Facilitating the Asunafo-Asutifi Landscape Programme

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The Asunafo-Asutifi Landscape is one of the major agro-commodity production landscapes in Ghana.

Well noted for cocoa production and accounts for about 10% of the national cocoa output.

Deforestation is high in the landscape due mainly to agricultural expansion and logging.

The Landscape is one of the six priority Hotspot Intervention Areas in Ghana under the Ghana Cocoa Forest REDD+ Program been implemented by the Forestry Commission.
The Asunafo-Asutifi Landscape Programme is set within the Framework of the Ghana Cocoa Forest REDD+ Programme.

The engagement in the Asunafo-Asutifi landscape came out of the Production Landscape Programme at the invitation of two companies, Touton SA and Mondelez International.

From the two companies, WCF was brought into the discussions and subsequently other cocoa and chocolate companies were brought on board.

WCF and the companies needed an objective facilitator to lead in the programme development and ensure level playing field for companies to act together precompetitively.
The role of Proforest as the lead facilitator has involved:

- Working with the private sector and other stakeholder to develop a common vision for the landscape
- Leading in socio-economic and ecological assessment of the landscape
- Identifying the key environmental, socio-economic issues that need to be addressed to achieve the common goal and vision for the landscape
- Defining the pathway for development of a functional landscape programme
- Development of management and investment plan
- Facilitating dialogue and information flow among stakeholders
- Lead in the development of the Management and investment plan for the landscape that will transform the Asunafo-Asutifi Hotspot Intervention Area into a Functional Landscape programme
The Goal of the Asunafo-Asutifi Landscape Programme

The Asunafo-Asutifi landscape programme aims to establish a deforestation-free climate resilient cocoa landscape, and this is expected to be achieved by

i. Eliminating deforestation risk from the Asunafo-Asutifi Landscape

ii. Adopt and implement climate-smart cocoa production standards that will enhance cocoa productivity and livelihoods of farmers

iii. Design and implement cocoa agroforestry models including tree/carbon stock enhancement in the production landscape to diversity income and contribute to emission reduction

iv. Design and implement landscape-wide smallholder livelihoods improvement programs

v. Coordinate and share lessons learned with other landscape level initiatives

vi. Design and implement viable landscape-wide solutions to key environmental and social challenges, using appropriate existing/emerging tools and approaches in the cocoa sector and through multi-stakeholder collaboration.

vii. Design and implement landscape-wide multi-stakeholder platform for implementation dialogue
Asunafo-Asutifi HIA Program

Participating Companies

- Cargill
- Ecom
- Lindt
- Mars
- Mondelez
- Olam
- Sucden
- Touton
Scope and development Process of Landscape Management Planning

The Asunafo-Asutifi LMIP has been developed within the framework of the GCFRP and aligns with the three thematic areas of the CFI Joint Framework for Action namely;

i. Forest protection and restoration
ii. Sustainable production and farmers’ livelihood
iii. Community engagement and social inclusion

The Management and Investment Plan was developed through a multistakeholder consultative process involving the FC, WCF, PF, COCOBOD, SNV and rep of eight CFI signatory companies as well as the broader landscape stakeholders (HMB, TA, MMDA, Farmers groups, etc)
Implementation Strategy

- The LMIP is a working document for the Asunafo-Asutifi Landscape Programme with the FC as the Convenor, with WCF, PF, HMB, TA PS as collaborators
- Stakeholder collaboration needed for priority setting in implementation
- Key stakeholders (HMB, NRS, WCF, PF, COCOBOD, Private Sector) need to agree on an implementation plan
- Stakeholder collaboration for resource mobilization and management needed
- Stakeholder collaboration to develop and agree on annual workplan and budget for implementation of priority activities required
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