

## Biodiversity Conservation of Mole National Park's periphery through Community-based Resource Management and Green Livelihoods Development

<b>Pays</b>	Ghana
<b>Bénéficiaire</b>	COALITION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NORTHERN GHANA, (NORTHCODE –GHANA)
<b>Montant total du projet</b>	81 500 €
<b>Montant de la subvention</b>	40 000 €
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### CONTEXT

Mole National Park (MNP, 484 000 ha), located 650 km North-West from Accra, is Ghana's largest national park. It is home of about 400 species of birds, 9 of amphibians, 33 of reptilians, 5 endemic butterfly species and 93 species of mammals including a large population of elephants (*Loxodonta africana*, VU) and roan antelopes (*Hippotragus equinus*, LC).

The park is threatened by an over exploitation of the resources, by illegal poaching for bushmeat, by deforestation for specific timber species (Rosewood) for Chinese markets and also by the invasion of Fulani and Tuareg herdsmen with extremely large herds of cattle that devastate the fragile natural savannah vegetation.

Since 2000, the Wildlife Division of the Forestry Commission of Ghana has been implementing a policy of 'Collaborative Community Based Wildlife Management' which includes the establishment of Community Resource Management Areas, known as CREMAs. The CREMA concept incorporates wildlife management with existing land-use, particularly in areas adjacent to national parks and gives communities the authority to manage natural resources sustainably on their landscapes.

Northcode is a coalition of 5 NGO's working on the empowerment of women in local communities fringing the MNP in order to reduce their dependence from the natural resources of the park. Northcode is mainly working on the development of income generating activities.

### PURPOSE

This project aims at securing the ecological integrity of the Mole National Park with more inclusive governance and management of natural resources, through the concept of the CREMA, and the development in green livelihoods in off-reserve areas.

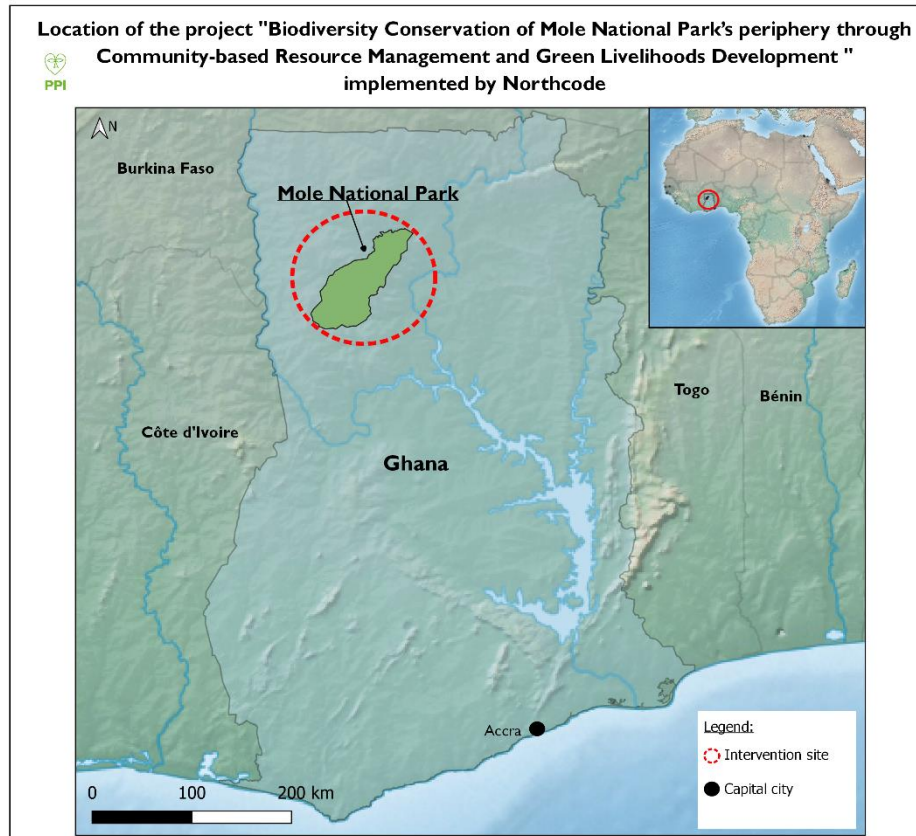
### MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Establish a CREMA and build capacities of its members;
- Develop a management plan and a map for the CREMA;



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- Conduct patrols to tackle illegal activities with the recruitment of 40 patrollers trained and equipped;
- Reforest 10 ha of degraded land in the core zone of the CREMA;
- Develop and commercialize bee products for improved income for 200 local people;
- Create a website to communicate the results of the project.



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