

Land tenure and access to land for forest landscape restoration in Ghana

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In the beginning...God created man!



Garden of Eden ,



Introduction: The Stockholm Declaration

Man is both creature and moulder of his environment

evolution of the human race on this planet through the rapid acceleration of science and technology, man has acquired the power to transform his environment

Is this “ ” not the precursor to unbridled deforestation and forest degradation that threatens the delicate balance in global ecosystem functioning?



Introduction



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National policies and regulatory frameworks

Ghana Forest and Wildlife Policy, 2012

Ghana's Shared Growth and Development Agenda

Control and Prevention of Bushfires Act, 1990 (PNDC Law 229):

Ghana Investment Promotion Centre Act, 1994 (Act 478):



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National Land Policy, 1999:

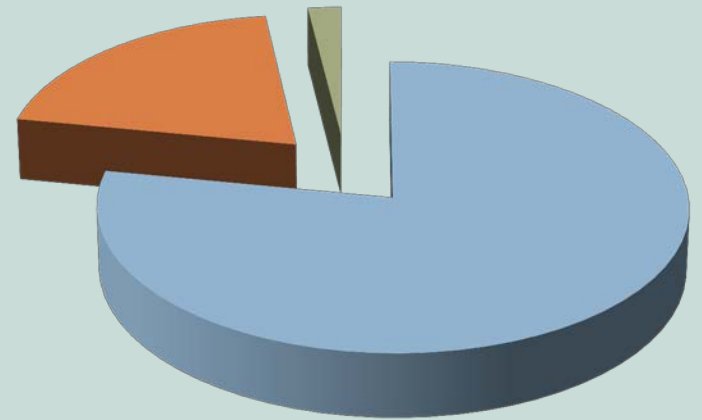
Forest Plantation Development Fund (FPDF) Act, 2000 (Act 583):
(Amendment)

Act, 2002 (Act 623):

The Timber Resources Management (Amendment) Act, 2002 (Act 617):



Land tenure



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plants

naturally occurring trees



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Access to land: challenges



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Six-year old mixed indigenous species plantation (Terminalia 70%; Nauclea 10%; Pycnanthus 7%; Ceiba 8%; Mansonia 5%) established by private sector in a deforested reserve in Ghana. This forms part of the 10,000 ha target of the timber industry in rehabilitating degraded forest reserves.



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Trees-on-farm: indigenous tree species grown in combination with food crops to restore degraded forestlands, while providing food and livelihood opportunities to forest fringe communities.



Recommendations for policy/legislative reform



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Ghana's experience with deforested landscape restoration



Deforested landscape in Pamu Berekum Forest Reserve prior to restoration



Pamu Berekum Forest Reserve 4 years later, after restoration effort with collaboration of local communities under an ITTO Project (Photo credit: D. Blay).



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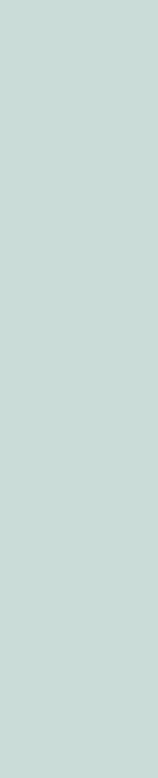
Deforested area in Southern Scarp Forest Reserve at Begoro, 8 years after restoration.



Deforested area in Pra Anum Forest Reserve at Amantia, 6 years after restoration.



Key messages



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ACT NOW BEFORE IT'S

TOO LATE

Thank you



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