



Ghana Cocoa Board
Poised to Maintain Premium Quality Cocoa

SUSTAINABLE COCOA PRODUCTION

PREPARED BY COCOBOD
JOINT FRAMEWORK ON COCOA
AND
FORESTS INITIATIVE

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Strategies on Sustainable Cocoa Production (SCP)

- The sector has predominantly relied upon an expansionist production strategy and significantly contributed to the degradation and deforestation of the high forest zone over the past hundred years, SCP represents a major shift in environmental thinking.
- COCOBOD, aims to make Ghana, “the number one best quality producer of cocoa in the world” using Good Environmental Practices (**GEP**).
- This will necessitate cocoa becoming sustainable product in a way that is mindful of the environment, provides the farmer the best income and takes care of the community, and also satisfies the requirement of the international market.

Strategies on Sustainable Cocoa Production (SCP)

COCOBOD shall achieve these through;

- Removal of moribund and diseased trees (40%)
- Replacement of the moribund and diseased trees
- Intensification of existing cocoa farms
- Agroforestry (Increasing tree canopy on farms)
- Climate- smart cocoa production
- Diversification
- Productivity increase



Challenges

- Lower productivity
- Poor farmer –Extension ratio
- Poor access to inputs
- Lack of access to credit
- High cost of inputs (Chemicals, credit)
- Lack of insurance schemes
- Poor data on cocoa resources and climate smart practices
- Weak Farmer groups and Cooperatives
- Complex land tenure and tree ownership systems
- Lack of information on environment policy
- Illegal small scale mining (Galamsey)



Expectations

- To increase average yield (1,000kg/ha) and potential increase in revenue.
- To reduce land expansion under cocoa
- To enhance farmers access to extension and input packages , credit and insurance (farmer, farm, crop)
- To have a Modernized , Productive and Resilient cocoa sector
- To improve livelihoods of farmers and their communities
- To increase resilience of cocoa ecosystems to the effect of climate change
- To reduce green house gas emissions
- To conserve the forests and its environs



Climate Smart Cocoa Standards (COCOBOD)

Standards are set based on the five pillars of climate smart cocoa namely;

1. Sustainably increasing cocoa productivity and incomes **(Productivity)**
2. Adapting and building resilience to climate change **(Adaptation)**
3. Reducing and/or removing greenhouse gases emissions and forest degradation in cocoa sector **(Mitigation)**
4. Enhancing food security and focus on income diversification in the cocoa landscape **(Diversification)**
5. Enhancing social and economic development in the cocoa landscape **(Socio-Economic Empowerment)**

Projects and Programmes

1. Forest Investment Programme (FIP)
2. Environmental Sustainability Project (ESP)
3. Ghana Cocoa Forest REDD+ Programme (GCFRP)
 - Emission Reduction Programme(ERP)
4. Cocoa Rehabilitation and Intensification Project (CORIP)



Way-Forward

- Economic Empowerment of farmers
- Develop a Climate-Smart Cocoa Standard

