

Lower Ankobra River Basin Livelihoods Improvement and Biodiversity Conservation (LABLIBiC) Project

Pays	Ghana
Bénéficiaire	Hen Mpoano
Montant total du projet	83 355 €
Montant de la subvention	34 777 € (41%)
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Durée du projet	18 mois
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CONTEXTE

The geographical location of the project is the Lower Ankobra River Basin (LARB) which covers approximately 5 880 hectares of land and water areas of the southern downstream section of the Ankobra Basin. The LARB falls within the wet-evergreen high forest zone of Ghana and is a biologically diverse system comprising tropical/terrestrial forests, swamp forests, mangrove forests and the Ankobra river estuary.

26 species of medium to large mammals were recorded including the Geoffroy's black and white colobus (*Colobus vellerosus*, VU), Roloway Monkey (*Cercopithecus roloway*, EN), and Red river hog (*Potamochoerus porcus*, LC). Mangrove forests mostly comprising *Avicennia germinans*, *Rhizophora mangle* and the *Laguncularia racemosa* characterize this area and their conservation will therefore constitute an important component of this project.

Riparian communities of the LARB depend heavily on the natural resources associated with the river basin and exploit them for their food and livelihood security. However, due to lack of governance structures for natural resources management and decision making, resources are exploited without regard for their long-term sustainability. In addition to pressures mounted by local population on natural resources of the LARB, activities of illegal miners are further stressing the environment by degrading forest, polluting the river and destroying fertile riparian soils.

Hen Mpoano works since 2013 to provide technical, policy and extension support to coastal communities, emerging civil society groups, traditional authorities, government institutions and the private sector through capacity building, research, networking and project development in fisheries and coastal ecosystems governance. Hen Mpoano is working with Wildlife Division of the Ghana Forestry Commission to promote wildlife conservation in the western region of Ghana.

OBJECTIFS

The general aim of this project is to reinforce the conservation of the Lower Ankobra River Basin (LARB) through improvement of community-based governance and management of natural resources and development of green livelihoods.

PRINCIPALES ACTIVITES

The expected outcomes of the project are:



- 500 people are sensitized on CREMA approaches and requirements in the 5 participating communities (Sanwoma, Eziome, Eshiem, Adelekazo and Kukuaveli);
- 5 community resource management committee (CRMC) and 1 CREMA Executive Committee (CEC) are formed and 35 people from them are trained on the importance and values of biodiversity;
- At least 120 ha of CREMA core areas are demarcated in which 25 ha of mangrove forest are restored through enrichment planting;
- 35 people are trained on wildlife monitoring and patrol and at least 50% of illegal activities decrease within the project period;
- 35 farmers are trained on organic vegetable farming and 15 farmers on bee keeping and these 2 local supply chains are supported.

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