

## Project Update: December 2014

We have completed a year of fieldwork in which we made significant strides towards the long term protection of the critically endangered Togo slippery frog. We educated local communities, churches and schools about the need to protect the environment and frogs.



Further, we partnered with a local community group to establish a nursery and to plant lots of trees. The nursery specialises in propagating seedlings endemic to the mountain ranges of the Ghana-Togo Mountains that are not available in commercial nurseries. About 3000 indigenous tree are being raised and an additional 2000 planned by the end of the project period. This community nursery and tree planting initiative is a very crucial partnership that directly contributes to our aim of an improved habitat conditions for the slippery frog.

Also, in response to our conservation awareness campaign we have now established a 100 ha community-based protected area. The land area encompasses a beautiful waterfall, mountain ridges, an upland evergreen forest and a moderately degraded buffer area. The functioning of this sanctuary will help protect the last remaining intact habitat of this critically endangered frog and many other threatened wildlife.



We are very grateful to the Amedzofe community and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church for giving us their land to protect amphibians and other wildlife.