



## SUPPORT PROGRAMME FOR THE PRESERVATION OF FOREST ECOSYSTEMS IN WEST AFRICA

### Programme newsletter

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## PROGRAMME NEWS

### Reference documents now on the website

Over the past few weeks, the PAPFor/AGRECO team has been hard at work researching and filing a large number of reference documents. We have loaded no fewer than 129 documents, which you can find on our website on the 'Documentation' page. A simple search tool allows you to search by landscape or by country, as well as by the type of document you are looking for. This work is far from finished and we will continue to add content to the page over the coming months. We hope that this will meet a growing demand from our readers. Don't hesitate to write to us and suggest other documents that you think should be posted on your favourite website!

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#### Vade-mecum

Review of initiatives and tools to promote the coexistence of forest conservation and environmentally friendly cocoa development in West Africa

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## LANDSCAPE NEWS



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### Mount Nimba

#### Training managers and partners in strategic environmental and social impact assessment

Stakeholders from local communities, national bodies and the private sector took part in training and practice in using ESIA, a tool used to make inclusive, transparent, accountable and evidence-based decisions at project levels.

[See more](#)



### Gola-Foya

#### Protecting the Kambui Hills and other forest landscapes around Gola Rainforest National Park

To counter the unsustainable use of natural resources in the periphery of Gola Rainforest National Park, the Conservation Society of Sierra Leone has combined support for community forestry, monitoring, awareness-raising and more patrols in the landscape, with promising results.

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### Promoting agroecology in the Ziama forest to boost yields and soil fertility

WWZ partner GRET worked with 12 villages around the Ziama Massif Biosphere Reserve to develop agroecology demonstration plots. It has also raised awareness about synthetic pesticides and fertilisers, and how to prepare safe and environmentally friendly alternatives.

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### OKKPS

#### Several news in brief, including on second consultation meetings on new PSS national park

A second round of consultation meetings on the creation of Pinselli-Soyah-Sabouyah National Park has been held in the 4 affected rural communes, to inform communities about progress towards creating the new protected area and to take note of their fears and expectations.

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### Cross River

#### Women supported to establish sustainable farming and year-round supply of bush mango

WCS has trained 3 000 women in Cross River State in cultivating and sustainably harvesting bush mango. It has also established cooperatives, storage facilities and a credit scheme to improve food security, boost incomes and help preserve forests and wildlife.

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### Tai - Grebo-Krahn - Sapo

#### Supporting the implementation of Local Development Plans in 6 villages around Tai National Park

Local NGO Yacoli Village Ecole Ouverte (YVEO) is working with villages bordering the park to promote interest in ecological connectivity within the landscape while addressing communities' real and concrete needs.

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## BIODIVERSITY FOCUS

### The Western red colobus

The Western red colobus is native to dense forests. However, it tolerates light forms of degradation and can be found in secondary forests and even in mosaics of savannah and abandoned fields. It also frequents mangroves. Nonetheless, the species is quite rare outside protected areas, as it is hunted. It is considered "endangered" by the IUCN.



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## ZOOM ON A PROTECTED AREA

### Taï National Park

Taï National Park is the largest area of dense rainforest in West Africa under strict protection, covering 25 % of the total areas protected in Côte d'Ivoire. Its plant heritage is unique: 42% of the plant species classified in Côte d'Ivoire as "rare and/or threatened" on the IUCN Red List (2016) are found in the park. Its fauna is similarly rich, with 146 mammal species (forest elephant, pygmy hippopotamus, leopard, forest buffalo, giant forest hog, giant pangolin, tailed monkeys, chimpanzees, etc.), 234 bird species including 15 of global interest, 56 amphibian species, 42 reptile species, and almost 300 insect species. Some 65 species of fish have also been recorded in the rivers that flow through the park.



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