

Best Practice Example to Address Deforestation in the Cocoa Sector

Project Title

Rehabilitation and Prevention of Deforestation at a Landscape Level - Initiative for Sustainable Landscapes (ISLA) by Barry Callebaut

Summary

The project employs a holistic approach based on proven interventions to ensure more sustainable and productive cocoa production outside of protected areas and to prevent infiltration into the forests. The goal is to decrease cocoa production in the forest reserve of Cavally, Côte d'Ivoire, a forest of high biodiversity value, while instilling corrective measures to implement sustainable forest management. The project is establishing cocoa and forest tree nurseries, monitoring forest management, and strengthening La Société de développement des forêts's monitoring capacity, among other activities.

Duration

2016 – 2019

Location

Southwestern Côte d'Ivoire near the northern boundaries of the Taï National Park (ISLA region)

Partners

· Wild Chimpanzee Foundation

· La Société de développement des forêts (SODEFOR)



Objectives

- Increase the productivity of cocoa plantations in the Guiglo-Taï corridor
- Prevent new infiltration in the Cavally forest reserve and sensitize the local community on sustainable natural resource management and the preservation of protected areas
- Support the decision-making and monitoring of sustainable forest management and rehabilitation in the Cavally forest reserve

Expected Outcomes

- Improve revenues for 1,000 cocoa farmers
- Diversify income for at least 150 community-based people
- Create jobs for farm service providers
- Strengthen sustainable forest management

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Cocoa and Forest Initiative Launch

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