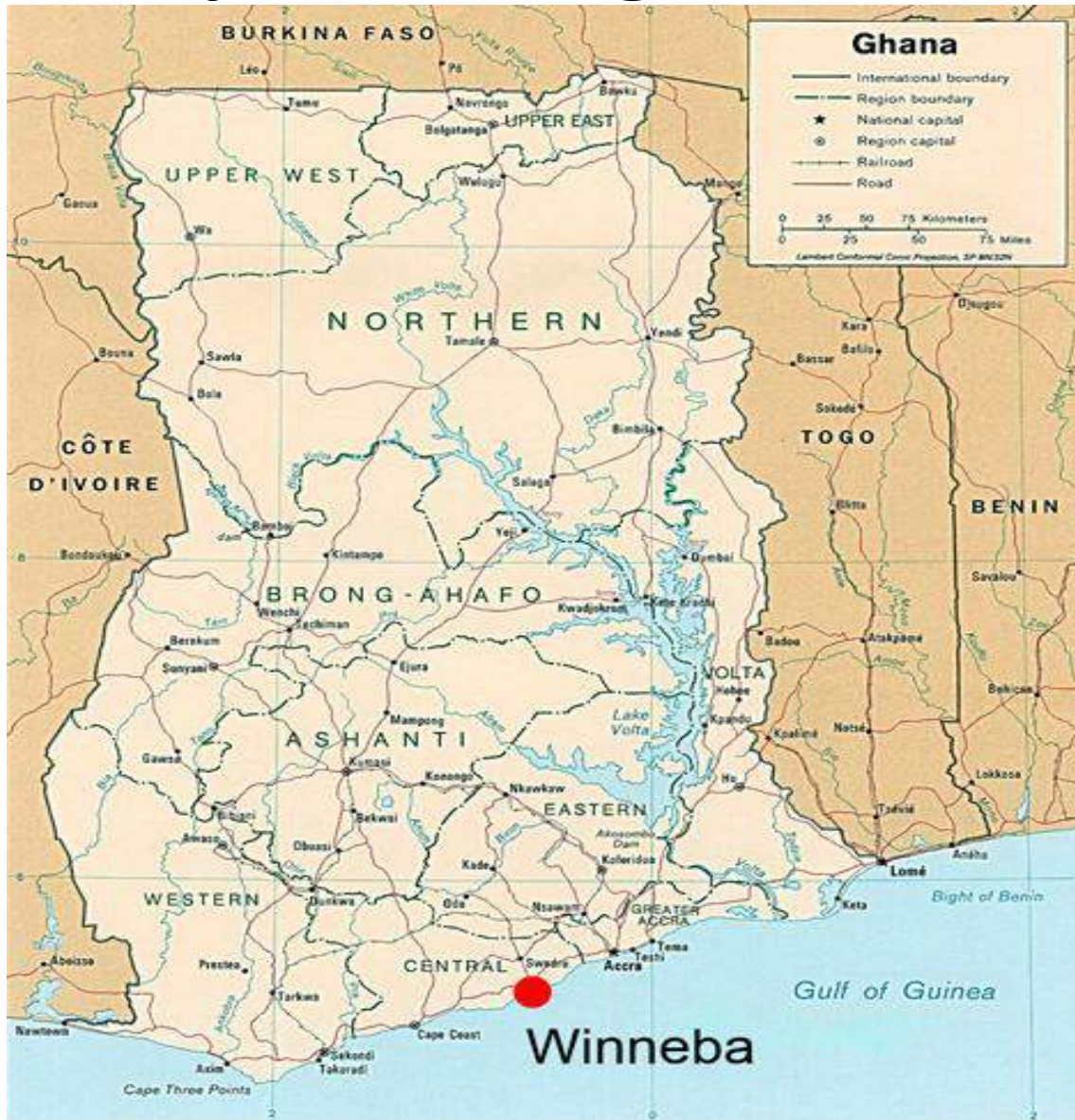
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Project Background



- > Near Muni Pomadze Ramsar Site
- > Community designated forest
- > Significant for celebrating annual Aboakyir (deer hunting) festival
- > Adjacent is Yenku forest reserve
- > Community predominantly farmers and fishermen

STABLE RAINFALL PATTERNS



Microclimate for farming



Bushmeat for food



fuelwood

EROSION CONTROL



Promotes cultural heritage



Fosters unity among citizens



Provides entertainment

Can enhance income through tourism



Threats to the site and cultural heritage



bush fires



group hunting

Threats to the site and cultural heritage



Tree felling

fuelwood collection



Current state



Project Objectives

- **To enhance local participation in biodiversity conservation initiatives**
- **Create public awareness of the conservation status and biological value of ecosystems**
- **Restoration of degraded ecological zone**

Issues of Concern under the Project

- Habitat degradation (tree felling) at Community Hunting ground
- Seeks to identify and address current underlying causes of biodiversity loss
- Energy sources were LPG, charcoal, firewood, and electricity
- Inadequate alternative sources of energy and livelihood options
- Increased reduction in the communal forest landscape.

Activities

- Organise consultative workshop among key stakeholders
- Conduct fauna survey to assess current population of bushbuck
- Communication Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) creation
- Undertake habitat restoration
- Train communities in the production of alternative biomass energy (Briquette production)

Outcomes so far-Stakeholder Engagement



Engagement with stakeholders-by-laws being revised



Education through radio, over 1000 people reached

Biodiversity survey



Thicket: wildlife habitat



Habitat Restoration



Demarcation of site for planting



Planting by communities, university students



Local warriors

OUTCOMES YET TO BE COMPLETED

- Livelihood enhancement: Training Communities in Briquette charcoal production
- Finalization of by-laws and gazetting

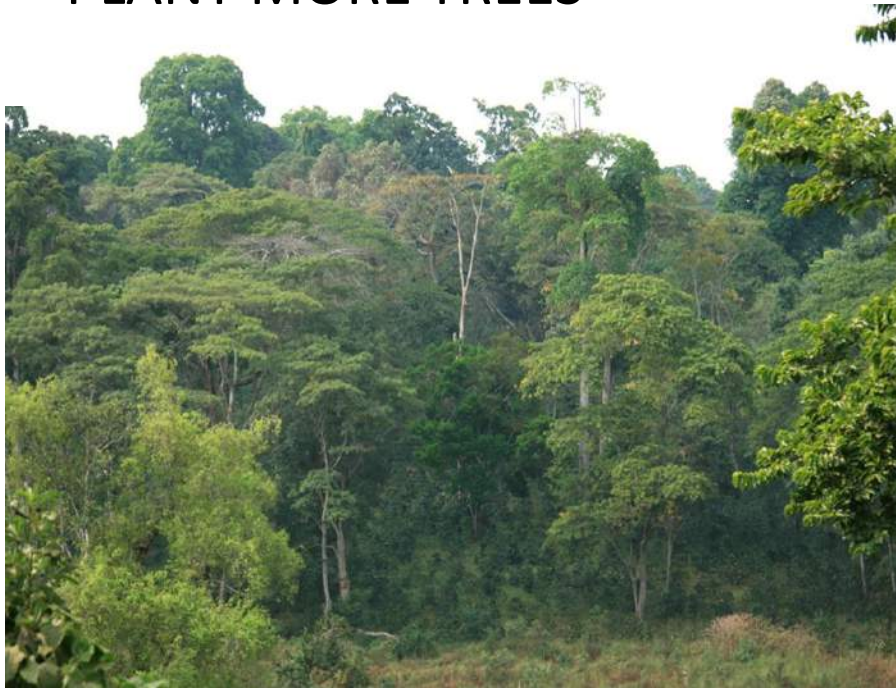
LESSON LEARNT SO FAR

- Integration of indigenous traditional knowledge and modern conservation approaches are essential in community conservation projects
- Fostering institutional collaborations between relevant stakeholders, traditional authorities and communities is key
- Existing conflicts can affect project implementation
- Engagement of the youth facilitates and promotes project implementation
- Baseline data is key in identifying important issues of conservation

PROTECT COMMUNITY SACRED FOREST



PLANT MORE TREES



SUSTAINABLE WILDLIFE HARVESTING



STOP BUSHFIRES



STOP INDISCRIMINATE TREE FELLING



STOP ILLEGAL HUNTING

DONORS:



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