



## **Atewa Range Forest Reserve Initial Biodiversity Assessment and Planning (IBAP) Working Group Results from the Consultative Workshop held at Okyehene's Palace, Kibi**

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## Appendix 10

Atewa Range Forest Reserve Final Report  
 Assessment and Planning Working Group  
 Results from the Consultative Workshop held at  
 Okyehene's Palace, Kibi

Following the RAP survey, a one-day consultative workshop was held on 26 June, 2006 at the Palace of Paramount Chief Okyehene in Kibi. The following summarizes some of the workshop results.

Uses of Atewa's Biodiversity		Users/Stakeholders	Impact of use on Biodiversity	Suggested Conservation Actions
<b>Animals</b>				
	Consumption - Bushmeat	Communities; Hunters	Decreased fertility of soil; Negative impact on pollination / seed dispersal	Breeding locally (snails, grasscutter, etc); Ban on hunting periods by Forestry Commission; Increased aquaculture; Empower local authorities (chiefs and elders) to protect biodiversity
	Pet trade (e.g., parrots for export)			
<b>Plants</b>				
	Consumption - wild growing plants	Communities	Deforestation; Soil degradation; Invasion of non-native species; Increased dryness; Migration of Fauna; Lack of Shade; Decrease in air quality	
	Herbal uses	Local and other communities; Traditional doctors		Educate practitioners; Make alternative health facilities available, accessible, and affordable
	Building - furniture, roofing, bridges, boats	Carpenters; Fishermen		Chieftancy control of forestry resources; Planned logging; Adopting alternative building methods; Education; Report chain saw operations; Government support in law enforcement
	Firewood and charcoal	All (within communities)		Use of gas as alternate domestic fuel source; make alternatives available, affordable and accessible; Report chain saw operations; Government support in law enforcement
	Chewing sticks	All (within communities)		
	Pestle/fufu pounding	All (within communities)		Afforestation
	Baskets	Market women, farmers		

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<b>Water</b>				
	Drinking	All (communities throughout Ghana, animals, plants)	Decrease in water leads to migration of fauna; Protection of Atewa's watersheds will have immense positive impacts for the country, whereas activities that decrease/degrade the water supply here will have a highly negative impact	Education; Regulation; Restriction of Farming along stream and river banks
	Washing	All		
	Bathing	All		
<b>General ecosystem</b>				
	Good environment			
	Tourism	International community; Ghanaians	Positive image for Ghana; Education; Recreation	
	Windbreak	Communities east and west of Atewa		
	Heritage			
	Traditional uses (drums and hide)			
	Absorption of carbon dioxide		Positive	Prevent logging through education; enforcement of laws; prohibition of charcoal burning
	Kaolin			
	Pottery	Communities	Erosion / soil depletion	
	Illegal farming	Villagers, hunters, communities	Forest destruction; Fire; Animal migration	
	Scientific research	Scientific community		