

PROJECT UPDATES (PAUL ADDAH-44163-2)

Project Inception and Community Entry

The project successfully began on the 10th of November, 2024 with a visit to the park authorities and a conservation NGO (ARocha Ghana) and also with a meeting among the team members. This was done to help my team and I first get up to speed with what was required of every member and also to gather the needed items for the project. Also, it afforded us the opportunity to official present the objective of the project to par authorities and the conservation NGO. Additionally, we took the opportunity to begin son community entry when we visited the Mognori community and met with the youth leader.



Conservation Education

Conservation education a vital tool in preaching the message of conservation was used in the project. As a means of maximizing the resources available and building capacity for continuous education, park staff were given the front role in the conduction of conservation education with

the guidance of the team members. A total of about 300 pupils and 20 teachers from about 5 schools were taking through different activities in conservation education. Some of the participating schools were; Bright Beginnings Academy with about 60 pupils 6 teachers, Gold Avenue School with about 40 pupils 3 teachers, Great Future Scholars with about 130 pupils 4 teachers, Damongo Senior High School with about 50 students 4 teachers.





Radio Outreach

As part of reaching out to a broader number of people in the various communities, we provided financial support to park authorities to undertake the radio outreach due to the rate of inflation and exchange rate impact. Regardless to this park authorities used the amount for the radio outreach and transportation to the management to undertake this activity. The radio outreach took place at the Kasha FM in damongo. One of the stations with broader reach within the northern part of Ghana especially the Gonja part where the leopards occur. The staff educated the public on the importance of conserving species especially the leopards and other iconic species within the environment.



Billboard/T-Shirts

Visibility of the project and its sponsor was a major activity that was undertaking. It was important for the team to show case the project and its objective and also the funding agency. T-shirts, billboards, educational materials were all branded with the logo of Rufford Grant foundation.



Conservation Conference

As part of bringing the issue of the need to conserve leopards in the country and west Africa as a whole, the team participated in a two days sustainable development conference organized by the university for environment and sustainable development-somanya. Here issues and works done by the team on leopards and the need for its conservation was discussed.

