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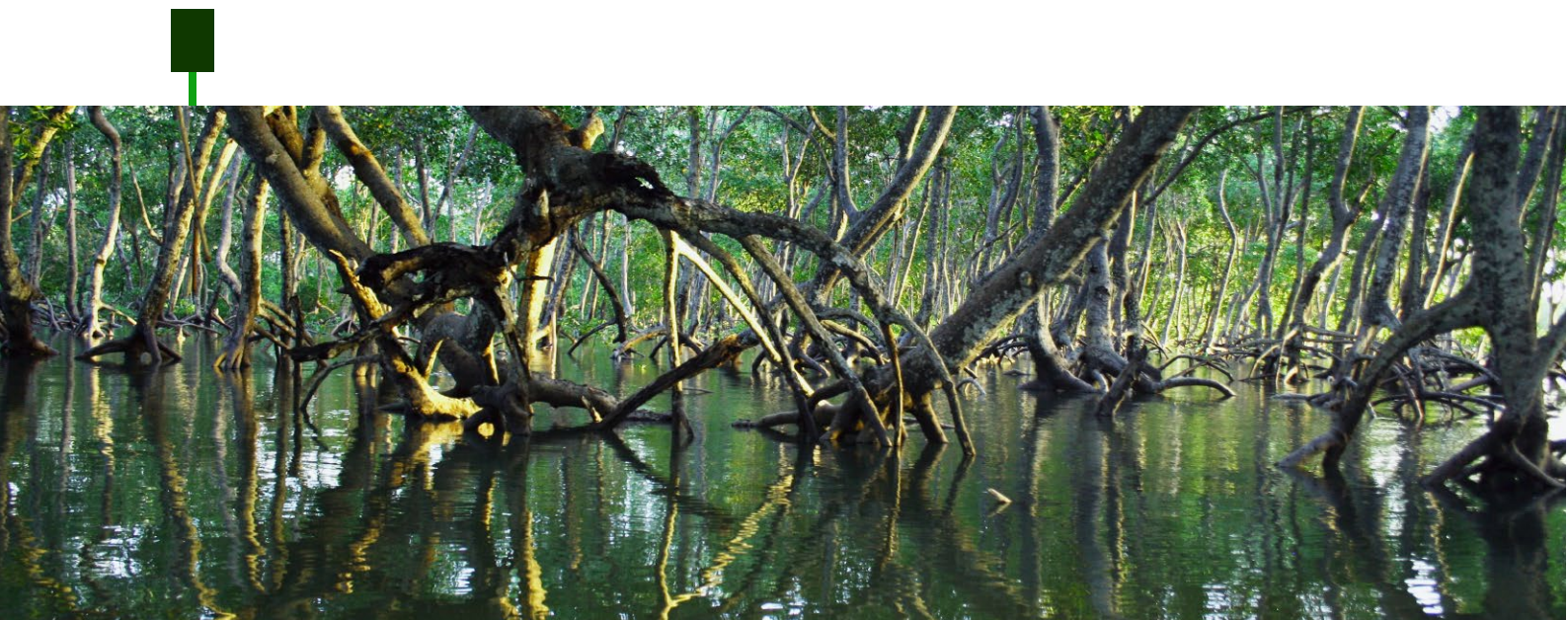
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2023 NCF GREEN BALL

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PROGRAMMES OF EVENT

- 18:00 — *Arrival / Green Carpet*
- 19:00 — *Cocktail/Photo Exhibition*
- 19:30 — *National Anthem*
- 19:35 — *Introduction of Special Guests*
- 19:45 — *Music*
- 19:50 — *Welcome Address by NCF BOT President,
Izoma Philip Asiodu*
- 20:00 — *Dinner*
- 20:30 — *DG's Presentation on Partnership for
Conservation and Restoration of Mangroves*
- 21:00 — *Music*
- 21:05 — *Call for Support / Thank you by Dame Marie Fatayi-Williams,
BDC Committee Chairperson*
- 21:25 — *Goodwill Messages*
- 21:45 — *Music! Music!! Music!!!*



ABOUT NIGERIAN CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

The Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF), is the foremost environmental Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) dedicated to nature conservation and sustainable development in Nigeria. The Foundation was founded in 1980 by the late Chief S.L Edu and registered as a Charitable Trust in 1982. We are the Birdlife International Partner in Nigeria, an Associate of World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and a Member of International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). Other notable international partners are Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) and Wetlands International.



VISION

"A Nigeria where people prosper while living in harmony with nature"

MISSION

- *Conserving the full range of Nigeria's biodiversity, this includes species, ecosystems, and genetic biodiversity.*
- *Promoting the sustainable use of natural resources for the benefit and well-being of the present and future generations of Nigerians.*
- *Undertaking field programmes and advocacy to promote best practices in climate change adaptation and mitigation, minimize pollution, as well as reduce wasteful utilization of renewable resources.*



PARTNERSHIP FOR CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION OF MANGROVES.

Mangroves are unique, extraordinary, vulnerable, most diverse, and resource-abundant ecosystems in the world. As biodiversity hotspots, mangroves are home (nesting, breeding, and nursing grounds) to a plethora of local wildlife ranging from marine life (fish, crab, shellfish, invertebrates, sea turtle, mammals, plants etc.) to birds. Their unique biology enables them to thrive in a wide variety of conditions that most other trees would find toxic. Mangrove forests occupy important ecological niche at the transition between land (terrestrial) and sea (marine) communities where they serve as defense and physical barrier to cushion the impacts of storm surges, tidal waves, erosion, tsunamis, rising sea level and other extreme weather conditions.

Protection of mangroves is more beneficial and less expensive than building seawalls. Mangroves are important in global climate regulation to tackle the risk of continuing rise in global rise in temperature. Mangroves are important in carbon trading as they can extract and store up to five times more blue carbon and other greenhouse gases (GHGs) from the atmosphere than other forests. Mangroves contribute greatly to local and global economies by providing invaluable ecosystem services, food, as well as enhancing livelihoods and well-being of humans.

Nigeria has the largest expanse (about one-third of Africa's) of mangroves in Africa and the third largest in the world. Yet, despite the numerous benefits that mangroves provide loss of mangrove ecosystems is occurring at an alarming rate estimated to be three to five times faster than those of other forests.

With the estimated loss of more than three quarters of their global size, mangroves are some of the most threatened ecosystems on Earth.

Continuing degradation and clearing of mangroves due to unsustainable farming practices, oil & gas exploration, pollution, over-exploitation, uncontrolled development priorities as well as unsustainable human activities will trigger loss of mangroves, leading to the release of carbon into the atmosphere, resulting into loss of associated wildlife as well as loss of fundamental ecosystem services.

Protecting and restoring mangroves will greatly help in our collective quest at addressing the twin crises of biodiversity loss and climate crisis for the benefit of nature, humans, and the Earth.

As part of the implementation and achievement of the goals of our Strategic Action Plan (SAP), we hereby seek your collaboration and support to promote the protection, restoration and sustainable management of Nigeria's mangroves and its associated biological resources for enhancing environmental awareness, advocacy, and engagement; local livelihoods; resilience, governance, and sustainable natural resource management.

Our strategies will be tailored to local conditions and needs to enhance the restoration and improvement of natural conditions, ecological integrity, and fundamental ecosystem services for the benefit of humans.

OBJECTIVES

- *To promote conditions for, and approaches to mangrove restoration in ways that deliver benefits to local communities and nature.*

- *To enhance and promote environmental education, awareness, and advocacy for the conservation of mangrove ecosystems.*
- *To promote solutions to sustainable management of mangroves*
- *To establish a model for demonstrating, and for involving local communities in natural resource management and demonstrate that humans can prosper while living in harmony with nature.*
- *To enhance climate change adaptation and climate regulation through carbon sequestration.*
- *To address the local drivers of mangrove degradation and loss.*
- *To build coastal sustainability by increasing mangrove cover.*
- *Improve livelihoods for local communities.*
- *To increase mangrove cover.*
- *To contribute to national development goals.*



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NCF MILESTONES

- 1980 — *NCF was established*
- 1984 — *Assisted in developing National Conservation Strategy.*
- 1985 — *Supported the enactment of the Endangered Species Decree (now an Act of Parliament).*
- 1987 — *Drafting of National Conservation Strategy.*
- 1990 — *Established the Lekki Conservation Centre.*
- 1991 — *Facilitated the setting up of the Department of Environmental Education in UNICAL*
- 1992 — *Instrumental to the setting up of Federal Environmental Protection Agency (FEPA)*
- 1992 — *Established the Hadejia-Nguru wetlands conservation project.*
- 1997 — *Assisted to develop Nigeria's Vision 2020 on the environment.*
- 1999 — *Review of the National Parks Decree that led to establishing Nigeria National Park Services.*
- 1999 — *Review of the National Forestry Law.*
- 1999 — *Instrumental to the establishment of the Federal Ministry of the Environment and some other State Ministry of Environment or Forestry.*
- 2000 — *Collaborated with the Federal Department of Forestry on the drafting of Nigeria's National Forestry Law.*
- 2002 — *Established the Niger-Delta Conservation and Sustainable Development (NDCSD) Project.*
- 2005 — *Embarked on participatory Forest Management Project in Mambilla & Donga sites in Taraba State.*
- 2006 — *Commenced the Wing over wetlands project in Gombe & Jigawa*
- 2008 — *Established the Biodiversity Action Plan Project in Edo State.*
- 2010 — *Part of Federal Government delegation to United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen and presented Nigeria's position paper on climate change.*
- 2012 — *Led the review of the National Biodiversity Strategic Action Plan for Nigeria.*
- 2017 — *Organised the first National Summit on the Green Recovery Nigeria (GRN) Initiative*
- 2018 — *Commenced the implementation of Biodiversity Monitory Action Plan in Niger-Delta.*
- 2020 — *Enlisted Finima Nature Park as a Ramsar sites*

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38KM

BONNY-BODO ROAD
One of the biggest CSR infrastructure project in Nigeria, initiated by NLNG to link Bonny Island to the mainland

12

Tertiary Health Institutions: Construction and equipping of specialised centres (6 to be delivered in 2022 and another 6 in 2023)

6

Engineering and Research Laboratories: Construction and equipping of the labs in top Nigerian universities

4,000+

Beneficiaries from post-primary, undergraduate and overseas postgraduate scholarship schemes

1,400+

Youths empowered in the Youth Empowerment scheme (YES)

8,997+

Enrollees in the Bonny Community Health Insurance programme (BCHIP)

18

primary and post primary institutions to be renovated and furnished in host communities

10

GMoU with host communities

3

Prestigious prizes in Science, Literature and Literary Criticism worth thousands of dollars

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Malaria elimination project to rid Bonny Island of Malaria for good



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LOOK THROUGH THESE PICTURES AND TAKE ACTION



The picture depicts mangrove in its pristine stage. It performs better ecosystem services than when it's tampered with. Mangrove in its original state absorbs more carbon from the environment, thereby purifies the air and provide air quality for human existence.

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Restoration project ongoing by some concerned community dwellers in Niger Delta region.

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Women, and by extension the entire community largely dependent on the mangrove for survival. As they extract & harvest some mangrove resources such as periwinkle, crabs, crayfish etc for food and trade. Mangrove provides livelihood support to the coastal dwellers, as majority of them are farmers, fishers and petty traders whose source of trade are products of the mangrove such as crabs, crayfish, fish, firewood etc.

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Finima Nature Park (FNP) is an example of mangroves in its pristine stage.

FNP came from a consensus by the communities of Finima and Bonny in Rivers State to protect the forests. Established by Nigerian Liquefied Natural Gas (NLNG) company. This mangrove is being well protected because it is managed by NCF since 2011.

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Over a long period of time, gradually, mangroves are being degraded at an alarming rate. Logging, infrastructure development, urbanisation, oil drill, over-exploitation etc are some of the factors responsible for our losing the nature's gift. Degradation of mangroves lead to loss of resources, business, food, farmland, fishing space etc. Degradation brings pollution, and eventual death.

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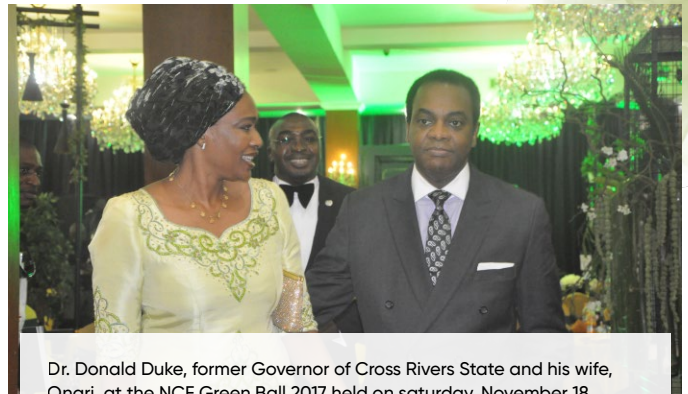
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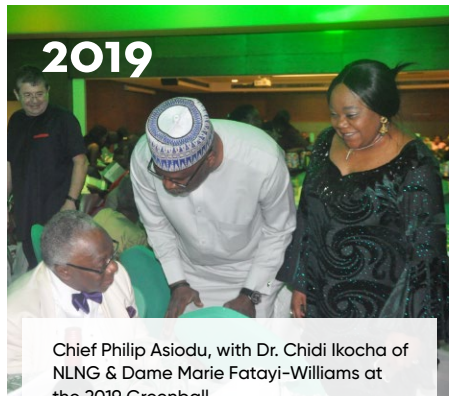
Trustees & Council Members of NCF at the 2017 Greenball held at Lagos Oriental Hotels.



Dr. Donald Duke, former Governor of Cross Rivers State and his wife, Onari, at the NCF Green Ball 2017 held on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at the Lagos Oriental Hotels.



Chief Philip Asiodu, President, Board of Trustees, NCF, and Chief Sharon Ikeazor, former Minister of State for Environment, at the 2019 Greenball, held on Saturday, 16th November at Eko Hotels, Lagos.



Chief Philip Asiodu, with Dr. Chidi Ikocha of NLNG & Dame Marie Fatayi-Williams at the 2019 Greenball.



2022



(R-L) Representative of the Governor of Lagos presenting an award at the 40th Anniversary dinner.



Chief Ede Dafinone receiving an award from the Canadian Deputy High Commissioner.



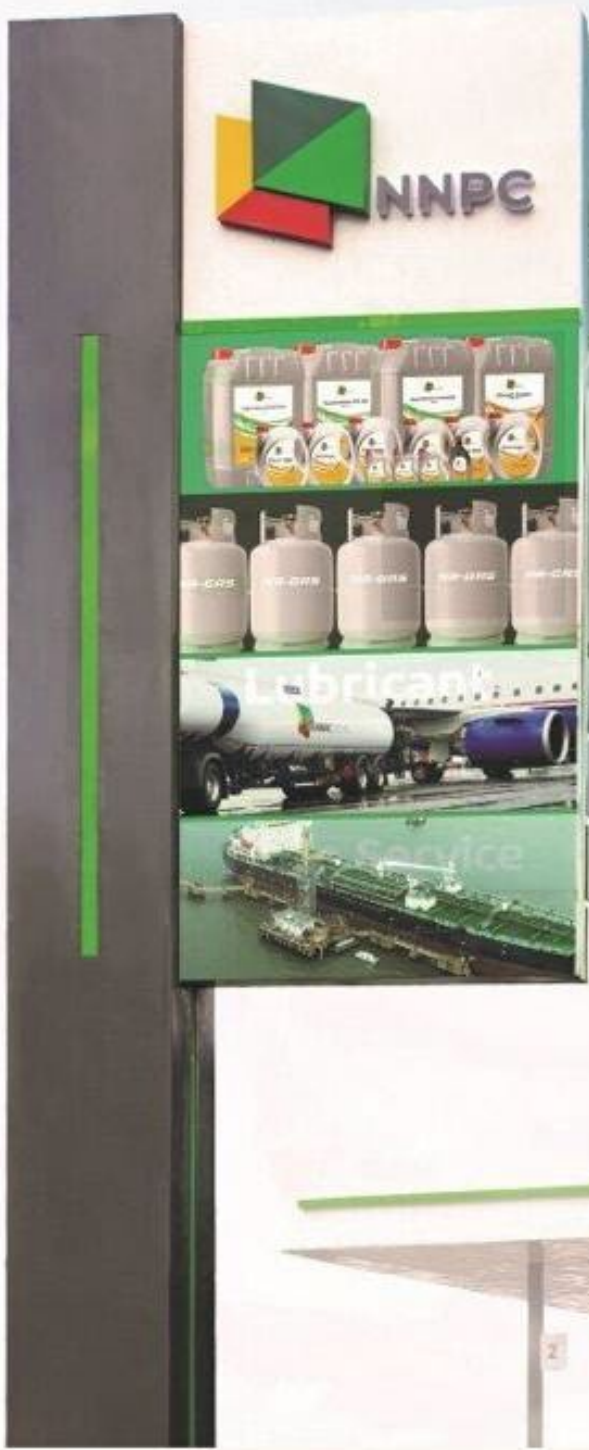
Dignitaries cutting the Anniversary cake

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