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PROTECT
THE FUTURE**

**A ROCHA
AFRICAN
FOREST
PROGRAMME**



“ ” A threat to the forest is a threat to its amazing wildlife.

Dr Grace Pam, Chairperson
of the Board of Directors of EDEN Nigeria



| The future in our hands

We are seeking to raise over £2 million for a four-year programme of conservation in four African forest landscapes.

- 1 The Atewa Forest, Ghana
- 2 The forests of Kwande–Obanliku, Nigeria
- 3 The West Bugwe Forest, Uganda
- 4 The Dakatcha Woodland, Kenya

⚡ ⚡ *The task is urgent. Every day the forests are burnt, logged, mined and poached. We need to act before the harm is irreversible. With your help, we can change the future.*



**Dr Simon Stuart, ED
A Rocha International**



Will you join in protecting and valuing 50,000 ha of special forests and their associated biodiversity? Together, we can preserve these forests for the good of all.



African forests in peril

Tropical forests across Africa are under relentless pressure. If the forests don't flourish, neither do the people nor the wildlife that depend on them.

Atewa Forest

Atewa Forest in Ghana is the finest example of upland evergreen forest in the Upper Guinean Forest region. It is home to more than 100 species currently at risk of extinction. **Five million people depend on the forest for a clean water supply.**



Dakatcha

Dakatcha is part of the fragmented Coastal Forests of Eastern Africa, counted as **one of the ten most threatened forest hotspots** in the world.



A Rocha's survey work has revealed a yet rich and diverse wildlife population with good numbers of the endemic Golden-rumped Sengi among 24 species of mammals, 200 birds and over 90 butterfly species – and counting.

West Bugwe Forest, Uganda

West Bugwe is one of only three natural forests remaining in Eastern Uganda. Unfortunately unsustainable and unmanaged human activities are threatening its integrity. Yet, there is a local desire to conserve the forest through a process of collaborative forest management.



Government has started assigning formal land titles in Dakatcha. This has resulted in a frenzy of land purchasing by speculators from far and wide – and an unprecedented level of destruction of this unique forest and its wildlife. There is an urgent need to secure what remaining forest there is before it is destroyed.



Kwande-Obanliku, Nigeria

Along the border of Cameroon in north-eastern Cross River, south-eastern Benue and southern Taraba States, Nigeria, lies an area of poorly-known lowland forest supporting many vulnerable wildlife populations.



“ The Government of Ghana is planning to mine bauxite deposits from the forest as repayment of Chinese loans. A Rocha Ghana is driving an international campaign to protect the forest as a National Park.

Seth Appiah-Kubi, National Director, A Rocha Ghana

Reason for hope:

Our way of working

Objective

This programme builds on our commitment, experience and achievements to date and captures our ambitions for the next 4 years. We want to sustain environmental initiatives on the ground in four landscapes, linked with one another, and heard by local, political and global communities,

Approach

A Rocha has a strong commitment to the places where we work, anchoring our efforts in landscapes we have come to know well and of which we are a part.

Our work is interdisciplinary and collaborative by nature, spanning ecology, forestry, agriculture, education and sustainable economic development.

Core Interventions

Constituency Building	Practical forest & species conservation & research	Environmentally Sustainable Development	Regional cooperation
Our key activities will be varied as we continue to build meaningful relationships around a vision for these forests.	Our interventions aim to directly improve the conservation status of the forest habitats and their wildlife through research, monitoring, habitat protection and restoration, and education.	We aim to find ways to preserve the four landscapes which also meet local aspirations for development and income generation.	We want to work with partners to maximise our combined expertise for the benefit of these four forests and their inhabitants.

The difference we will make together

- Four landscapes across the African continent benefit from our collaborative approach with 50,000 ha of biodiversity-rich forest across Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya and Uganda better valued, understood, connected and cared for.
- 3,500 local people supported in sustainable development initiatives;
- Our achievements on the ground link-up with the international movement for sustainability.



“ We have both the passion and the expertise to support learning, teaching and innovating in this exciting forest conservation endeavour.

**Colin Jackson, National Director,
A Rocha Kenya**



Budget

How your donations help

 Regional Cooperation	6%	£124,920
 Local forest projects	89%	£1,965,000
 Overheads	5%	£110,080
	total	£2,200,000



Communities tell us how bio-sand filters have saved us using charcoal to boil drinking water. People also save energy as a result of using fireless cookers and energy saving stoves. These activities are all helping preserve our forest. Everyone benefits.

Adrine Musiime, Acting Director, A Rocha Uganda



Will you fund the forests to secure their future and the future of all who depend on them?

Our action now will have consequences for generations to come.

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A Rocha is an international network of Christian organisations engaged in nature conservation. Across 20 countries, we support the conservation of over 97 IUCN red-listed species and protect over 175,000 ha of natural habitat. We have been involved in forest conservation in Africa for 30 years.

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