

CONFERENCE ON COCOA AND FOREST INITIATIVE

POLICY BRIEF

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HIGHLIGHTS



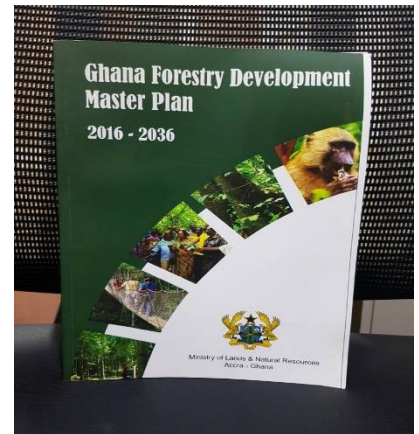
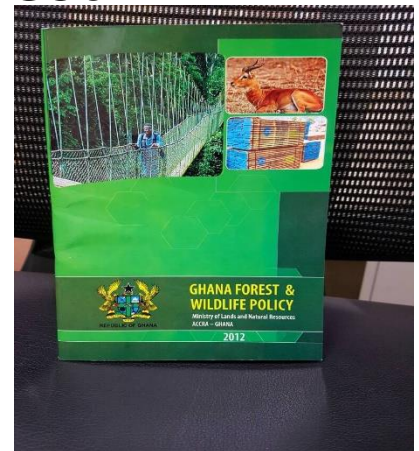
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Policies

□ Two main policy documents guide forest management in Ghana

i. Forest and Wildlife Policy – (2012)

ii. Forestry Development Master Plan – (2016-2036)

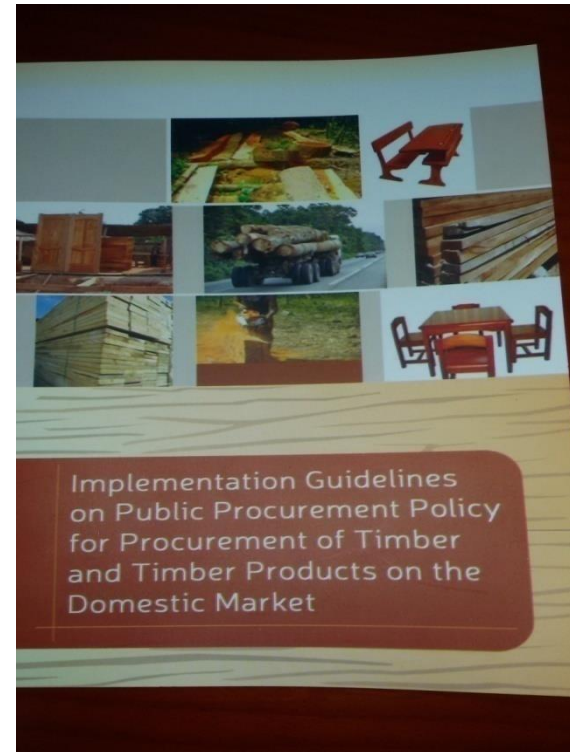


New Policy

Public Procurement Policy on Timber and Timber Products for the Domestic Market

The policy makes it mandatory for all government projects to be undertaken with **only** legally produced timber.

The policy will be submitted to Cabinet for approval since it was not considered by the previous Cabinet.



INITIATIVES

- Natural Resource and Environmental Governance
- Voluntary Partnership Agreement
- REDD+ Strategy
- Forest Investment Program
 - increasing Trees on agricultural systems
 - Tree tenure

Legislation

- **Timber Resources Management and Legality Licensing Regulation**
- This legislation is to support the VPA implementation
- Provides legislative framework for the issuance of permits, especially in off-reserve areas which do not qualify as Timber Utilization Contracts (TUCs)
- This legislation could not be passed by the last Parliament and hence it has been re-submitted to the Attorney Generals Office to complete the approval process

Projects and Programmes

- **Bamboo and Rattan Development Programme (BARADEP)**

Objective: To promote the development of the bamboo and rattan industry in Ghana as a compliment to the timber industry

Challenges



Sustainable funding

Delays in passing legislation

Scattered individuals efforts

Expectations

Multi-stakeholders dialogue around reducing deforestation in the cocoa forest landscape

Consensus on solutions

Private sector financial support

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