

Best Practice Example to Address Deforestation in the Cocoa Sector

Project Title

Climate Smart Cocoa Program by Touton

Summary

Touton's Climate Smart Cocoa Program builds on its network of rural service centers 'Akuafɔ Yiedie Fie' (Farmer Well Being Houses). The centers provide training and coaching services to farmers on GAP, use of inputs, responsible rehabilitation and intensification techniques, benefits of diversification for additional livelihoods as well as business skills training. As part of the coaching, farmers are sensitized on mitigation techniques to increase resilience to climate variability, notably, agroforestry planning and use of shade trees. Touton is also using the centers as hubs to bring together the stakeholders that are active in the landscape to identify land use planning measures. The initiative is developed in collaboration with the Ghana Cocoa Board and the Forestry Commission in alignment with Ghana's REDD+ program.

Duration

2016 – 2020

Location

Southwestern Ghana (Brong Ahafo and Western Regions)

Partners

Ghana Cocoa Board, the Forestry Commission, the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources, Produce Buying Company, Solidaridad, GIZ, the Nature Conservation Research Centre, SNV, AgroEco, and Verified Carbon Standard.



Objectives

- Reach 50,000 farmers through Rural Service Centers
- Professionalize farmers and strengthen Farmer Based Organizations
- Provide Climate Change education
- Comply with “Landscape Standard”

Expected Outcomes

- Demonstrate importance of and contribute to community land-use planning
- Improve livelihoods and financially sustainable incentive mechanisms
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Enhance carbon stocks and promoted biodiversity and ecological resilience

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Cocoa and Forest Initiative Launch

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