

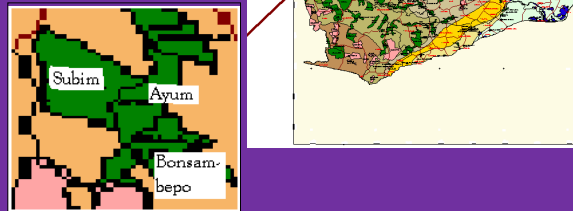
The Asumura & Cocoa landscape
CREMA
PES WORKSHOP

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Background to Engagement

- 2003 – Rediscovery of white-necked Rockfowl.
- 2004 – NCRC & WD interviewed hunters and snail gatherers in villages near Subim, Ayum and Bosambepo FRs
 - 12 sites discovered.
 - Base camp at Asumura
- 2007 – A 5yr initiative to enhance conservation status of the white necked *Picathartes with ext funds*

Background



Ecology and Conservation of the White-necked *Picathartes*

Goal: to enhance the conservation status of *Picathartes gymnocephalus*, while improving socio-economic opportunities for local communities.

Objectives

1. Increase understanding of *Picathartes* populations, reproduction, and habitat use within the Ayum, Subim and Bosam-bepo forest reserves.
2. Enhance local, national and sub-regional expertise for management of the *Picathartes* across its global range.
3. Develop livelihood opportunities in targeted project communities

Findings



Obj 1: Population estimate

- Estimated number of *Picathartes* = 50

A remnant population of chimpanzees and bongos is confirmed in the Subim and Bosambepo forest reserves.



Other mammals identified:

1. forest buffalo,
2. large spotted genet,
3. Bushbuck,
4. Maxwell's duiker

Current Conservation Efforts

A habitat protection approach based on cocoa landscapes using CREMA.

- Initial CREMA; 19 communities
- 20 additional communities
- Livelihoods-cocoa productivity-climate smart approaches
- Climate Change
- Biodiversity monitoring
 - mammals
 - Birds (Rockfowl)
 - vegetation in cocoa landscapes

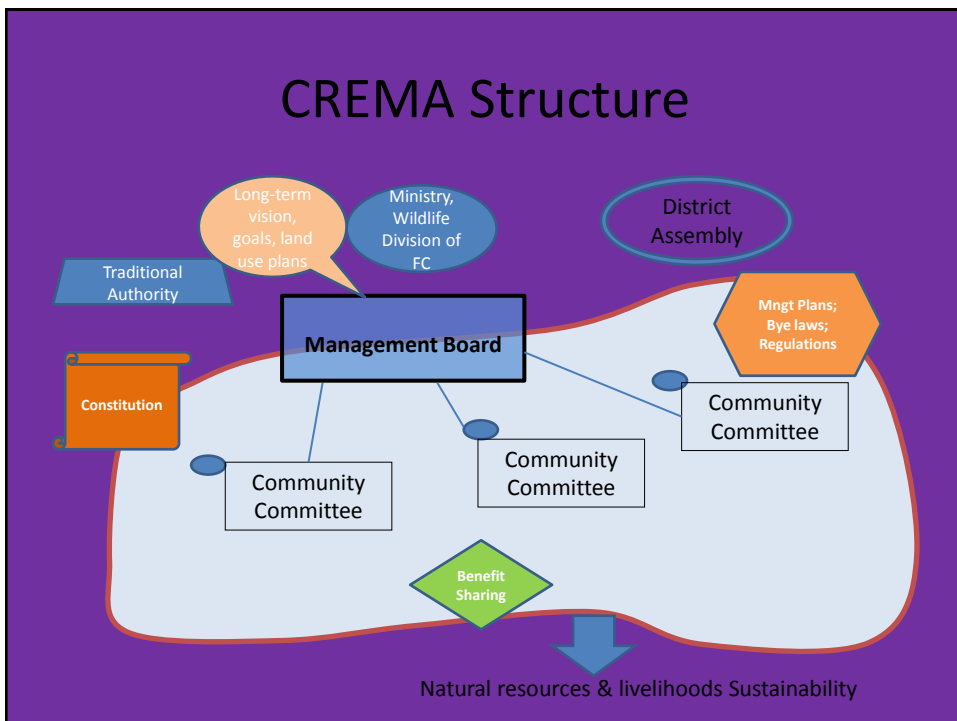
Approach to sustainability: CREMA

Originally focused on wildlife conservation and management-ecotourism and NTFPs....on the fringes of PAs

Today adopted to general participatory governance of natural resources

A mechanism that devolves wildlife management authority to local communities

- Involves one or more communities
- Geographically defined area
- Based on existing community decision making structures with executive and constitution
- Institutional structures and processes are backed by a local government bye-law.



CREMA Roadmap

- Develop CREMA governance and management structures.
- Develop and approve CREMA constitution.
- Define the CREMA boundary
- Preparation and approval of Local Government By-law.
- Recognition of the CREMA by the Wildlife Division.
- Devolution of management authority by the Minister of Lands and NR

CREMA advantages to NRM Sustainability

- Well defined tenure on all aspects of NR
- Direct financial benefits to communities
- Enables landscape planning process
- Brings structured management to areas outside the PA system

Challenges

- Elite capture
- Conflicts
- Funding inadequacy

Conclusions

- CREMA seems the most viable democratic tool to community participation in natural resources management

