

NGO BROCHURE

‘OPTIMISING OPERATIONS OF NGOS IN THE ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTRY SECTORS IN GHANA’

September 2003

Acknowledgement

This brochure is a result of the NGO conference on ‘Optimising operations of NGOs working in the environment and forestry sectors in Ghana’, organised by the Forestry Commission and Ricerca E Cooperazione in March 2003. The initiative for putting together the brochure came from Wapca, Fonz and Tropenbos International-Ghana and was financed by DFID through the Forestry Commission.

We have tried as much as possible to include all NGOs in the forestry and environment sectors. Please inform us of any NGOs that are not included for future editions and online databases.

TABLE OF INDEX

AN OVERVIEW OF NGOs BY REGION	3
ABUTIA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	5
AFRICA ENVIRONMENTAL REGENERATION MOVEMENT (AFERM)	6
AFRICAN WORLD FOUNDATION FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (AWFHD)	7
AGENCY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (ASD)	8
ASSISTING DEPRIVED ZONGO COMMUNITIES AND NORTHERN REGIONS OF GHANA (ADZCNG)	9
BOWIRI RURAL RADIO FORUM (BRRF)	10
CARE INTERNATIONAL	11
CENTRE FOR FAMILY CARE AND DEVELOPMENT	14
CENTRE FOR MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT (CMCM)	14
CLEAN BEACH AND DEVELOPMENT	15
COMMUNITY AGRICULTURE PROJECT	16
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCE ENHANCED GROUP (CODEG)	17
CONCERN FOR HUMANITY AND NATURE CENTRE (CHANCE)	18
CONCERNED CITIZENS ASSOCIATION OF GHANA (CCAG)	19
COOPERATION FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (CARD)	20
ECUMENICAL ASSOCIATION OF SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT	21
EDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY	22
ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT YOUTH MOVEMENT (EDYM)	23
ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIC FARMERS AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES	24
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ASSOCIATION OF GHANA (EPAG)	25
FRIENDS OF THE DISADVANTAGED ELDERLY AND CHILDREN (FRIDEC)	26
FRIENDS OF THE EARTH – GHANA	27
FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL ZOO (FONZ)	28
GHANA ASSOCIATION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF NATURE (GACON)	29
GHANA ORGANIC AGRICULTURE NETWORK (GOAN)	30
GHANA WILDLIFE SOCIETY (GWS)	31
HATOF FOUNDATION	33
HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL MONITOR	34
HUMANITARIAN CARE AND RELIEF ORGANISATION (HUMANCARE)	35
INTERNATIONAL NETWORK FOR BAMBOO AND RATTAN (INBAR)	37
KUMASI INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT (KITE)	38
LIFE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (LIDEFO)	39
MAKEDONIA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION	40
NATURE CONSERVATION RESEARCH CENTRE (NCRC)	41
NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLATFORM	43
ODA-KOTOAMSO COMMUNITY AGROFORESTRY PROJECT (OCAP)	44
PARTICIPATORY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (PACODEV)	45
OLOF PALME PEACE FOUNDATION	47
RICERCA E COOPERAZIONE	48
RURAL ACTION FOR THE POOR (RAFTEP)	49
RURAL DEVELOPMENT YOUTH ASSOCIATION (RUDEYA)	50
RURAL INTEGRATED LITERACY AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (RILADEP)	51
SAVANNAH ECO-TOURISM FOUNDATION	52
SAVE MANKIND FOUNDATION	53
SAVE THE FUTURE FOUNDATION	54
SNV GHANA NETHERLANDS DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION	55
TREES FOR THE FUTURE, GHANA	56
TROPENBOS INTERNATIONAL – GHANA (TBI-GHANA)	57
VOLTA REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES	59
WEST AFRICAN PRIMATE CONSERVATION ACTION (WAPCA)	60
WILDLIFE AND FORESTRY SOCIETY	62
WOFABENG AGRO FORESTRY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP	63
YOUTH RESEARCH NETWORK OF GHANA (YORNG)	63

AN OVERVIEW OF NGOS BY REGION

	Greater Accra	Eastern	Volta	Central	Ashanti	Brong Ahafo	Western	Northern	Upper East	Upper West
Abutia Youth Association			X							
Africa Environmental Regeneration Movement	X	X	X							
African World Foundation for Human Development	X	X			X		X			
Agency for Sustainable Development		X	X							
Assisting Deprived Zongo Communities and Northern regions of Ghana					X					
Bowiri Rural Radio Forum			X							
CARE International						X	X	X	X	
Centre for Family Care and Development					X					
Centre for Missions and Community Management					X					
Clean Beach and Development	X		X							
Community Agriculture Project							X			
Community Development and Human Resource Enhanced Group	X	X	X						X	X
Concern for Humanity and Nature Centre			X	X						
Concerned Citizens Association of Ghana		X		X	X	X				
Cooperation for Agriculture and Rural Development			X							
Ecumenical Association of Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Eden Conservation Society	X				X		X	X		
Environmental Development Youth Movement			X							
Environmental Organic Farmers and Reproductive Health Services					X					
Environmental Protection Association of Ghana					X	X				
Friend of the Disadvantaged Elderly and Children			X							
Friends of the Earth – Ghana	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
Friends of the National Zoo	X						X			
Ghana Association for the Conservation of Nature					X	X	X			
Ghana Organic Agriculture Network	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ghana Wildlife Society	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			

	Greater Accra	Eastern	Volta	Central	Ashanti	Brong Ahafo	Western	Northern	Upper East	Upper West
Humancare	x				x					
HATOF Foundation			x				x			
Health and Environmental Monitor		x								
International Network for Bamboo and Rattan		x		x	x		x			
Kumasi Institute of Technology and Environment	x				x	x				
Life Development Foundation			x							
Makedonia Community Development Association			x							
Nature Conservation Research Centre		x	x		x	x	x		x	x
NRM Platform	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Oda-Kotoamso Community Agroforestry Project							x			
Participatory Community Development									x	
Olof Palme Peace Foundation	x			x	x					
Ricerca E Cooperazione	x	x			x		x			
Rural Action for the Poor					x	x				
Rural Development Youth Association	x		x							
Rural Integrated Literacy and Development Programme			x			x		x		
Savannah Eco-Tourism Foundation					x			x		
Save Mankind Foundation		x				x		x		
Save the Future Foundation		x								
SNV Ghana			x				x			
Trees for the Future, Ghana	x	x		x						
Tropenbos International-Ghana					x	x				
Volta Regional Association of Community forest Management Committees			x							
WAPCA	x						x			
Wildlife and Forestry Society					x					
Youth Research Network of Ghana			x							

ABUTIA YOUTH ASSOCIATION

Postal address: P.O. Box 6045, Accra North
Office location: Opposite New Haven Hotel on SSB Road, Kokomlemele, Accra
Telephone/Fax: 021 223222
E-mail: akinoesahe@yahoo.com
Total permanent staff: Twelve
Years in operation: Six years (1997)
Active in the regions: Volta Region

Mission:

To tackle problems of rural poverty associated with lack of access to simple improved farm technologies thereby empowering marginalized women and youth in entrepreneurial development skills that will enhance their income levels and prevent hardships as well as rural-urban migration.

Objectives:

- To create community awareness to protect and manage all sacred forests.
- To explore avenues for alternative agro-based income generation ventures
- To adopt energy conservation practices so as to achieve sustainable agriculture
- To conserve biodiversity using modern forest management approaches.

Target groups:

Women and Youth

Achievements:

- Awareness campaign programmes were conducted in the communities and built community ownership systems for sustainable forest management in the Kalakpa Resource Reserve in the Abutia community.
- Establishment of community fire volunteer groups in the communities to prevent bush fires
- Community members were trained in bee-keeping, snail farming, post harvest loss, handling and the establishment of an apiary and technical support for individuals undertaking their own projects.

Future plans:

- To build community ownership system for sustainable forest management
- To establish communal participation in programs of re-forestation, agro-forestry, volunteerism in bush fire prevention and promotion of alternative economic activities and the development of eco-tourism.
- Provision of start up funds to farmers to implement various projects in which they will be trained.

Major source of funds:

- GSE of Berlin supported us during the construction of our community Sec/Technical School in Abutia.
- Benefited from EU/GOG/DCP capacity development programs and training in alternative income generation activities.

AFRICA ENVIRONMENTAL REGENERATION MOVEMENT (AFERM)

Contact person:	Daniel Fianu-Dezor, Project Manager
Postal address:	P.O. Box HP 177, Ho, Volta Region
Office Location:	Sokode Gbogame, via Ho
Telephone/Fax:	091 27534
Total permanent staff:	33
Years in operation:	Nine years (1994)
Activities in the regions:	Volta Region, Eastern Region, Greater Accra Region

Mission:

Reforestation of the Volta River Basin and its inlet tributaries as the Oti, Afram, Dayi, Asukawkaw and Tsanow rivers through:

- Raising of timber, agro-forestry, herbal and ornamental seedlings with schools, churches, women/youth groups NGOs, farmer groups, local communities
- Promoting the establishment of timber, agro-forestry plantations, herbaria, avenue trees, orchards, woodlots
- Community animation and education on the value and importance of trees to man and the environment
- Promotion of income-generation activities such as nurseries, grass cutter domestication, bee-keeping, snails and mushrooms

Objectives:

- Plant nurseries for plantations establishment
- Establish/promote plantations
- Promote NTFP income-generation projects
- Promote animal husbandries, wildlife sanctuaries etc.

Target groups:

Communities on the basins of river basins, schools, churches, NGOs, women and youth groups.

Achievements:

- Established nurseries in 59 schools, 28 churches, 38 communities, 8 NGOs, several youth/women groups (14) etc.
- Established timber plantations (12) agro-forestry (9) herbal (4) projects in several communities in the Volta, Eastern and Greater Accra regions.
- Promoted animal husbandries, wildlife sanctuaries and fish ponds, apiaries etc.

Future plans:

- Creation and promotion of the Voltarian Basin Forest
- Establish more animal sanctuaries.

Major source of funds:

- Income-generating projects
- Support from Forestry Commission
- ITTO Support

AFRICAN WORLD FOUNDATION FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (AWFHD)

Contact person:	Ekow Beecham
Postal address:	P.O. Box 2352, Accra
Office location:	80 Kpakpo Brown Road, Korle Gonno
Telephone/Fax:	021 684791 / 021 684791
E-mail:	afriworld@yahoo.com
Total permanent staff :	Twelve
Years in operation :	Four years
Active in the regions:	Greater Accra, Eastern, Ashanti and Western Region

Mission:

AWFHD is to reduce the vicious cycle of poverty by creating agricultural mechanisation to help upgrade the farmers. We want to enhance collaboration with farmers who try to destroy the forestry reserves in order to make them aware of the dangers ahead.

Objectives:

- To accelerate the socio-economic development by creating awareness of problems facing people in the community
- To create employable skills among the youths
- To enhance efficiency within the agricultural sector as well as the forestry sector.

Target groups:

The targeted groups are mainly the youth, women, men and traditional rulers within the district. The district has been given an environmental and forestry education at the community levels. I think it has also created some kind of awareness in the area.

Achievements:

So far AWFHD has achieved a lot by training some of the youth to engage themselves in afforestation and also to serve as peer educators on pertinent issues.

Future plans:

Our future plan is to focus mainly on agro-forestry and to create viable condition for people who want to be trained in the agro-forestry plantation within the country.

Major source of funds:

Specifically, funds are contributed by members of the organisation to facilitate the work of the organisation. We are now seeking for funds from international donor agencies.

AGENCY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (ASD)

Contact person: Mr. Fred Agbogbo
Postal address: P.O. Box MA 382, Ho, Volta Region
Office location: First floor of SIC Building, near Goil Filling Station, Ho
Telephone/Fax: 024-207402, 091 27621 / 26092
E-mail: agenforsudev@yahoo.co.uk
Total permanent staff: Four
Years in operation: Five (1998)
Active in the regions: Volta Region and Easter Region

Mission:

ASD seeks to help improve the living standards of the rural poor, needy communities and the unfortunate in society. ASD is committed to promoting togetherness, human resource development, women self-empowerment, girl child education and encouraging community partnership, to transform the structure of society in the interest of social cohesion, gender equity and sustainable socio-economic development.

It aims at encouraging and empowering people particularly, the youth and women in distressed and needy communities to take up the challenges of their own existence and ensuring self sufficiency; and therefore reducing their vulnerability to many human and societal obstacles or challenges.

Objectives:

- Encouraging conservation and sustainable exploitation of the environment
- Education and campaigns on reproductive health, HIV/AIDS/STDs and drug or substance abuse
- Advocacy for gender equity and human resource development
- Food security and self-sufficiency

Target groups:

People in deprived and needy communities, the rural poor and other unfortunate people in society: with particular attention to the youth and women

Achievements:

- Educated and sensitized 39 rural communities on HIV/AIDS and family life education; community afforestation; youth and cottage industry development, girl-child education and entrepreneurship for junior secondary school students.
- Organised 200 families into bee-keeping groups, 45 women into ginger and vegetable farming as well as tree planting, in 5 Adaklu communities.
- Has undertaken project leading to the bio-diversity conservation of the Adaklu mountain and its environment
- ASD in partnership with Heifer Project International, Ghana has presented 500 beehives with accessories to 100 farmers in five communities

Future plans:

In three to five years time, ASD hopes to operate a mutual guarantee scheme on all target beneficiaries of all projects it would execute until then; and the benefits passed on to new target groups. Also ASD aims at promoting project activities that are environmentally friendly, economically viable, socially just, culturally acceptable and beneficial to human health as a remedy to achieving sustainable development.

Major source of funds:

- Internally generated funds (membership dues and fundraising)
- Donor assisted funding

ASSISTING DEPRIVED ZONGO COMMUNITIES AND NORTHERN REGIONS OF GHANA (ADZCNG)

Contact person: Judith Baffoeson
Postal address: ADZCNG, P. O. Box 4761, Kumasi
Office location: Asafo, Kumasi Opposite FIDA
Telephone/Fax: 051 – 20075
E-mail: ADZCNG@yahoo.com
Total permanent staff: Six
Years in operation: One year (2002)
Active in the regions: Ashanti region and Northern region

Mission:

ADZCNG is earmarked for the quest of finding the various bottlenecks that has engulfed the less privileged Zongo communities and Northern regions of the country and to adopt pragmatic and sustainable measures that will influence the total eradication of such problems.

Objectives:

- To assist in the pursuit of education of HIV/AIDS
- Improve the quality of education of the girl child
- Improve the environmental conditions and sensitise the target group on the effects of land degradation
- To enhance women's activities to improve the quality of lives through participation in decision-making and access and control over resources, skills and benefits in the Zongo and Northern regions.

Target groups:

The Zongo communities and Northern regions of Ghana and the female porters (*Kayayei*)

Achievements:

- We have been able to engage thirty (30) unemployed *Kayayei* in the Kumasi metropolis into useful ventures such as batik tie and dye making, soap making, weaving etc.
- We have also gone round most of the basic schools and secondary schools in the Zongo communities and Northern regions of Ghana to create the awareness on the need to preserve and conserve the environment
- Sensitisation and education projects on the HIV/AIDS menace (in progress)
- Helping combat the north-south migration of the youth (on going)
- Formation of youth clubs and female clubs to help educate the other populates.

Future plans:

- To liaise with the Forestry Commission to undertake a major project in the tree planting/afforestation exercise.
- To widen the base of training for these female porters
- To help combat the menace of AIDS and help in the effective use of family planning methods to cut down the population growth

Major source of funds:

From our own purse but that hasn't been enough.

BOWIRI RURAL RADIO FORUM (BRRF)

Contact person: Christian Konadu
Postal address: P.O. Box 339, Legon, Accra
Office location: Bowiri Lacham, Volta Region
Telephone/Fax: 021 238192
Years in operation: Four years (1999)
Active in the regions: Volta region

Mission:

To galvanise the youth to take advantage of the resources around them so as to extricate themselves from the abject poverty they find themselves engulfed in bearing in mind the need to do so on a sustainable level, to assist slam the breaks on the persistent downward trend of education in the area as well as help mitigate the spread of HIV/AIDS pandemic among the youth and by so doing minimizing its attendant socio-economic cost to the society.

Objectives:

- To help the youth go into income generating activities such as bee-keeping, snail rearing, batik tie and die, kente weaving, palm oil production, local soap manufacturing and palm kernel oil production.
- Assist individuals or groups go into economic trees and agro-forestry plantations
- Help facilitate the development of eco-tourism
- Zealous pursuit of AIDS/HIV education campaign
- To properly nurture and sustain the first cycle schools already established.

Target groups:

Private individuals, CSOs, CBOs, religious bodies, educational institutions, opinion leaders, traditional leaders, farmers, assembly members, wild honey hunters, commercial sex practitioners, peer groups, chainsaw operators

Achievements:

- NGO established 15-acre teak plantation out off 200 acres acquired for that purpose at Kwamekrom and also has a 10-acre palm plantation which is fruiting at Bowiri Amanfro
- A 35-member women's group annually assisted to produce palm oil on commercial basis
- Established and running a first cycle school as a result of the persistent and very poor academic performance by the public schools at BECE level over the years in the area.
- Palm seedlings bought for 13 farmers to establish one acre each of palm plantation as a pilot scheme.

Future plans:

- It is the aim of our NGO to expand the 15-acre teak plantation at Kwamekrom to 200 acres.
- One other area that the NGO is seriously looking at with eagle eyes is to encourage and assist farmers go into economic trees and agro-forestry plantations
- We plant to pursue an aggressive AIDS/HIV education campaign.
- To expand the first cycle school already in place to a second cycle institution.
- To link up with relevant bodies both governmental and non-governmental to open the area up for eco-tourism.

Major source of funds: -

CARE INTERNATIONAL

Contact person: Fiona Percy
Postal address: P.O. Box C 2487, Cantonments, Accra
Office location: No 3., 6th Ringway, Ringway Estates, Accra
Telephone/Fax: 021 781412/781413225920/226001 Fax: 023 7012196
E-mail: Percy@caregog.org
Total permanent staff: 90 in Ghana, of which 10 are professional staff in the ANR programme
Years in operation: 8 years (1994)
Active in the regions: Western, Brong Ahafo, Northern, Upper East for ANR programme

Mission:

To support equitable and sustainable development by enabling the underprivileged to realise their potential, exercise their rights and strengthen linkages with broader society.

Objectives:

Major intervention areas for CARE are Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR), Health and HIV/AIDS education, Small Economic Activities Development and Basic Education and Civil Society. The ANR programme goal is to contribute to poverty reduction in Ghana through sustainable livelihoods for poor and marginalised rural families who depend primarily upon natural resources. This is to be achieved through 3 main objectives:

- Civil Society and others effectively supporting sustainable land, agriculture and natural resource practices by poor rural families
- Organised, effective and equitable local management of natural resources benefiting poor natural resource users
- An effective network of Ghanaian Civil Society institutions representing, coordinating and advocating for the natural resource concerns and rights of poor rural families at local, regional and national level

Target groups:

Ultimately: Underprivileged, marginalised and poor natural resource dependent families in the 4 Regions. Indirectly, civil society organisations (CBO, local NGOs and development organisations).

Achievements:

Food Security in North-East Corridor of Ghana Project

This project addressed food security issues in the most marginalised areas of Ghana where short and unpredictable agricultural seasons and increasing population are significant constraints. The project built the capacity of small-scale farm families to adopt improved livelihood strategies in a dynamic environment thus increasing their household food security. Outcomes are:

- Increased capacity of farm households and communities to develop and practice productive and sustainable agriculture
- Increased capacity of households and groups to access services and resources to support farm and off-farm activities
- Sustainable food security networks, collaboration systems and improved linkages established among service providers for integrated and community demand-responsive service provision

2. Wenchi Livelihood Security and Natural Resource Management Project (WEDLAN)

This project facilitates the improvement of livelihood security of poorer rural households through sustainable and equitable agricultural development and natural resource management using a rights-based institutional capacity building approach with actors involved in agriculture and natural resource management in the district. It focuses on sustainable environmental management by the farming communities where environmental degradation in the area has caused a shift in the ecology from

forest to transitional woodland and savannah which also changed cropping systems significantly compelling farmers to abandon cocoa growing and take on new crops.

Issues addressed are

- bush fire management, soil fertility management and non sustainable fishing
- piloting community based development planning linked to traditional institutions and District level planning with local actors
- evolution of traditional authority roles and responsibilities for land and natural resource management integrated with community and local government efforts.

3. Gwira Bansa Joint Forest Management Project (GBJFMP)

Situated in the high forest zone between the Draw and Fure forest reserves, the project area is an important corridor for biodiversity conservation which also falls within a timber concession area. This is an area of conflicting rights and demands where stakeholders with varying interests in forest resources are not organising together, forest sector policies and customary rules excludes settler farmers who have no voice, from rights of access to and benefits from high value forest products, stool land owners are not getting their fair share of benefits from timber and non timber revenues thus encouraging deforestation and loss of valuable forest resources.

The project facilitated

- stakeholders to build a common vision for sustainable forest resource management for the project area aiming for development of more equitable sharing of benefits,
- capacity building of CBOs to organise together to lead their development process, develop community voice to have a say in development issues affecting them and strengthen linkages with local government structures
- improved production and marketing of agricultural products and NTFPs from sustainable farm forest production systems

Future plans:

The ANR programme is scaling up from implementing location specific projects directed at alleviating poverty at specific areas to working with others to address the underlying causes of poverty through a holistic approach which involves understanding civil society from the perspective of local people, working with the traditional authorities and partners, lower branches of local government structures, community based organisations and local NGOs, strengthening civil society and developing capacity for advocacy.

Major source of funds:

DANIDA through CARE Danmark

CENTRE FOR FAMILY CARE AND DEVELOPMENT

Contact person: Mr. Amos Kusi
Postal address: P. O. Box BP 308 Kumasi
Office location: Plot 23, Block D, Abrepo Kumasi
Telephone/Fax: 020 8155925
E-mail: amoskusi@yahoo.com
Total permanent staff: Four
Years in operation: Two years (2001)
Active in the regions: Ashanti Region

Mission:

To improve and sustain the educational, health and socio-economic needs of rural families and the under-privileged in Ghana.

Objectives:

- To empower the rural communities and the disadvantaged families economically through capacity building and employable skills
- To provide appropriate and quality health care
- To provide educational and employment opportunities to the rural youth

Target groups:

Youth (10 – 30) and women (15 – 45years)

Achievements:

- HIV/AIDS education
- Employable skills to 20 youth
- Community mobilisation

Future plans:

- To establish afforestation
- To provide employable skills to 40 street children

Major source of funds:

Own resources and donor support

CENTRE FOR MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT (CMCM)

Contact person:	Lawford Boateng Acheamfuor
Postal address:	P.O. Box 6229, Kumasi
Office location:	1 st Floor, Darko Farms Building, Adum, Kumasi
Telephone/Fax:	051 28264
E-mail:	acheamfuor@yahoo.co.uk
Total permanent staff:	Five
Years in operation:	Two years (2001)
Activities in the regions:	Ashanti Region

Mission:

To improve and sustain the educational, health and socio-economic needs of the rural youth in Ghana.

Objectives:

- To provide appropriate and quality reproductive health information and services to the youth in Ghana
- To promote sustainable management and development of forest resources
- To provide educational and employment opportunities to the rural youth
- To address practices that affect the rights of the child.

Target groups:

Youth (10 – 30 years) and women

Achievements:

- Trained 58 Peer-Educators
- Involved schools in tree planting
- Trained 25 street children in employable skills

Future plans:

- To acquire degraded lands for re-forestation
- To establish a nursery to raise seedlings for out-growers
- To solicit for funds to finance our programmes

Major source of funds:

Donor support and own resources

CLEAN BEACH AND DEVELOPMENT

Contact person: Justice Kojo Tsekpo
Postal address: P.O. Box JT 162, James-Town, Accra
Office location: JamesTown and Kotobabi - Accra
Telephone/Fax: 028 202093
E-mail: tsekolove@yahoo.com
Total permanent staff: Six
Years in operation: Three years (2000)
Active in the regions: Greater Accra and Volta Region

Mission:

- To educate communities against the dangers of negative environmental practices
- To help communities to conserve, protect and make efficient use of natural resources without destroying the environment
 - To create awareness for the importance of sustainable development of biodiversity
 - Environment health and sanitation promotion
 - Beach cleaning and ecological restoration around degraded water bodies
 - Youth training on environmental issues
 - To promote sustainable tree planting culture in towns and villages

Objectives:

Educational programmes on environmental issues, Sensitize communities, Encourage re-forestation

Target groups:

Environmentally degraded areas, schools and farmers/fishermen

Achievements:

- Awareness creation has been achieved
- Beach cleaning is on-going
- Tree planting
- Environmental healthy and sanitation programmes in Jamestown, Kotobabi and Alavanyo in the Volta Region

Future plans:

Sustain our programmes and move into the rural areas for environmental programmes that will help reduce poverty.

Major source of funds:

Voluntary contribution by members. District Assemblies, Community participation

COMMUNITY AGRICULTURE PROJECT

Contact person: Mr. Richard A. Eshun
Postal address: P.O. Box 95, Daboase Western Region
Office location: Daboase M.W. E. D.
Telephone/Fax: 031 27453
E-mail: Cap2gh@yahoo.com
Total permanent staff: Five
Years in operation: Four years (1999)
Active in the regions: Western region

Mission:

To bring about the sustainable development in farming communities

Objectives:

To develop rural child and women, sensitise the organic farming in farming communities

Target groups:

Rural folk

Achievements:

- Provided gari processing machine to a community last year
- Built 80 and above farmers' capacity through technical support in various communities last two years
- With the liaison of the District Assembly, we have been able to sensitise 56 communities on community owned rural water and sanitation project

Future plans:

Women in development, girl child education in some selected schools, animal improvement programme

Major source of funds:

German Development Service (DED)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCE ENHANCED GROUP (CODEG)

Contact person: Mr. Justice Kwaku Bediako
Postal address: P.O. Box MA30, Ho, Ghana
Office location: National Head Office; Ho SIC Blick, Ground Floor Room 5, Opposite Goil Filling Station or ECG Ltd.
Telephone/Fax: 091 28690
Total permanent staff: Ten
Years in operation: Eight years (1995)
Active in the regions: Volta, Eastern, Greater Accra, Upper East/West

Mission:

To facilitate participatory processes in improving the socio-economic well-being of mankind through sustainable Natural Resource Management and use for which women and children serve as agents of behavioural change and channel of information dissemination.

Objectives:

- To assist in holistic development of mankind through capacity building training activities towards wealth creation
- To enhance environmental protection through sustainable development, climate change and biodiversity conservation
- To empower women through training and micro-finance

Target groups:

Women and children, district Assemblies, faith-based organizations, traditional authorities, CBOs and other grass-root organisations

Achievements:

- Trained over 82 water and sanitation committees in the Volta region under DANIDA-Community water and sanitation agency sponsorship
- Trained 65 farmer-based organisations under World Bank sponsored village infrastructure projects
- Assisted in establishing 18 school/community based plant nurseries and plantations
- Formed 92 women groups under a project named 'The African Women in Sustainable Development' dubbed 'AWOSAD'

Future plans:

- By 2010 every community in Ghana would have benefited from the AWOSAD project
- Every AWOSAD beneficiary would have been linked to funding agency to undertake sustainable development project

Major source of funds:

- Contributions and subscriptions from members and friends
- Consultancy services that we render for which we receive payments

CONCERN FOR HUMANITY AND NATURE CENTRE (CHANCE)

Contact person: Evans Bibi Yao Mensah, Executive Director
Postal address: P.O. Box HH 232, Hohoe, Volta region
Office location: Hohoe, near the butcher's shop
Telephone/Fax: 0953 22678
E-mail: bibiyaw@mail.com
Total permanent staff: Two
Years in operation: Five years (1998)
Active in the regions: Volta and Central Regions

Mission:

Our overall mission is to address community and national concerns in the field of sustainable human development and nature conservation at all levels. By the next ten years, CHANCE hopes to accelerate all the areas of human development, environmental protection and improvement of the livelihoods of our people by directing our energies towards this vision with our organisation as the key animator.

Objectives:

- To promote all area of human development
- To promote the conservation of natural resources and environment
- To promote sustainable agriculture
- To promote rural development in our area
- To promote cultural diversity in our project communities

Target groups:

Grass roots communities, Women, First and second cycle schools

Achievements:

- Awareness on the importance of environmental protection in 12 of our project communities has been created
- Four identifiable groups have adopted organic farming and agro-forestry practices through our project initiative
- Three of our project communities have established a total of 15 acres of woodlots.

Future plans:

- To intensify our educational campaign in the communities on bush fires and environmental protection
- To establish a tree nursery to raise seedlings for our tree program
- To introduce energy conservation through the use of fuel wood – efficient mud cook stoves and coal pots
- To protect the mountain ecosystems in our area by promoting land use practice on mountain slopes in order to protect habitats

Major source of funds:

- Members contributions
- Project income-generation activities
- Fund raising in project communities
- Local churches support

CONCERNED CITIZENS ASSOCIATION OF GHANA (CCAG)

Contact person: Joseph Yaw Aidoo, National President
Postal address: P.O. Box M 609, Accra
Office location: Amasaman – Greater Accra Region
Telephone/Fax: 020 8123068
Years in operation: eight years (1985)
Active in the regions: Eastern, Brong Ahafo, Ashanti, Central, (Nation Wide)

Mission:

Tree planting and awareness, education campaign in first cycle schools and the public.

Objectives:

- Controlling environmental population
- Participation in community development and general voluntary activities
- Promoting mass education programs
- Propagating and dissemination of information on policies and programmes

Target groups:

Farmers, educational institutions, district assemblies, fire service and forestry commission

Achievements:

More awareness on environmental protection has been created on our target groups.

Future plans:

To sustain our programmes and ensure that Ghana is green

Major source of funds:

Membership dues, The Forestry Commission and the District Assemblies

COOPERATION FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (CARD)

Contact person: David Sowatey
Postal address: P. O. Box 742, Cantonments, Accra
Office location: Adenta, along main Madina/Adenta Road, near E. P. Church, Adenta
Telephone/Fax: 021-510790/505315 Fax: 501988
E-mail: davesowatey@yahoo.com
Total permanent staff: Five
Years in operation: Two years (2001)
Active in the regions: Volta Region

Mission:

To improve economic and social well-being of low-income rural dwellers through self-help enterprise development and empowerment process.

Objectives:

- Integrate rural small holder agricultural production of food crops into animal/agro-forestry system as an alternate to traditional shifting cultivation;
- Establish nursery for trees, fruit crop and wildlife to supply good stock of inputs to community members

Target groups:

Low-income small holders and institutions

Achievements:

- Produced report on the agricultural situation in the North Volta – Jasikan, Kadjebi, Nkwanta and Krachi districts.
- Five acres of land acquired at Kordibenum – Kadjebi for nursery establishment – 2nd quarter of 2003.

Future plans:

- Restore fertility of degraded lands in the Kadjebi district
- Form community environmental groups including institutions on the district
- Provide training in nursery establishment and agro-forestry

Major source of funds:

Gifts, donations, fund raising (income generating activities)

ECUMENICAL ASSOCIATION OF SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (ECASARD)

Postal address: P.O. Box 772, Madina, Accra
Office location: Madina - Atomic Road
Telephone/Fax: 021 502673
E-mail: ecasard@africaonline.com.gh
Total permanent staff: Twelve
Years in operation: Ten years (1993)
Active in the regions: Greater Accra, Brong Ahafo, Ashanti, Eastern, Central, Western and Volta Region

Mission:

Ecasard is a networking NGO of community based organisations (CBOs) and farmers organizations (FOs) on sustainable agriculture and rural development, agro-forestry, organic farming, gender issues and off-farm activities like bee-keeping, mushroom production livestock etc.

Objectives:

Networking, capacity building, advocacy and lobbying

Target groups:

Community based organisations, farmer organizations, organic farmers

Achievements:

Networking with many NGOs on sustainable agriculture in organic farming and agro-forestry

Future plans:

Make sure that many farmers adopt the system of organic farming, agro-forestry to save the environment and farmers encouraged to off-farm activities like livestock, bee-keeping, grasscutter and mushroom production

Major source of funds:

Donor partners from Germany and Holland as well as local contribution, e.g. EED, ICCO, Miseose.

EDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Contact person: Theresa Maa Ohui Vondey
Postal address: P.O. Box KN1948, Kaneshie, Accra
Office location: Orgle Road, North Kaneshie
Telephone/Fax: 021 237783
E-mail: edenghana@yahoo.co.uk
Total permanent staff: Three
Years in operation: Four years (1999)
Active in the regions: Greater Accra, Ashanti, Northern and Western Regions

Mission:

Our mission first of all is to remind the entire Christendom about our divine call to 'work and keep the earth' Gen. 2:15 and then to all the nations of the world about working at saving important species from getting extinct.

Objectives:

- Hands on protection and preservation of important ecological habitats
- Solicit support for the management of protected areas
- Facilitate the initiation of and support the management of community based natural resource management programmes

Target groups:

Communities, women and children, churches, students

Achievements:

- Sensitised the Christian community in Accra, Kumasi and Mole and Murugu
- Elephant count at Draw River Forest Reserve and Disur Forest Reserve
- Conservation project in the North (ongoing) community-based
- Collaboration with NRM Platform (Mognare and Mwugu)

Future plans:

We plan to manage water catchments and facilitate the conservation of energy community based tourism, resource replacement.

Major source of funds:

Membership and donations from our members, donations from affiliates and international donors

ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT YOUTH MOVEMENT (EDYM)

Contact person: Paul Yao Kpai
Postal address: Edym Village, P.O. Box 05, Have Etoe, Volta region
Office location: Have – Etoe Volta Region
Telephone/Fax: 091 27370 / 27970
Total permanent staff: Eight
Years in operation: Ten years (1993)
Active in the regions: Volta region

Mission:

To mobilise the youth in the conservation of nature and to fight against desertification by undertaking reforestation projects and promote rural development through cottage industries, entrepreneurial skills, reproductive health, HIV/AIDS and environment education.

Purpose: To regenerate and protect the natural environment and its inhabitants

Vision: Education, training, advocacy and demonstration projects

Value: In harmony with life and rural development

Objectives:

- Adopting environmentally friendly pursuits to fight poverty environmental education, training, conservation and promotion.
- Mobilising rural funds for rural development
- Reproductive health for youth including HIV/AIDS
- Build capacities in sustainable livelihood activities

Target groups:

In and out of school youth

Achievements:

- Formed sixty in-school environmental clubs
- Raised distributed and planted over 500,000 tree seedlings since inception
- Undertaking sustainable livelihood projects in conjunction with CBUD
- Facilitating the WETO communities forest conservation project
- With support of Peace corps-Ghana, constructing livelihood training centre under the EDYM Village projects
- Engaged training of various youths on reproductive health HIV/AIDS
- Facilitated the formation of the EDYM Co-operative credit Union targeting peasant farmers and youth.

Future plans:

- Make EDYM Resource Centre Operation by 2005
- Establishment of Woadze Afforestation / Agro-forestry project (1000 hd) by 2005
- Consolidate the EDYM Cooperative Credit Union with a Health Insurance programme by 2005
- Extend CBUD-EDYM partnership to 5,000 beneficiaries by 2005
- Youth to be fully educated on HIV/AIDS by 2004 close in the district
- Raise 200,000 seedlings between 2004 and 2005
- Establish Moringa Plantation of 5 acres by close of 2003

Major source of funds:

Bread for the World, Germany, tree seedlings sold, secretarial services, donations, Ghana AIDS Commission, Ghana Cooperative Credit Union Ass (Gh.) Ltd. and fundraising

ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIC FARMERS AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES

Contact person: Pascal Noumado
Postal address: P.O. Box A. S. 272, Asawasi, Kumasi
Office location: Asawasi Community Centre, Kumasi
Telephone/Fax: 051 29950 / 051 29950
Total permanent staff: Four
Years in operation: Four years (1999)
Active in the regions: Ashanti Region

Mission:

To promote food security and natural resources friendly agricultural practices

Objectives:

To facilitate access to agricultural information;

- to advocate for improvement in extension services
- to sensitise member organizations to promote organic agriculture
- to lobby for change of unfavourable agricultural policies and practices
- to promote internet communication among members

Target groups:

Government, platform and other net work, donors, farmers, researchers, consumers and agro processors

Achievements:

Sustainable management of flora and fauna to enhance improved livelihood and sound environment

Future plans:

- Well-informed membership participation and meaningfully influencing issues, relating to biodiversity conservation
- Members will be equipped with knowledge and skills to influence/promote sustainable alternative livelihood

Major source of funds:

So far, no funding from any agency or donors but we raise funds from our members for projects, i.e. member contribution

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ASSOCIATION OF GHANA (EPAG)

Postal address: P.O. Box AS Asawasi, Kumasi
Office location: Asawasi Community Centre, Kumasi
Telephone/Fax: 051 29950, 027 7883637
E-mail: envprotass@yahoo.com
Total permanent staff: Eleven
Years in operation: Sixteen
Active in the regions: Asanti and Brong Ahafo Regions

Mission:

Vision: To provide Ghana especially the Ashanti Region with self-sustainable environment and health which guarantees generally a decent and comfortable life

Mission: To encourage, support and provide activities which promote environmental and health sustainability in Ashanti, Brong Ahafo and Ghana as a whole

Objectives:

Promote an environmentally conscious society and ecologically sound sustainable development.

Target groups:

Schools, youth, women adults and communities

Achievements:

- Establishment of a ten-community afforestation programme
- Reproductive health education in five communities
- Training of one hundred farmers in agro forestry, afforestation and income generation
- Protection of Jachie sacred grove
- Management training for six community project implementation committees
- Training of eighty peer educators on HIV/AIDS

Future plans:

- To establish a central nursery
- Capacity training of staff
- Payment of staff salaries
- Environmental education
- Maintain existing programmes/projects
- Fund raising

Major source of funds:

Dues, contributions, donors

FRIENDS OF THE DISADVANTAGED ELDERLY AND CHILDREN (FRIDEC)

Contact person: Mr. Kwami Adanu
Postal address: P.O. Box MA 315, Ho, Volta Region
Office location: Ho, VORADEP Village
Telephone/Fax: 091 26167
E-mail: fridecoffice@yahoo.com, frideczoo@yahoo.com
Total permanent staff: Two
Years in operation: Five years (1998)
Active in the regions: Volta region

Mission:

Friends of the Disadvantaged, Elderly and Children (FRIDEC) seeks to improve upon the living conditions of the physically challenged, women, aged, children and unemployed youths. The aged are very much depended upon as community agents for change on environment, social and economic issues. This is in view of their wealth of knowledge on these issues.

FRIDEC works with communities and individuals interested in innovative ventures and applying useful ideas to sustainable livelihood activities such as agriculture, agro-forestry, skills training and health care.

Objectives:

- Create environmental awareness in rural communities
- Promote agro-forestry as a means to ensuring biodiversity and sustainable management of environmental resources in collaboration with partner NGOs and institutions
- Provide artesian skills to the unemployed youths
- Promote children's education at the basic level
- Provide quality health care for the disadvantaged in rural communities

Target groups:

Youths, physically challenged, women, children, aged

Achievements:

- Created environmental awareness in 24 schools and 36 communities with positive results
- Nursing, planting and managing three acres teak plantation, two acres woodlot for wood fuel production
- Documenting information from the aged on environmental, social and economic issues.

Future plans:

- Expand on environmental awareness activities in communities not yet covered in the next five years.
- Focus limited resources on existing project communities for optimum results within the next four years.

Major source of funds:

Contributions from members, inputs from forum project, Ho

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH – GHANA

Postal address: Private Mail Bag, General Post Office, Accra
Office location: Opposite Emmanuel Eye Centre, East Legon, Accra
Telephone/Fax: 021 512312
E-mail: foeghana@africaonline.com.gh, foe@ghana.com
Total permanent staff: Fifteen
Years in operation: Seventeen years (1986)
Active in the regions: Ashanti, Central, Greater Accra, Upper West, Brong Ahafo, Eastern, Northern and Volta Regions

Mission:

- Campaigning for environmentally sustainable development, protection of Ghana's environment and enhancement of people's quality of life.
- Campaigning on trade and environmental issues at national, regional and international levels to help ensure that international trade policies take the environment into consideration.
- FOE-Ghana projects and programmes include biodiversity conservation, forestry, climate change and energy use, combating desertification, sustainable fisheries, agriculture, mining issues, gender and environment.

Objectives:

- To undertake environmental education of various groups such as local communities, local government and policy-makers
- To initiate, stimulate and support community actions to protect their environment
- To collaborate with other environmental and development organisations for achievement of common objectives

Target groups:

Rural communities, teachers and students, policy-makers, women groups, media practitioners

Achievements:

- The role of FOE-Ghana in the collective effort to protect the environment is widely acknowledged and appreciated by the Ghana Government and the NGO community
- The primary objectives of FOE-Ghana's environmental education programme have been generally achieved.
- Collaboration with local communities (Ayiem, Asuogyia and Aketenchie in the Western Region of Ghana in managing community forest resources)

Future plans:

Intensification and expansion of FOE-Ghana's projects and programmes at grassroots, national, regional and international levels

Major source of funds:

Donors

FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL ZOO (FONZ)

Contact person: Ms. Gytha Nuno
Postal address: P.O. Box 30420, KIA, Accra
Office location: Accra Zoo, Kanda
Telephone/Fax: 021 776551 Fax: 021 775043
Total permanent staff: Two
Years in operation: Ten years (1993)
Active in the regions: Greater Accra and Western Regions

Mission:

To promote the zoological gardens in Ghana as centers for conservation, education and breeding of endangered species.

Objectives:

- To promote and support the development of the zoological parks in Ghana for the purposes of education, recreation, conservation and scientific study
- To foster the use of the national zoos by the general public and schools for educational purposes
- To support communities in habitat areas of highly endangered species in alternative economic activities

Target groups:

Students, business organisations and the general public

Achievements:

- Construction and equipping an education center with library attached
- Building of animal clinic complex
- Rehabilitating of
 - reptiles terrarium
 - West African dwarf crocodile enclosure
 - cold Store
- Acquisition of twelve new species
- Installation of new water distribution system

Future plans:

- To reach out to the rural areas with poverty reduction programmes, particularly areas fringing habitat areas of highly endangered species
- To open the Kumasi Charter of FONZ
- To establish a FONZ Club in many schools

Major source of funds:

- Corporate dues
- Adult membership dues
- Benefactors donations
- Fund raising activities like dinner dance

GHANA ASSOCIATION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF NATURE (GACON)

Contact person: Joseph Mmwaura
Postal address: P. O. Box KS 12790, Kumasi, Ghana
Office location: Ayigya (Tech. Junction), Kumasi
Telephone/Fax: 024 217074
E-mail: gacon_gh@hotmail.com
Years in operation: Fourteen years (1989)
Active in the regions: Brong Ahafo, Ashanti and Western region

Mission:

Conservation and projection of biodiversity in Ghana through working with local communities to protect their habitat.

We do appreciate that Forest (indigenous) is a unique home to biodiversity – All the more the need to conserve it.

Objectives:

- To protect and conserve threatened, rare and endangered species in Ghana by protecting their natural habitats.
- To raise awareness of environmental problems and carry out public education campaigns
- To help rehabilitate and maintain local reserves of remnant forests i.e. sacred grooves or burial grounds in close consultation with local communities
- To train and educate local communities to improve fallow farmlands to supplement local requirements for forest products
- To establish and maintain links with local and international bodies concerned with nature conservation

Target groups:

Local communities, (women, men, youth) and others, people groups, students in schools and colleges

Achievements:

- Environmental conservation campaigns with schools and colleges (KNUST, UCC, CRNR, Opoku Ware, Ridge, OLA Girls, among others) have been carried out and environmental clubs and nature conservation clubs started.
- Fuel efficient wood stoves (fews) have been established in more than 100 households in Brong Ahafo Region
- Green Fire Breaks (by use of tree planting and vegetable growing) have been established
- Two nature trails established in two project sites for ecotourism development initiative
- Leaflets and flyers on conservation and ecotourism have been published and dispatched to most hotels on tourist maps

Future plans:

- We intend to develop ecotourism as a long term tool for nature conservation
- Plant Acacia and other seedlings for fire break systems in the sacred groves in Brong Ahafo
- Continue environmental/nature conservation campaigns in schools and colleges

Major source of funds:

Members' subscriptions, GEF and TRP-IUCN (occasionally)

GHANA ORGANIC AGRICULTURE NETWORK (GOAN)

Postal address: P.O. Box 6342. Kumasi.
Office location: Opposite Cadbury Hall, off Lake Road
Telephone/Fax: 051 20954
E-mail: goan@wwwplus.com
Total permanent staff: Eight
Years in operation: Eight years (1995)
Active in the regions: GOAN operates in all the ten regions of Ghana.

Mission:

GOAN promotes organic/ecological agricultural practices among the resource poor rural and peri-urban farmers in Ghana, to ensure environmental sustainability, conservation of biological diversity, maintenance of soil fertility and improvement of the quality and quantity of food produced as well as the income levels of the small scale farmers.

GOAN is a national agricultural network, currently boasting of 144 full memberships comprising Local NGOs, Farmer Based Organisations (FBO), Community-Based Organisations (CBOs), Interested Farmers, Farmer Associations and Farmer Groups that has been organised by GOAN. The 144 memberships are total about 8,640 individual members, with 48 associate members across the 10 regions of Ghana.

Objectives:

The objectives of GOAN includes the following:

- To bring together interested NGO's, farmer groups, institutions and individuals who have been working in the ecological and environmental sectors, but in isolation, to share information, knowledge, ideas and experiences
- To ensure sustainable food production, improve household incomes, food self-sufficiency, healthy environment and enhancing biological diversity in the farming systems to safeguard the natural heritage for long-term food security.
- To set up a resource / documentation centre to collate, process and disseminate global information, agricultural enterprise building, indigenous knowledge and experiences
- To look at other concerns such as the development of local markets for organic produce and establishment of a local inspection and certification body to enhance export of organic produce thereby providing income generation for organic farmers.
- Establishing research programs in collaboration with institutional bodies to look into organic methods and indigenous knowledge of pest and disease control, and soil fertility building methods suitable for promotion under the different Ghanaian agro-ecological conditions.

Target Groups:

Resource poor farmers, small , medium, large scale and commercial farmers, Community Based Organization (CBO), NGOs, Farmer Based Organization (FBO), Schools and Colleges.

Achievements:

Succeeded as partners in creating national awareness on the benefit of organic and sustainable agriculture.

Future plans:

Improve collaboration with stakeholders in development.

Source of Funds:

Depends in charitable organisations.

GHANA WILDLIFE SOCIETY (GWS)

Postal address:	P.O. Box 13252, Accra
Office location:	Accra Conservation Education Centre Adjacent to the Efua Sutherland Children's Park, Accra
Telephone:	021 665197, 021 663500
E-mail :	wildsoc@ighmail.com
Website:	www.ghanawildlifesociety.org
Total permanent staff:	47 (74)
Years in operation:	Eighteen years (1970-1975, 1991 to date)
Active in the regions:	Greater Accra, Eastern, Western, Central, Volta, Ashanti and Brong Ahafo regions. Though GWS does not have offices in the three northern regions it has some Wildlife Clubs in those regions.

Mission

The Society is a non-governmental, non-political, non-profit making and membership based organization, which seeks to conserve wildlife in all its forms to ensure a better environment and improved quality of life for all people. Specifically, our mission is to promote the conservation (protection, management, and wise use) of wildlife in all its forms (plants, animals and their habitats). Currently, our focus is on education and public awareness, advocacy, community based natural resource management and research.

Objectives

The Society aims to do the above through the following objectives:

- Initiating and supporting projects which address specific wildlife problems
- Undertaking public awareness and conservation education programmes
- Promoting the conservation of wildlife protected areas
- Encouraging research on wildlife, environmental protection and conservation.

Target groups

Our programmes are targeted at everybody in the country and the youth in particular.

Achievements

- Winning the 2001 Best Environmental NGO in Ghana, awarded by the Ministry of Environment and Science
- Establishing over a 1000 Wildlife Clubs with over 80,000 membership in schools and communities throughout the country
- Being the only environmental NGO to establish of two community nature reserves in the country. These are the Afadjato-Agumatsa Community Forest Conservation Project in the Volta Region and the Amansuri Community Integrated Development (ACID) Project in the Western Region. These are being implemented with the chiefs and people of Gbledi and Fodome Ahor and the chiefs and people of Nzema West Traditional Areas respectively.
- Identifying 67 Important Bird Areas (IBA) in Ghana, 36 of which are Globally Significant.
- Conducting and documenting a survey of birds in Accra and its environs
- Undertaking Marine Turtle Conservation Programmes in the Greater Accra and Western Regions.
- Developing a Biodiversity Management Plan for the Atewa Range Forest Reserve, it would become the only reserve with a biodiversity management plan in the country when implemented.
- Conducting ecological studies and monitoring wetlands along the coast of Ghana every year.
- Carrying out regular visits to schools and communities using talks, films etc to get conservation message across to people.
- Publishing the NKO magazine for wildlife clubs and Bongo News (Society newsletter) at least twice in a year.
- Organizing national programmes to mark 2002 International Year of Mountains (with the FAO).

- Organising programmes to mark 2003 World Wetlands Day (jointly with Centre for African Wetlands, Wildlife Division and the Forestry Commission

Future plans

- Turn the two community reserves into a first class tourism destination in the country.
- Establish functioning Wildlife Clubs in most schools in the country.
- Expand the marine turtle conservation programme to cover the entire coast of Ghana.
- Help more communities to establish nature reserves.
- Help develop biodiversity management plans for forest reserves and protected areas in the country.
- Continue with coastal wetlands monitoring along the coast of Ghana.
- With the support of the VRA, GWS will be helping the Wildlife Clubs in the Asuogyaman District plant trees along the banks of the Volta Lake.

Major source of Funds

Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), the Dutch Government through its Embassy in Accra, Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund, Global Environment Facility.

HATOF FOUNDATION

Contact person: Samuel Confidence Dotse (Chief Executive Officer)
Postal address: P.O. Box CS 8257, Tema, Ghana
Office location: Community 18 Junction on Spintex Road, near Texpo
Telephone/Fax: 027 7530086 Fax: 022 308943
E-mail: hatof61@hotmail.com
Total permanent staff: Five
Years in operation: Four years (1999)
Active in the regions: Volta and Western Regions

Mission:

Our mission is appropriate education in schools, communities and by everybody on the human inter-relationship with and responsibility for the environment especially forest ecosystem. We believe a key to sustaining livelihoods, reducing poverty is by conserving the environment (biodiversity).

Objectives:

- Promote sustainable use of forest resources to enhance the conservation of forest biodiversity.
- Enhance and improve the technical capacity of management staff in handling biodiversity projects and programmes locally.
- To promote capacity-building for members at national and international levels.
- To establish 200 acre agro-forestry plantation

Target groups:

Women and youth, students and children

Achievements:

- Participated in the workshop on the theme 'underlying causes of deforestation and forest degradation in Ghana'. Organisers: CSIR, Ghana Institute of Biology, Institute of Cultural Affairs
- Sixth meeting of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CAP – 6)
- 3rd Meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (The Netherlands)
- Global youth forum on Environment and Nature (Denmark)
- Established 7 acres of teak, 7 acres of mango (Hohoe District)
- 1st Annual International Youth Activists Conference

Future plans:

- To increase our present agro-forestry plantation from 21 to 63 acres by 2004
- To launch a project on the theme "PLANT GHANA" by September 2003
- To provide 100 beehives to five hundred unemployed young adults in Kledjo, village the Volta Region

Major source of funds:

CIVA - UK

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL MONITOR

Contact person: Baah Danquah
Postal address: P.O. Box 203, Sakumono, Tema
Office location: Sakumono
Telephone/Fax: 020 8122984
Total permanent staff: Five
Years in operation: Two years (2001)
Active in the regions: Eastern Region

Mission:

To assist the government to address the numerous problems in health and environment sectors.

Objectives:

- Addressing problems in environment e.g. Reforestation
- Addressing problems in Health Sector e.g. HIV/AIDS
- Awareness campaign among the youth

Target groups:

Rural communities, farmers, women, youth and children

Achievements:

Through community participation, 25 hectares of degraded forest reserves near Pimpianso in Fanteakwa district has been planted with various tree species.

Future plans:

Continuation of rehabilitation of degraded forest reserve
Continuation of HIV-AIDS awareness campaign in JSS Schools in Fanteakwa District

Major source of funds:

So far the NGO has been self funding.

HUMANITARIAN CARE AND RELIEF ORGANISATION (HUMANCARE)

Contact person: Kwesi Attah
Postal address: P.O. Box DS 1806, Dansoan, Accra
Office location: Lmako building 47, GA Mashie Street, opposite Wato Club, Accra
Telephone/Fax: 021 671294/317959
E-mail: humancaregh@yahoo.co.uk
Total permanent staff: Thirteen
Years in operation: 18 years (1985)
Active in the regions: Ashanti and Greater Accra regions

Mission:

HUMANCARE's mission is to support, facilitate and build the capacity of marginalised and vulnerable groups in the rural areas, by engaging them in sustainable development projects in the areas of agro-forestry, conservation, agriculture, health and education. Our aim is to help the rural people grow wealth and at same time address the global depletion of the Tropical High Forest (THF).

Objectives:

- To reforest the degraded Bandai Hills Forest Reserve.
- To address the problem of unsustainable management and rapid decimation of the country's forest resources and promote public awareness on the need for environmental protection.
- To increase the forest sector's contribution to the speedy alleviation of poverty in the rural areas by improving the productive capacity of farmers and women through training and technical assistance.
- Create avenues for and facilitate access to health, education and information in the rural communities.
- To create advocacy for HIV/AIDS prevention and support for people living with the disease (PLWHA).
- Conservation of *Talbotiella gentii* (a highly important tree species occurring only in Ghana).
- Train the rural unemployed in sustainable income-earning enterprises.

Target groups:

The target group and beneficiaries of our projects are the rural poor, farmers, the unemployed youth women and children and People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA).

Achievements:

- Replanted 64 hectares of degraded lands of Bandai Hills Forest Reserve with Teak and Cedrilla (2000 - 2001).
- Conducted environmental protection and tree planting campaigns in schools and communities in the Ashante-Akim North District of the Ashante Region (1999).
- Distributed relief items to Sahelian and Liberian refugees in conjunction with Department of Social Welfare. Items were supplied by the Catholic Relief Service (CRS) and the United Nations
- High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) (1988/1994).
- Created two women co-operatives in Agogo for the cultivation of plantain and tomatoes (1986/1987).
- Organised HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention campaign, and undertook hospital visitation programmes to provide care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS at Agogo (2002). Funds provided by the Ghana AIDS Commission.

Future plans:

- To expand our reforestation project to cover 650 hectares of the degraded Bandai Hills Forest Reserve, which was acquired from the Forestry Commission, within 10 years.
- To integrate into the project alternative livelihood and income-generating enterprises such as snail and grasscutter rearing, bee-keeping, and mushroom cultivation.

- Provide care and support for PLWHA's and AIDS orphans.
- To establish Community Schools and Health Posts in deprived areas.

Major sources of funds:

Contributions from Directors, Ghana AIDS Commission, incomes from sales of tree seedlings.

INTERNATIONAL NETWORK FOR BAMBOO AND RATTAN (INBAR)

Postal address: P.O. Box 982 UP KNUST, Kumasi
Office location: At the premises of Forestry Research Institute of Ghana in Fumesua, some 15 kilometres from Kumasi on the Accra Road
Telephone/Fax: 051 60310
E-mail: inbar@africaonline.com.gh
Website: www.inbar.int
Total permanent staff: One in Ghana
Years in Operation: One year (2002)
Active in the regions: Nationwide (theoretically), for now: Central, Eastern, Ashanti and Western region

Mission:

The International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR) is an international organization created by 27 Member States of the United Nations, and has Headquarters in Beijing, China. Through a growing Network of participating organizations and individuals from all continents, INBAR develops and assists in the transfer of appropriate technologies and solutions to benefit the peoples of the world and their environment.

Objectives:

- Transfer of Technology
- Promote and develop the Bamboo and Rattan sector
- Awareness creation

Target groups

Everybody who is interested in bamboo

Briefly state the major goals achieved so far

- TRADE FAIR, March 2002, exposition of bamboo handicrafts and applications.
- Seminar on the development of the bamboo sector, March, with BARNET.
- Seminar on the cultivation and propagation of Bambusa Vulgaris, Asim Fosu, March 2002.
- Workshop on bamboo weaving in Accra, July 2002. Facilitator was trained by INBAR in China.
- BARADEP workshop for awareness raising, Western region, December 2002.
- Workshop on bamboo housing, Tanzania, December 2002.
- Workshop on bamboo housing, Kumasi, Ghana, 30 March-4 April 2003.
- Construction of a bamboo school in Fumesua, in collaboration with BRR
- Start of a bamboo industry community project together with CARE, 2003

Future plans:

The Technology Information Centre (TIC) will start working effectively in the new building in June 2003 at the International Forestry research Centre in Kumasi. Books, documents, CD's and photos for the TIC have been collected. In addition, the TIC will expose audio-visual information, including several videos, CDs and photos of INBAR activities in Ghana, Tanzania and China. This 'bamboo library' will be accessible for the public as per March 2003.

INBAR will continue to support BARNET, BARADEP and other parties in their efforts to develop the bamboo sector in Ghana.

Sources of funds:

IFAD
Government of the Netherlands

KUMASI INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT (KITE)

Contact person: Mr. Solomon Kojo Quansah
Postal address: P.O. Box KS 6534, Adum, Kumasi
Office location: 4th Floor SSNIT Office Complex Annex. Harper Road, Adum, Kumasi
Telephone/Fax: 051 36568/9 and 33824 Fax: 051 33824
E-mail: info@kiteonline.net
Website: www.kiteonline.net
Total permanent staff: Thirteen
Years in operation: Six years (2001)
Active in the regions: Ashanti, Greater Accra, Brong Ahafo

Mission:

To influence policy formulation and implementation in favour of sustainable development through research, training, project development and implementation in energy, technology and environmental issues, in partnership with other leading local and international organisations.

Objectives:

- Promote decentralised energy systems for productive uses in rural and peri-urban areas;
- Promote an enterprise-centred approach as a viable option for the delivery of energy services;
- Enable local and regional institutions to access climate change-related resources for socio-economic developments;
- Support integration of the public benefits imperative into power sector decisions;
- Facilitate the targeted diffusion of information and communication technologies in the national economy for accelerated development; and
- Develop local and international knowledge-based partnerships for sustainable energy and technological development.

Target groups:

Our target group is the poor. Our target area is Energy, Environment and Technology (reducing poverty through these).

Achievements:

KITE has successfully run many projects aimed at reducing poverty. Through research KITE has come out with many publications and books that have contributed to the reduction of poverty in Ghana.

Future plans:

We aim to develop as many projects as possible in the following programme areas:

- Energy, gender and poverty
 - Multi functional platforms
 - Clean energy enterprise development –AREED
- New and emerging technologies – ICTs
- Knowledge absorption and diffusion.

All aimed at becoming a best-practice organization committed to the achievement of poverty-free Ghana and Africa.

Source of funds:

Mainly the multilaterals : World Bank, UNEP, CFO etc

LIFE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (LIDEFO)

Contact person: Rev. Silas Tsivanyo
Postal address: P.O. Box MA 202, Ho, Volta Region
Office location: Opposite SIC, Ho
Telephone/Fax: 091 27010
E-mail: lidefo2002@yahoo.com
Total permanent staff: Three
Years in operation: Three years (2000)
Active in the regions: Volta Region

Mission:

Towards building a supportive environment in the sustenance of life and development

Objectives:

- Build capacities for the youth to appreciate, protect and conserve the physical environment
- Promote environmentally friendly sustainable agricultural practices to fight poverty
- Promote reproductive health and HIV/AIDS amongst the youths.

Target groups:

Youth

Achievements:

- Two hand-dug wells provided to Wudese Community in Ho District
- Kente Weaving training center established at Ho with six (6) trainees
- Environmental education and training for communities and CBOs at Kissiflui Kpogadzi
- Central tree nursery project ad Kissiflui Kpogadzi with capacity of 50,000 tree seedlings established

Future plans:

- 100 acres of land acquired for afforestation project to conclude project by 2009
- To provide seedlings to fifteen (15) communities around Kissiflui Kpodi for planting by 2004
- Carry on the campaign for environmental and forestry protection
- Increase tree seedling capacity to 100,000 by 2004

Major source of funds:

Life Development Foundation (LIDEFO), German Development Service (DED) – Funded two hand-dug wells at Wudese.

MAKEDONIA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Postal address: P.O. Box MA 283, Ho, Volta Region

Office location: RTC, Ho

Total permanent staff: Five

Years in operation: Six years (1997)

Active in the regions: Volta Region

Mission:

- To promote women in agriculture in the rural areas to sustain themselves
- To educate the youth to have sustainable skills
- To promote agro-forestry in the rural areas
- To curb the menace of HIV/AIDS in the rural areas

Objectives:

- To establish a broad based forum for rural women and youth to broaden members' understanding and knowledge about the environmental issues
- To educate the rural folks about HIV/AIDS

Target groups:

Women and the youth in the rural areas

Achievements:

- We are being able to plant two acres of teak trees in town communities.
- We have been able to train 40 peer educators to disseminate information to their peers on HIV/AIDS.

Future plans:

We want to extend our activities in agro-forestry in our catchment areas because the desertification is becoming a problem to the public.

Major source of funds:

We recently had funds from GARFUND for our HIV/AIDS programmes

NATURE CONSERVATION RESEARCH CENTRE (NCRC)

Postal address: Executive Director, P.O. Box KN 925, Kaneshie, Accra
Office location: 7/29 Main Street, Tesano, Accra
Telephone/Fax: 051 231765
E-mail: nrcr@ghana.com
Website: www.nrcr.org.gh
Total permanent staff: Fourteen
Years in operation: Seven years (1996)
Active in the regions: Upper East, Upper West, Brong Ahafo, Ashanti, Eastern, Volta and Western region

Mission:

NCRC is a Ghanaian non-profit, private voluntary environmental organisation implementing nature conservation initiatives in order to promote a greater awareness of and protection for the nature and wild spaces of Ghana and ultimately the West African sub-region.

NCRC implements its mission by conducting practical nature conservation research, implementing nature conservation projects and building Ghanaian human resource capacity in the field of nature conservation.

Objectives:

- To develop a network of community-owned and operated conservation areas around the country
- To develop a multi-circuit network of ecotourism destinations covering all regions of the country
- To make Ghana the premier research destination in West Africa for the natural sciences

Target groups:

NCRC works with the rural communities to develop the Ecotourism potentials through conservation of natural and wild life resources. NCRC works in collaboration with Peace Corps Volunteers in implementing its activities at the community level.

Achievements:

Community conservation activities:

- Indigenous tree species re-forestation projects at three community sanctuaries in Volta and Eastern regions including Krobo Mountain Community Sanctuary, Tafi Atome Monkey Sanctuary and Wli/Agumatsa Waterfalls and Sanctuary (completed in 1999),
- Establishment of Wechiau Community Hippo Sanctuary in Upper West Region together with the Wechiau Paramountcy, communities, Wildlife Division and Ghana Tourist Board. The Calgary Zoological Society and Earthwatch Institute have supported this project. (started in 1998),
- Establishment of Red Volta Community Elephant Reserve together with, Wildlife Division, Forestry Services Division, communities and the District Assemblies. Technoserve and Canada Fund have supported this project. (on-going since 1998).

Environmental education and awareness activities:

- Development of a series of supplementary children's readers on 'Wild Animals of Ghana' for the primary school system in collaboration with Ghana Education Service and the Ministry of Education (completed 1998),
- Development of supplementary teachers' resource manuals for environmental studies for the basic school system in collaboration with Ghana Education Service (to start),
- Socio-cultural assessment of conservation norms and practices at Tafi Atome Monkey Sanctuary, Tafi Atome, Volta Region (completed 1997),

- Ethnographic study of the communities of the Wechiau Community Hippo Sanctuary (completed in 2000).

Ecotourism activities:

- Community-based eco-tourism project working with seventeen communities in seven regions in conjunction with Ghana Tourist Board and Peace Corps. Project sites include Wechiau, Kusanaba, Boabeng-Fiema, Tano-boase, Bobiri, Bonwire, Adaklu Helekpe, Liati Wote, Tafi Atome, Nsuta-Mampong escarpment, Bunsu, Wassa Domama, Paga, Amedzofe, Wli, Akatsi and Cape Three Points (on-going from 1995),
- The Ghana Ecotourism Website on the World Wide Web (WWW) www.ncrc.org.gh to market the ecotourism destinations of Ghana on the Internet. (on-going since 1998), Development of the Adela Klu Wildlife Museum at Akatsi, Volta Region in collaboration with the Akatsi District Assembly, the Adela family and the Volta Region Tourist Board office (to start),

Natural sciences research activities:

- Genetic tissue sampling for DNA analysis of Ghanaian mammals, particularly bovids, in collaboration with Centre for Tropical Bio-diversity, Institute of Population Biology, University of Copenhagen (completed 1998),
- Comparative genetic (DNA) tissue studies of the True Mona monkey (*Cercopithecus mona mona*) in collaboration with the Windward Islands Research and Education Foundation, Grenada to determine genetic variation between populations of the species that have been isolated for over 500 years (completed 1998),
- Facilitate a soil-arthropod diversity and forest remnant trees research project at Boabeng-Fiema Monkey Sanctuary with PhD candidate from University of Connecticut (completed 1998),
- Population census of True Mona Monkeys (*Cercopithecus mona mona*) at the Tafi Atome Monkey Sanctuary, Tafi Atome, Volta Region (completed 1997),
- Facilitate a study on Oribi (*Ourebia ourebi*) in Ghana with PhD candidate from University of Wisconsin (completed 1999),
- Collaborative study of the effective of bushfire in the Red Volta Valley of Upper East with M Phil candidate from University of Aberdeen (completed 1999),
- Facilitate a study of Geoffroy's Pied Colobus (*Colobus vellerosus*) in Ghana with PhD candidate from University of Calgary (starting in 2000),
- Facilitate a study of swallows and barbets in Ghana with Museum of Ornithology at Louisiana State University (completed in 2000),
- Survey of the presence of Sitatunga (*Tragelaphus spekei gratus*) in the coastal lagoons of the Volta Estuary (pending),

Future plans:

To increase the number of ecotourism destinations developed by 20%

Sources of funds:

USAID

NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLATFORM

Contact person: Sam Anyimadu-Amaning
Postal address: P.O. Box MB 532, Ministries, Accra
Office location: Kankam House, Nsawam Road, Accra
Telephone: 021 258887 Fax: 021 245609
E-mail address: platform@wwwplus.gh
Total permanent staff: One
Years in operation: Two (2001)
Active in the regions: all regions

Mission:

To be the lead network in natural resources management in Ghana in mobilizing human and financial resources for the management of natural resources in Ghana.

Objectives:

Enhance the effectiveness and influence of NGOs working in the field of natural resources management in Ghana that share the overall goal of protecting, rehabilitating and sustainably managing land, forest, water and wildlife resources in Ghana through collaborative management, to sustainably increase the economic and social benefits to those who own and/or utilise these resources.

Target groups:

NGOs, CBOs, rural communities in and around forests and water resources, government and donors

Achievements:

- Establishment of national secretariat,
- capacity building/training programmes,
- fact-finding visit on forest certification for six members of network to Papua New Guinea,
- post Papua New Guinea workshop in forest certification
- collaboration with Ministry of Lands and Forestry

Future plans:

Increase membership, more training programmes for members, strengthen secretariat with more paid and professional staff, establish website and resource centre.

Sources of funds:

Donors, members, embassies, development partners.

ODA-KOTOAMSO COMMUNITY AGROFORESTRY PROJECT (OCAP)

Postal address: C/O Samartex, P. O. Box 1, Samrabo
Office location: Samartex Administration Offices
Telephone/Fax: 0394 2200 / 0394 22015
E-mail: oforiyaw@yahoo.com
Total permanent staff: Five
Years in operation: Six years (1997)
Active in the regions: Western Region, Wassa-Amenfi District

Mission:

Development of degraded off reserves through Agro-forestry, reduction in shifting cultivation, improvement of livelihood needs of farmers, building capacity of small and medium scale farmers.

Objectives:

- Promoting sustainable natural resource management within a forest environment
- Facilitate forest and biodiversity conservation
- Facilitate the development of alternative sources of income for the rural population

Target groups:

Small and medium scale farmers

Achievements:

- Rehabilitation of 350Ha of degraded land through Agro-forestry and afforestation
- Reduction of shifting cultivation
- Capacity building of farmers through workshops
- Research into NTFPs, example *thulimatococus danielli*

Future plans:

- Processing and cultivation of essential oils
- Cultivation of medicinal plants
- Cultivation of non-timber forest products
- Incorporation of HIV-AIDS education into schools, churches
- Collaboration activities among others

Major source of funds:

Solely sponsored and financed by SAMARTEX Timber and Plywood Company Ltd.

PARTICIPATORY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (PACODEV)

Contact person: Emmanuel Abaween, Programme Coordinator
Postal address: P.O. Box 6, Sandema, Upper East
Office location: Central Lorry Station, Sandema, UER
Telephone: 072 23942 Communication Centre (Emmanuel Abaween)
Fax: 021 668871 (Attn: Oscar Kanwille)
E-mail: pacodev@yahoo.com
Total permanent staff: Three, five-member board (Chaired by a woman)
Years in operation: Four years (1999)
Active in the regions: Upper East Region, Builsa District

Mission:

To bring hope and productive social and economic support to women, children, the marginalized and excluded rural and town poor through participatory planning and implementation for sustainability.

Objectives:

- To promote the benefit of the inhabitant of Ghana without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organizations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants;
- To promote the relief of poverty and sickness, advance education and protect and preserve health, particularly, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, of refugees who are in condition of need, hardship, sickness isolation or distress by reason of their social and economic circumstance or as a result of local, national or international disaster and problems.
- Promote the protection of the natural environment and such other charitable projects that will promote poverty reduction through viable and sustainable micro-enterprise/finance development and any other development issues as may from time to time be determined.

Target groups:

- Women, especially single mothers/female household heads
- The youth (School leavers)
- The physically challenged
- Support to needy and brilliant children
- Support to female entrepreneurs

Achievements:

- Has mobilized some communities in Builsa and Kassena Nankana Districts
- Has initiated contacts with the Kassena Nankan District Assembly for two boreholes in Naga Community to establish an Integrated Natural Resources Use and management Centre for Sustainable Youth Employment based on Ecological Agriculture and Tree growing. A CBO has been formed and a Bank Account opened at Navrongo Rural Bank.
- Has undertaken HIV/AIDS awareness campaigns in Builsa District in preparation towards a 1-year HIV/AIDS project to be undertaken soon. A 200 million cedis contract has been signed with the Ghana AIDS Commission.
- Has carried out 'Women in Governance' workshops in collaboration with CODAC International, a UK based NGO.
- Has been able to raise funds for operations:-
 - Fundraising in 2002: 34 million cedis
 - Funding from GAC in 2003: 200 million cedis
 - Fundraising in 2003: 25.35 million cedis

Future plans:

- Management of HIV/AIDS projects
- Consultative Meetings with District Assemblies
- Sensitisation visits to Communities

Major source of funds:

- Directors contributions
- Fundraising
- Donor support

OLOF PALME PEACE FOUNDATION

Contact person: Herman Osabutey
Postal address: P.O. Box MP2990, Mamprobi, Accra
Office location: D7, Dantu Lane, Awudome Estates, near Kaneshie Sports Stadium
Telephone/Fax: 021 – 220932 Fax: 021 – 234 663
E-mail: oppfgh@yahoo.com
Total permanent staff: Ten
Years in operation: Seventeen years (1986)
Active in the regions: Ashanti, Greater Accra, Central regions

Mission:

Our mission is guided by the spirit of the United Nation's principles demonstrating humanity's capacity for united action in health, education, environmental protection, agriculture and the welfare of children, the youth, women and the aged.

Objectives:

We are committed to fostering world peace, security and sustainable development.

Target groups:

The youth, children, women and the aged in the rural and forest areas

Achievements:

We have been involved in tree growing exercise in the Central Region actively for 1998/1999

Future plans:

To get actively involved in reforestation programs especially in the denuded areas in the mining regions with the support of mining companies.
We also intend to get involved in other activities geared towards the regeneration of the forestry and environment sector under the supervision of the Forestry Commission.

Major source of funds:

Currently, no external funding. In fact, not funding at all. Previous exercise has been our own source of funding but dwindled.

RICERCA E COOPERAZIONE

Contact person: Mrs. Cofie / Ms. Potakey
Postal address: P.O. Box LG 348, Legon, Accra
Office location: 16 Church Crescent, Labone, Accra
Telephone/Fax: 021 782090 783969 Fax: 021 761369
E-mail: rcghana@ghana.com
Website: www.ricercaecooperazione.org
Total permanent staff: 59
Years in operation: Sixteen years (1987)
Active in the regions: Western, Greater Accra, Eastern and Ashanti region

Mission:

To enhance sustainable livelihood of the rural poor through

- Integrated rural development – (rural housing schemes, income generation, agriculture, primary healthcare, water and sanitation etc.)
- Environmental protection/integrated coastal zone management, forestry – community forestry
- Institutional strengthening and capacity-building (human Resource development, education etc.)

Objectives:

- To promote, plan and implement development initiatives in developing countries
- Initiate studies/research and analyse the environmental impact of action in developing countries with particular attention to ecological, economic, cultural and social issues
- Build capacity of individuals, institutions and CBOs, to sustain development initiatives
- Promote and facilitate dialogue between relevant institutions and deprived communities as such as improve international relationships between the North and South

Target groups:

Poor rural communities, individual rural households, women's groups, farmers' groups, community-based organisations (CBO), local NGOs, government departments, street children

Achievements:

- Enhanced public participation on integrated coastal zone management (ICZM) in the coastal areas of the Western Region
- Enhanced exotic timber species planting in the Sefwi Wiawso District
- Enhanced dialogue among Forestry Stakeholders at district, regional and national levels

Future plans:

To enhance our capacity to work with rural communities on environmental-forestry issues

Major source of funds:

- Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- European Commission
- Agence Francaise de Development
- World Bank
- Japan Government

RURAL ACTION FOR THE POOR (RAFTEP)

Contact person: George Ayapong
Postal address: P.O. Box SK 769, Sakumono Estates, Tema
Office location: Sakumono – Lashibi Road, Opposite Aklika
Telephone/Fax: 022 404460/61
Total permanent staff: Ten
Years in operation: Seven years (1996)
Active in the regions: Volta and Greater Accra Regions

Mission:

To provide humanitarian services to the people so as to uplift their standard of living in order for them to maximize their contributions to national developmental efforts

Objectives:

- Galvanise the energies of the rural communities towards the development of rural agro-forestry programmes and projects
- Developing the capacities of rural groupings to execute effectively and efficiently agro-forestry and environmental activities
- Improve the income-generating efforts of the rural poor

Target groups:

Rural communities, women farming groups, landowners in rural settings, rural youth

Achievements:

- Developed farm groups to cultivate black pepper and cashew - 20 acres
- Cultivated tree plantation (50 acres) with teak cedrela and acacia
- Assisting women farming groups to cultivate cash crops like rice, sugar cane, okro and garden eggs

Future plans:

- To expand the tree plantation in terms of acres cultivated
- To obtain concession for the purpose of developing agro forestry plantations in degraded forest reserve areas
- To extend women farming groups to other areas

Major source of funds:

Contributions of members, sale of harvested agricultural products, support from forestry commission/forum, and donations from local/foreign funding agencies

RURAL DEVELOPMENT YOUTH ASSOCIATION (RUDEYA)

Contact person: Kofi Kyerematen Tieku
Postal address: P.O. Box BP 14, Bohyen, Kumasi
Office location: Agyekum House No. O.T.B. 312 Adum, Kumasi
Telephone/Fax: 051 37031
E-mail: rudeya@africaonline.com.gh, rudeya2000@yahoo.com
Total permanent staff: Twenty
Years in operation: Thirteen years (1990)
Active in the regions: Ashanti and Brong Ahafo region

Mission:

To improve the standard of living of men, women and the youth of its target communities, through programmes designed to sustainably manage natural resources and enhance reproductive health.

Objectives:

- To improve and support community based forestry programmes.
- To promote primary health care programmes.
- To support HIV/AIDS and reproductive health education and services.

Target groups:

Forest fringe communities, school and out-of-school youth

Achievements:

- Establishment of over 100 community forest committees in the Atwima District in the Ashanti Region and Asunafo District in Brong Ahafo.
- Establishment of over 500 acres of small holder timber plantations.
- Three hundred farmers assisted to develop NTFPs in snail farming, mushroom cultivation, beekeeping and grasscutter rearing

Future plans:

To develop pilot projects in timber off-cuts and eco-tourism

Sources of funds:

ICCO, Netherlands
CORDAID, Netherlands
VIP, District Assemblies

RURAL INTEGRATED LITERACY AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (RILADEP)

Contact person:	Mr. Mark MAWAN
Postal address:	P. O. Box SB 13, Saboba, Northern region
Office Location:	Head Office – Saboba, Northern region Sub Offices: Kintampo, Atebubu, Brong Ahafo region and Kpassa, Volta region
Telephone/Fax:	0744 22308
Total permanent staff:	Thirty Two (32)
Years in operation:	Sixteen (16) years (1987)
Activities in the regions:	Northern Region, Northern Volta Region and Brong Ahafo Region

Mission:

RILADEP exists to improve the living standards of the target population in the literacy districts through intensification and expansion of functional literacy drives, promotion of income-generating activities, environmental protection and spiritual development

Objectives:

To contribute to the reduction of environmental degradation through;

- Conscientization and awareness creation of the effects of the environmental degradation in all three RILADEP literacy districts
- To provide and facilitate training sessions and ensure that beneficiaries acquire skills needed for nursery preparation and tree growing.

Target groups:

Landowners and settler farmers are both targeted. RILADEP target populace include, community groups comprising men and women and youth. These groups could be separate or mixed and are usually assisted with seedlings, skills, training, soft loans and necessary materials by RILADEP. Beneficiaries groups are 25 with a membership of about 500 people.

Achievements:

With its afforestation programme, RILADEP has so far established one nursery at Saboba and supplied about twelve seedlings to community groups and individual. A training on nursery preparation has been organized for group members.

Target groups have also been given credit facilities, soft loan and bee-keeping materials. Public education and campaign against bush fire and tree planting organized.

Future plans:

- To intensify and consolidate ongoing afforestation programme with the aim of establishing (2) two more nurseries at Atebubu and Banda.
- To assist target community establish woodlot in Saboba.
- Assist farmer groups with more loans and bee-keeping materials
- Collaborate with other stakeholders in optimizing operations in Forestry Sector.

Major source of funds:

- Local contribution by the community members through "annual harvest"
- Income generating projects e.g. guest house and photocopier
- External donors & partners support e.g. Christian Aid, London, Action Aid Ghana.

SAVANNAH ECO-TOURISM FOUNDATION

Contact person: Mr. Bawa Idrissu
Postal address: P.O. Box 608, Obuasi
Office location: Obuasi
Total permanent staff: Twenty
Years in operation: 1 (2003)
Active in the regions: Ashanti and Northern Region

Mission:

- To protect the wild animals in our forest zone
- To encourage the rural folk to do grasscutter and rabbit farming
- To preserve the wild animals in our forest through educational programmes
- To engage the rural folk in the renewal of the depleted forest zone

Objectives:

- To engage the rural folk in the renewal of the depleted forest zone in the savannah areas
- To protect the wild animals in our forest zone
- To encourage the rural folk to undertake grass cutter and rabbit farming
- To protect wild animals in our forest zone through educational programmes

Target groups:

- Farming groups
- Youth groups
- Women groups
- Resource persons

Achievements:

Because it is a new NGO we have not achieved any goals so far but we are yet to achieve and hope that we will achieve our goals.

Future plans:

- To conserve our forests and animals for future uses.
- Checking illegal ways of cutting trees and bush burning.
- Rearing of animals for future uses

Major source of funds:

Contribution of Director at Obuasi and friends of the NGO in America

SAVE MANKIND FOUNDATION

Contact person: Mr. Ibrahim Tijani
Postal address: P.O. Box 325, Akropong - Akuapem
Office location: Akropong – Akuapem, near Akuapem North District Assembly
Telephone/Fax: 024 520729
E-mail: tijaniro@yahoo.com
Total permanent staff: Five
Years in operation: Thirteen years (1990)
Active in the regions: Eastern, Brong Ahafo, and Northern region

Mission:

To organize, educate and sensitise the populace on good health and environmental practices for the benefit of mankind now and in the future.

Objectives:

- To engage in income-generating activities
- To encourage agro-forestry
- To engage in HIV/AIDS campaign
- To encourage in campaign in gender related issues.

Target groups:

Farming groups, youth groups, women groups

Achievements:

- Establishment of woodlots at Mangoase, Konko and selected schools in the Akuapem North District.
- Undertaken numerous HIV/AIDS campaign in communities, schools and institutions

Future plans:

- To engage in community sensitisation on maintaining healthy environmental practices.
- To undertake agro-forestry in the Northern Region
- to continue HIV/AIDS education

Major source of funds:

- Contributions
- Support from the Akuapem North District Assembly

SAVE THE FUTURE FOUNDATION

Contact person: Nana Kesse Ntim-Adu
Postal address: P.O. Box 24, Nsawam
Office location: Nsawam Central
Telephone/Fax: 0832 22040
E-mail: steffghana@yahoo.co.uk
Total permanent staff: Four
Years in operation: Three years (2000)
Active in the regions: Eastern Region

Mission:

To empower the general public on environmental and health related issues

Objectives:

Promote environmentally friendly society and health development in Ghana

Target groups:

The general public, women, youth, security personnel schools

Achievements:

Through our efforts we have been able to cultivate teak tree plantation and educate the masses of Nsawam to the pollution of the Densu River

Future plans:

We have planned going into agro-forestry and animal domestication

Major source of funds:

Contribution from members of the organization which is inadequate

SNV GHANA NETHERLANDS DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION

Postal address: P.O. Box KA 30284, Accra
Office location: 6 Mankata Close, Airport Res. Area, Accra
Telephone / Fax: 021 7012440-1 Fax: 021 772332
E-mail: netmail@snvghana.org
Website: www.snvworld.org
Total permanent staff: International advisors (14), national advisors (16), support staff (18)
Active in the regions: Western region and Volta region

Mission:

Within the objective of structural poverty reduction in Ghana, SNV supports capacity building of local organisations in their institutional environment. It does so through the provision of technical assistance and by entering into partnership relations with these organisations.

Objectives:

SNV combines the need for technical assistance in the areas of Natural Resources Management and Local Governance with support to institutional and organisational development.

Within the Natural Resources Management Policy framework of the Government of Ghana, SNV provides assistance to the introduction of Community Based Natural Resources Management and to capacity building of organisations in this field.

An example of SNV's assistance in this field:

- Several Technical advisors of SNV are working with the Wildlife Division to support the introduction of Community Based Wildlife Management in Ghana. Services delivered by the advisors are among others:
- Capacity building support to the Collaborative Management Unit
- The training of Wildlife Division staff on community participation and management
- Advising communities on their role in community wildlife management

Target groups:

Local organisations in the area of community based natural resource management, local governance and economic development

Achievements:

Some of the highlights of 2002 were:

- Successfully phasing out of externally financed project activities;
- New Support to the Local Governance team has been established in the Volta region, while the other teams strengthened their team structure and enhanced their team performance;
- SNV Ghana's relationship with partner organizations has changed a lot. Informal feedback from partners show that they do appreciate this more advisory type of relationship and the support they receive in analyzing their own organization as well as in the change process they are going through, even though (or maybe even because) it is not linked to direct funding. 4. The number of partner organizations/platforms SNV Ghana works with increased from 24 to 33 while the quality of the relationship improved considerably.

TREES FOR THE FUTURE, GHANA

Contact person: S.K. Kuwornu (CEO)
Postal address: P.O. Box NT 374, Accra-Newton, Ghana
Office location: Opposite Rural Housing, Food Research Institute Road, Okponglo
Telephone/Fax: 021 512590; 027 7414495 Fax: 021 512591
E-mail: treesfuture@yahoo.com
Total permanent staff: Eight
Years in operation: Six years (1997)
Active in the regions: Accra, Central and Eastern Region

Mission:

To help curtail the rate of deforestation and improve the livelihood of the people dependent directly on forest and forest products through reforestation programmes and transfer of technologies by introduction of 'alternative uses concept'. Trees are the 'lungs' of the earth hence their multiplication, sustainable use and their existence for posterity.

Objectives:

- To help undertake massive reforestation programmes to restore Ghana's vegetative cover at a faster rate than the current deforestation activities
- To improve the livelihood of rural and forest fringed communities by transfer of technologies.
- To inculcate the habit of tree planting and growing in school children, students and the youth.
- To find alternative source of income for the rural women folk.

Target groups:

Farmers, school children, youth and women

Achievements:

- 127 hectare plantation development along the Weija dam
- 15 hectare plantation in the Eastern Region
- Establishment of Nursery at Asamankesi, Central Region
- Education and talks to students and school children in Greater Accra Region, Eastern Region and Central Region.
- Construction of KVIP in the Central Region

Future plans:

- Plantation development along the Weija Dam at a rate of 100 hectares per year
- Form Clubs in four secondary schools in each of the three regions every year
- Introduction of grass cutter, snail, goat and sheep rearing as well as bee-keeping in communities in the three regions for the next three years.

Major source of funds:

BAT – Ghana

TROPENBOS INTERNATIONAL – GHANA (TBI-GHANA)

Postal address: P.O. Box UP 982, KNUST, Kumasi
Office location: at the premises of Forestry Research Institute of Ghana at Fumesua, some 15 kilometres from Kumasi on the Accra Road
Telephone/Fax: 051 60310
E-mail: Tropenbos@idngh.com
Website: www.tropenbos.org
Total permanent staff: Nine
Years in operation: Two years (2001)
Active in the regions: Brong-Ahafo and Ashanti regions

Mission:

To provide distinctive scientific input into the sustainable management of Ghana's high forest resources for the benefit of people, through local and international cooperation.

Research Objective: To develop guidelines for sustainable integrated management of Ghana's high forest resources

Objectives:

- **Research and training:** TBI-Ghana pursues demand-driven basic and applied research within its research themes to generate knowledge and deepen insights for effective policy formulation and management of rainforest resources in Ghana. In the process, TBI-Ghana endeavours to support training that will build and improve research capacity of local institutions and to complement existing research efforts.
- **Design and test of methods:** TBI-Ghana supports the design and testing of appropriate methods, particularly within its research programme and project areas, based on sound scientific precepts that will improve the formulation and implementation of policy and sustainable forest management techniques.
- **Promoting uptake and application:** In pursuit of its mission, TBI-Ghana embarks on a strategic programme to promote application and sharing of research results through effective platforms such as conferences, workshops, seminars, training, advocacy and publications. In this venture, the participation of relevant stakeholders would be ensured, particularly to link researchers to policy makers, managers and forest users.
- **Collaboration and cooperation:** TBI-Ghana fosters collaborative research and cooperation among relevant stakeholders including, forest owners, policy makers, stewards, forest fringe communities, researchers and academic institutions in Ghana and abroad.

Target groups:

Scientists, policy makers, NGOs, forest managers, students and forest fringe communities and other forest users

Achievements:

- Through an elaborate research programme development process, TBI-Ghana has a clear overview of research needs in the area of sustainable forest management
- A number of research projects have started in collaboration with different international and local universities and research institutes:
 - Modelling composition and performance of timber tree regeneration after selective logging in collaboration with University of Aberdeen
 - Silvicultural interventions in Ghana's tropical moist forest: an assessment of forest responses: in collaboration with Forestry Research Institute of Ghana and University of Aberdeen
 - Managing natural resource conflicts: the role of empowerment. A case of forest conflicts in Ghana, in collaboration with Wageningen University

- Geo information applications for off-reserve tree management in Goaso forest district: in collaboration with ITC, University of Ghana and Freiburg University.
- Interdisciplinary and intercultural student projects in collaboration with University of Amsterdam and Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology
- A number of seminars based on the above mentioned research projects
- Several trainings in communication skills and other trainings like refresher courses
- Four Ghanaians are now doing their masters in the Netherlands
- A focus group discussion at the Annual General Meeting of the Ghana Institute of Professional Foresters

Future plans:

- Continue facilitating research and promoting uptake and application of results
- Assist Ghanaian and foreign students with their field work for research that fits within the TBI-Ghana framework
- Increase the number of trainings in communication skills (presentation skills, proposal writing, report writing, popular writing) also for NGOs
- Organise an international conference in 2004 on the state-of-the- knowledge on forest management in Ghana
- Implement community-based projects in rural livelihood support (e.g. grass-cutter production)
- Mount educational campaigns to make forest-fringe communities more aware of forest policies and laws
- Put in place mechanisms for forest fringe communities to contribute meaningfully to policy debates

Source of funds:

Netherlands government and NC-IUCN

VOLTA REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES (VORAFMAC)

Postal address: C/o Forest Services Division, District Office, P.O. Box HP 39, Ho,
Office location: District Office, Forest Services Division, Ho
Telephone/Fax: 091 28179
Years in operation: Three
Active in the regions: Volta Region

Mission:

To achieve sustainability of the forest resources in the Volta Region through the collaborative forest management concept, where all stakeholders play a defined part, sharing responsibilities and benefits equitably.

Also, to improve the living standards of communities living close to or within the forest reserves, through encouraging and supporting them to undertake small-scale individual and community agro-based enterprises and tree plantation establishment.

Finally to save the environment for posterity through skilfully designed strategies.

Objectives:

- To serve as an umbrella organisation and lobby for community forest management committees (CFMCs) which are CBOs in the Volta Region.
- foster unity, exchange of ideas, resource and a free flow of information among member CFMCs.
- Coordinate and monitor silvicultural and other activities of CFMCs agreed with Forestry Commission within forest reserves in the Volta Region
- Promote public awareness on issues related to environmental degradation and its effects on human survival' particularly large scale depletion and destruction of forests, biodiversity, water bodies etc.
- Encourage and support tree planting as a means of improving livelihood among rural communities.

Target groups:

People found in communities close to, or within the forest reserves in the Volta Region and communities in off-reserves

Achievements:

- Wild fires have been successfully kept out of five forest reserve in the Volta Region for the past three successive years (1999 – 2003)
- More than 10,000 hectares of degraded forest areas have been successfully replanted with canopy in the Ho-Kpando and Jasikan Forest districts.

Future plans:

- To source funding for the purpose of intensifying capacity building activities among our member CFMCs i.e. Community Forest Management Committees
- To encourage and support actively communities in the off-reserves, particularly the buffer-zones, to undertake small scale establishment of tree plantations as a means of earning additional income as well as generating forest cover.

Major source of funds:

FORUM Project, Ho

WEST AFRICAN PRIMATE CONSERVATION ACTION (WAPCA)

Postal address: P.O. Box 2988, Accra
Office location: Accra zoo, Accra
Telephone: 021 776551
E-mail: jtrillmich@wapca.org
Website: www.wapca.org
Total permanent staff: one in Ghana
Years in operation: 3 years (2000)
Active in the regions: Western Region, Greater Accra

Mission:

The West African Primate Conservation Action was formed in the year 2000 by several European Zoos and two conservation organisations as an initiative to strengthen primate conservation in the Upper Guinean Forest of Ghana, an acknowledged "hotspot" of biodiversity. The primate species endemic to this forest are of main interest because most of them are highly threatened by extinction and thus reflect the poor overall conditions of this habitat. It is feared that the Miss Waldron's Red colobus (*Procolobus badius waldroni*) has already gone extinct. The Roloway monkey (*Cercopithecus diana roloway*) and the White-naped mangabey (*Cercocebus atys lunulatus*) will face the same fate unless action is taken. WAPCA has therefore decided to focus its efforts on these two beautiful monkey species and to choose them as "flagship species" for the protection of the entire ecosystem.

Achievements:

Accra Zoo: improvement of housing conditions of endangered primates; renovation and behavioural enrichment of cages; training of staff and improvement of equipment; education campaigns in schools, the media and the zoo's education hall to raise awareness about conservation issues; development of education material; acquisition of sponsors and introduction of an adoption program for school classes.

At Ankasa Resource Reserve: Extensive education campaign in fringing communities and police stations, at road check points and amongst Wildlife Division staff; development of eco-tourism projects to create alternative income; intensive scientific studies on remaining populations; development of a quarterly distributed newsletter on conservation issues for the Western Region

Future plans:

Set up of a bushmeat exhibition and the "Centre for Endangered Primates" (to educate people and to raise awareness. Establish Ghana's first sanctuary for endangered primates as a centre for education, rescue and scientific studies)

At Ankasa Resource Reserve: Enhance ecotourism activities, carry out workshops on bushmeat rearing, further training and equipping staff, work with fringing communities, education and awareness training, improvement of tourist facilities and activities in the park

Funding:

Annual membership fee for European Zoos, active fundraising and grants from international organizations

WILDLIFE AND FORESTRY SOCIETY

Contact person: Godwin Anto
Postal address: P.O. Box 91, Jamasi - Ashanti
Office location: Jamasi, near Sekyere Rural Bank
Telephone/Fax: 020 8113117
Total permanent staff: Four
Years in operation: Four years (1999)
Active in the regions: Ashanti

Mission:

Establish harmony between ourselves and the environment for quality life.

Objectives:

- Engage in environmental education, training and conservation.
- Undertake environmentally friendly agricultural projects
- Poverty reduction strategies and activities
- Reproductive health HIV/AIDS Issues

Target groups:

Peasant farmers especially youths and women

Achievements:

- Established 100 acre citrus farm
- Raised and distributed over 100,000 tree seedlings
- Planted over 20,000 trees
- Trained 40 farmers to adopt organic farming
- Acquired 230 acres land for conservation projects

Future plans:

- To establish a wildlife conservation project
- Establish livelihood resource training center/wildlife resort
- Expand services to cover the Ashanti region

Major source of funds:

Local

**WOFABENG AGRO FORESTRY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP
(WOFABENG)**

Contact person: Kofi Asare-Baffour
Postal address: P.O. Box 108, Jasikan – Buem, Volta region
Office location: Guaman-Buem, 5 km from Jasikan on the Kasikan/Kadjebi road
Telephone/Fax: 021 226619 (J. Asare-Djan)
E-mail: wofabeng@yahoo.ca
Total permanent staff: Four
Years in operation: Four years (1999)
Active in the regions: Volta region

Mission:

The promotion of integrated sustainable development among grassroot communities focusing on agriculture, ecosystems and environmental issues such as shelter, health and poverty reduction.

Objectives:

- Woodlot, tree planting and fruit tree crop cultivation
- Protection of medicinal plants
- Food production
- Protection of water bodies
- Rearing of domestic and non-traditional animals
- Protection of our forests and combating bushfires
- Capacity-building programmes for farmers and communities and awareness creation on proper utilization of forests and environment

Target groups:

Grassroot communities, particularly men and women in the Jasikan and Kadjebi districts, majority of whose livelihood is mainly peasant farming and charcoal burning.

Achievements:

- Tree seedling and fruit tree seedlings nursery has been established.
- These seedlings are made available to farmers in both districts
- We are in collaborative work with Forestry Commission, Jasikan and this ensures that the tree seedlings reach the farmers in the two districts in their afforestation projects
- The organization has begun a tree planting project alongside food cropping on an acquired one hundred acre land for the purpose: other projects, established are aqua culture, beekeeping, snail rearing and livestock.

Future plans:

Towards a sustainable management of forests and wildlife as a source of income and livelihood, farmers and communities will be encouraged to engage in agro based activities which will involve tree and fruit tree cultivation, food production, domestic and non-traditional animal rearing.

Major source of funds:

Membership fees, donations, grants, fundraising activities, income from agricultural activities

YOUTH RESEARCH NETWORK OF GHANA (YORNG)

Contact person: Mr. Selase Kofi Adanu
Postal address: P.O. Box MA 315, Ho, Volta Region
Office location: Ho, Lilicent – Opposite Pep Stores
E-mail: yornghana@yahoo.com
Total permanent staff: Three
Years in operation: Six years (1997)
Active in the regions: Volta regio

Mission:

Youth Research Network of Ghana (YORNG) is a voluntary non-profit making organization. It was started in 1995 by a group of graduates from all the four main University campuses in Ghana.

The mission of YORNG is to create an information warehouse on environment, socio-economic, population and cultural issues. This is done through research and participatory community problem identification. The information is then disseminated through awareness creation, training and embarking on practical model projects.

Objectives:

- Create an information warehouse through research
- Design projects and programmes aimed at improving upon life conditions in deprived communities
- Encourage community participatory problem identification and solutions for sustainable development

Target groups:

Youth, women, entire communities

Achievements:

- Training workshops on topical issues for the past six years
- Research into environment, population and health matters
- Establishment of agro-forestry projects

Future plans:

- Establish new offices in the Northern parts of Ghana by 2006
- Expand and maintain our model biodiversity projects in the various districts in the Volta region

Major source of funds:

South African High Commission and fundraising through research and training programmes