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President's Speech



**Izoma Philip
Asiodu CFR, CON**
President,
Board of Trustees

It gives me a great delight to welcome you all to the 34th Annual General Meeting and another season of reporting for the year 2022.

At the Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF), we understand that as God has blessed mankind with nature, the foundation too is blessed with people of passion, value, and integrity.

We harnessed and synergised with the members of the Board of Trustees and National Executive Council in ensuring that NCF is best positioned and lived up to its name and reputation.

With the oversight functions from the Board of Trustees and National Executive Council, down to the efficient Management and staff, NCF has done it again with commendable results.

2022 was not just an exciting year for us, it was also an important year of accounting. With the year-long celebration to mark 40 years of our official existence, we were able to showcase some of our achievements in delivering conservation initiatives and solutions that met the needs of both people and nature. For 4 decades, NCF achieved sustained environmental impact through consistent implementation of programmes that helped restore and conserve the environment, promoted biodiversity conservation, protected species; provided environmental education for teeming students and youths across the country, and supported community livelihood. For 40 years, NCF has been at the fore front of promoting and advocating for a society where people prosper while living in harmony with nature.

In terms of concrete conservation projects, we made appreciable achievement in restoring Nigeria's forest cover through planting and nurturing over 2 million trees across Nigeria under the Green Recovery Nigeria (GRN) Programme of the Foundation that has an ambitious target of restoring Nigeria's forest cover to 25% by 2050. We are grateful to our international and local partners whose support made this possible – the AFR100, the Federal Ministry of Environment, the National Agency for the Great Green Wall, ATC Nigeria, Pernod Ricard Nigeria, Stanbic IBTC Bank, and a host of others. Other projects targeted at saving species in peril and tackling the climate crisis were also implemented across the country in partnership with the IUCN, the Wilder Institute Calgary Zoo, and others.

In supporting the implementation of the Nigerian Sustainable Banking Principles (NSBP) which was launched in 2012 to strengthen the impact on the social and environment principles, NCF hosted a 2-day workshop on "Assessment of the Environmental and Social Principles of the Nigerian Sustainable Banking Principles". It was held in Lagos in September 2022 with support from the WWF.

NCF participated actively in most of the continental and global environment conferences and synergised with the government delegation to give the country a good representation at the 27th United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP27) in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt; the United Nations Convention on Biodiversity (UNCBD COP 15) in Montreal, Canada; and other conferences and workshops.

Over the years, it has been proven that lasting conservation is achieved through collaboration with a range of extraordinary partners. We remain grateful to our valuable partners that cut across all divides – international organizations, the Federal and State Governments and their agencies, the organised private sector, corporate organisations, NGOs, CSOs, local communities, faith groups; and NCF corporate and individual members etc. We are glad for your immense contribution to whatever we have been able to achieve and attain so far.

I welcome you all once again and wish you a rewarding session.

Thank you.

Izoma Philip Asiodu, CFR, CON

President, Board of Trustees

Chairman's Speech



**Chief Ede
Dafinone, FCA**
Chairman, National
Executive Council

I want to express my deepest appreciation to all of you for joining us at the 34th Annual General Meeting of the Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF), to review the foundation's activities for the year 2022. Our gathering today will afford us the opportunity to reflect on the past year's accomplishments, address challenges, and chart a new course for the future.

The year 2022 was indeed a landmark and significant year for NCF and partners. We lined up activities to showcase and celebrate 40 years of creating sustained environmental impact in Nigeria, with the general theme, "Only One Earth". The highlight of the 40th anniversary celebration was the glamorous event that marked the 20th anniversary of our flagship programme, the Chief S.L Edu Memorial Lecture. The event featured the streaming of a conversation with the globally acclaimed English broadcaster, natural historian and author, Sir David Attenborough.

While the celebrations were going on, we ensured we carry on with implementation of programmes, projects, events, and activities under the Foundation's Strategic Action Plan (SAP), 2021 – 2025.

In partnership with Anambra State Ministry of Environment, Nigeria Erosion and Water Shed Management Programme (NEWMAP), Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Community Resource Management and Conservation Initiative (CRMCI), and with support from ATC Nigeria Wireless Infrastructure Limited. A total of 10,812 trees were planted under this partnership. The trees planted are 90% economic trees, with potential of providing rural economic value chain, provide jobs and support food security and 10% exotic trees to support soil erosion resistance.

The foundation embarked on other community conservation initiatives that trained 50 women and youth from support zone communities of one of the newly designated River Kampe National Park in Kwara State on Biochar production from rice waste. This was done with support from the Canadian High Commission's Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI).

Species conservation is a key strategic pillar for us. We embarked on aggressive rescue mission to save the likes of African forest elephants, Cross River gorilla, pangolin, vultures, sea turtles, lions among others. The support we received from the Wilder Institute/Calgary Zoo, Lagos Free Trade Zone, Paington Zoo, Leventis Foundation through the BirdLife Africa Secretariat, IUCN SOS among others, made our species intervention programmes possible. In trying to lead by example, we have taken significant steps to reduce our carbon footprint and invest in renewable energy sources. More than 40% of our energy usage comes from solar energy. At NCF, sustainability is not just a buzzword; it is an integral part of our corporate DNA.

The pace of our progress speaks to the remarkable and healthy interaction between our beneficiaries, staff, and volunteers, who everyday demonstrate exceptional and deep commitment to the Foundation's values, goals, and mission.

None of these achievements would have been possible without the collective efforts of our dedicated workforce. Our employees are the backbone of our organization, and I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for their hard work and dedication. Your passion and innovation have driven our success.

I thank the Board of Trustees and the National Executive Council who have remained committed to ensuring we deliver conservation initiatives and solutions that meet the needs of both people and nature. Looking ahead, we recognize that the business landscape remains uncertain and there is so much to do in the area of biodiversity conservation and climate change. However, we are committed to embracing change, leveraging opportunities, and remaining agile in driving the course of conservation.

I would like to thank each and everyone of you for your trust and support. Our journey would not be possible without your dedication and belief in our mission. Let us continue to work together to build a Nigeria where people prosper while living in harmony with nature.

Thank you.

Chief Ede Dafinone, FCA

Chairman, National Executive Council

Director General's Report



Dr. Joseph Onoja
Director General
Nigerian Conservation
Foundation

The foremost environmental NGO in Nigeria, an audacious voice in environment matters in Africa, the Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF) became more solid and robust as it celebrated its 40th Anniversary.

Many activities and events formed part of the yearlong celebration to commemorate NCF's 40 years of sustained environmental and conservation impact through conservation actions and advocacy.

One of the key events used to mark our 40th anniversary was the 20th edition of Chief SL Edu Memorial Lecture with the theme, "only one earth". It was a fireside chat with the renowned British broadcast and naturalist, Sir David Attenborough. This was well attended by people across all walks of life.

A 45-minutes video documentary was produced to highlight the landmarks and impacts of the foundation. It also captured and chronicled people who have contributed in one way or the other to the growth of NCF right from its establishment.

In the year under review, we implemented a Climate change project in Kwara State, tagged climate change resilience project sponsored by the Canadian Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI) through the Canadian High Commission in Nigeria. Biochar training was organised for the women and youth of the community of River Kampe, Patigi LGA, Kwara State in March 2022. While International Day of Forests was held in collaboration with the Kwara State Ministry of Environment at Ilorin in April.

Similarly, phase 2 of Clean our World (i.e. clean-up & capacity building), an Oando Foundation initiative implemented in batches across the year. This commenced in February. In partnership with the Federal Ministry of Environment, NCF held the Convention on Biodiversity workshop in Abuja in March 2022 to develop a strategy document to galvanize Nigeria's position in preparations for the negotiations in Montreal Canada at the CoP 15.

To push further the Green Recovery Nigeria (GRN) programme, we planted about 100,000 trees across the country. This project was sponsored by many corporate organisations who believed in the programme. Among them were AFRI100, ATC Nigeria, Pernod Ricard West Africa, Stanbic IBTC bank among others. This is complementing our continuous protection of forest landscapes across the country (Finima Nature Park – NLNG; Omo Forest Reserve – Ogun State Government; Becheve Nature Reserve – Becheve Community). A workshop was held in Abuja in June on saving the Sahel. This was done in collaboration with BirdLife and other Pan African Great Green Wall Agencies in some African countries. A Press conference was organised, thereafter a joint Press Release was issued by NCF and BirdLife.

Saving species in peril is one of the 4 pillars of the NCF Strategic Action Plan (SAP). In this line, we embarked on a project tagged Saving Wildcat sponsored by IUCN SOS at Kainji Lake National Park, Niger State. Workshops were organised for rangers and other stakeholders, followed by donation of equipment to aid rangers' performance. Also during the year, we took custody of about 92 Grey Parrots seized by NESREA while being smuggled out of the country through Kano. These birds have been in rehabilitation and will be released to the wild soon. In our bid to boost the save vulture campaign strategy, we launched Wildlife Ambassador in May. This was as a result a vulture survey in conducted in Enugu and Anambra states in March.

NCF signed an MoU with Nnamdi Azikiwe University (Unizik) and University of Calabar (Unical). The MoU with Unical was part of NCF species programme. The programme titled Community Conservation Graduate Student Scholarship Programme seeks to protect Cross River gorilla. It is sponsored by Wilder Institute/Calgary Zoo, Canada. The programme which involves other partners like the Centre for Biodiversity Conservation Research and the University of Calabar will offer scholarships to 2 PhD students and 3 Masters students within 5 years. Also, NCF in partnership with Lagos Free Trade Zone embarked on a project to save sea turtles in Ibeju Lekki.

In May, as part of promoting environmental education, we gathered and engaged about 75 children ages 7 to 17 in a summer camp out at Lekki Conservation Centre to expose them to practical conservation actions. Also, winners of the Ambassador Aduke Alakija National Arts & Essay Competition were handsomely rewarded with both cash & gift prizes.

Walk for Nature remains a policy and advocacy campaign tool for NCF, done in collaboration with Lagos State Ministry of Environment and Water Resources. It held simultaneously at 3 locations – Ikoyi/Obalende LCDA, Ikeja and Surulere LGAs.

A workshop to review the Nigerian Sustainable Banking Principles developed 10yrs ago held at Eko hotels, Lagos. The 2 days' workshop had in attendance, representatives of major financial institutions in Nigeria including the apex bank of Nigeria. We used various global environment days to create awareness about conservation. Among them were World Environment Day, Earth Hour, Wetlands Day, Pangolin Day, World Wildlife Day, World Migratory Bird Day, Mangrove Day, International Vulture Awareness Day and many others.

Dr. Muhtari Aminu-Kano was sent forth gloriously in recognition of his contribution to building NCF's network and net-worth. As a true leader, he truly deserved to be celebrated for a meritorious service. The year was rounded off with the 40th Anniversary Dinner & Awards night held amidst pomp & pageantry. The night was well covered by the media. Event held on 19th November at Metropolitan Club, Victoria Island, Lagos. Likewise, the 33rd Annual General Meeting of NCF held virtually on 30th November. I thank immensely the Board of Trustees and the National Executive Council who have continued to provide guidance and support to the NCF staff. Your guide has help us to remain committed to our vision of building a Nigeria where people prosper while living in harmony with nature.

We appreciate the unwavering support of our partners, sponsors, and donors who bedrock our activities. I equally appreciate all our stakeholders; NCF members, CBOs, CSOs among others.

Dr. Joseph Onoja
Director General,

About Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF)

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.

Conservation Project Sites



**Lekki Conservation Centre,
Lagos State.**
(Size - 78 Hectares)

Established in 1990, the project has become an icon of ecotourism and conservation boasting of native biodiversity that existed in the Lekki Peninsula. Wholly owned by NCF, the project is supported by Chevron Nigeria Limited.



**Omo Forest Reserve,
Ogun State.**
(Size - 55,000 Hectares)

One of the last remaining forests in Western Nigeria. As Technical Partners, we helped establish a wildlife sanctuary within the Reserve which we have been managing since 1989.



**Finima Nature Park,
Rivers State.**
(Size - 1,000 Hectares)

Established by the Nigerian Liquefied Natural Gas Company (NLNG) in 2001, the Finima Nature Park came from a consensus by the communities of Finima and Bonny in Rivers State to protect the forests. We have been managing the project since 2011.



**Becheve Nature Reserve,
Cross River State.**
(Size - 120 Hectares)

Located on the Obudu Plateau in Cross River State, the Project is supported by the Leventis Foundation. The reserve is owned by local communities and managed by NCF since 1998..



**Hedejia-Nguru Wetlands
Conservation Project, Yobe State.**
(Size - 350,000 Hectares)

Our flagship project that delivered improved livelihoods for people, and habitats for migratory birds. It attracted Prince Phillip, the Duke of Edinburgh who visited in his capacity as President of the Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF) in 1989.



**Abuja Conservation Center,
Abuja Federal Capital Territory.**
(Size - 262 Hectares)

Donated by the former President of Nigeria, Muhammadu Buhari, who was the Grand Patron of NCF. Established with the objectives to raise awareness amongst Nigerians, especially on the need to conserve biodiversity. The centre serves as education, research and ecotourism site where people can interact to learn and appreciate nature; and conserve biological and historical resources particularly species and habitats abundant in the area.

NCF @ 40



**Celebrating 40
years of sustained
environmental
and conservation
impact.**



20 years of immortalising NCF's founder



As part of the 40th Anniversary celebration, we held the 20th edition of Chief S.L. Edu Memorial Lecture on Wednesday, 6th July 2022 in Lagos.

The lecture played host to the Honourable Minister of State for Environment, Chief (Barr) Sharon Ikeazor, represented by Mr Rasaan Adekola; His Excellency, Dr. Teshome Nkrumah, the Canadian Deputy High Commissioner; His Excellency, Mr. Ben Llewellyn-Jones OBE, British Deputy High Commissioner; Chief Ede Dafinone, Chairman of NCF National Executive Council; and Mr. Desmond Majekodumi, Chairman of the Lagos State Urban Forest and Animal Initiative (LUFASI), and Founder of the Lufasi Nature Park, traditional rulers, business executives, religious leaders, community leaders, members of CSOs, academia, media among others.

The theme of this year's lecture was **"Only One Earth"** featuring a conversation with the celebrated British naturalist, Sir David Attenborough.

The Lecture is an annual event organized by the NCF to honour the life and times of late Chief S.L. Edu, who founded the foundation.

The lecture was also used to award grant to two deserving post-graduates. They were KAZEH, Nanchin Winifred Kazeh, a PhD student of the University of Jos, researching on a topic: "Implications of Climate and Anthropogenic landUse Change on Bird Species Composition and Distribution in Nigeria". Secondly, Rosemary Egodi Ubaekwe, a PhD student of the University of Port Harcourt, researching on a topic: "Assessment of Land Cover Change and its Impact on Carbon Sinks and Plant Diversity in Finima".

NCF 40th Anniversary Ball & Awards Night



NCF 40th anniversary was held on Saturday, 19th November 2022 at the Metropolitan Club, Victoria Island, Lagos.

The Anniversary Ball & Awards Night hosted two hundred (200) guests and was sponsored by reputable corporate organizations in Nigeria. The event was well attended by guests/representatives from various institutions, such as the representative from the Lagos State Governor's office, who was also the Special Guest of Honor at the event, Ooni of Ife and his wife, The Canadian Ambassador, Chairman of T.Y. Holdings Limited, in the person of Gen. T.Y. Danjuma (rtd), NCF BOT Members, NEC Members & families, and other High-Net-Worth Individuals, Senior representatives of various Corporate Organizations and Members of staff of NCF.

At the event, award was presented to outstanding individuals who have contributed immensely to conservation and environmental sustainability activities in Nigeria. Below are names of individuals whose families received their posthumous awards:

- Late Chief Shafi Lawal Edu, CON
- Late Chief Anofi Salawu Guobadia
- Late Alhaji Isa Kaita, CON, C.B.E
- Late Mrs. Francesca Yetunde Emanuel CON, mni

- Late Alhaji Ahmed Joda, OFR, CON, CFR
- Late Ambassador Hamzat Ahmadu. CON
- Late Brigadier General Mobolaji Olufunso Johnson (rtd)
- Late Dr. Ade Alakija CFR
- Late Professor Emmanuel Asuquo Obot
- Late Mr. Romeo Barberopoulos, MFR

Similarly, individuals who dedicated their lifetime and contributed to conservation and environmental sustainability activities at the NCF and in Nigeria were also recognized and awarded. Below are names of individuals who received special recognition awards for their remarkable contributions:

- Chief Emeka Eleazar Anyaoku, GCVO, CFR, CON, MFR
- General Theophilus Yakubu Danjuma (rtd), GCON, FSS psc.
- Mrs. Adetoun Mohammed
- Mr. Samuel Obot
- Mr. Emefak Ekpo
- Mr. Augustine Ikwunne
- Mr. Harry Hanson
- Mr. Inusa Yau Ahmed.

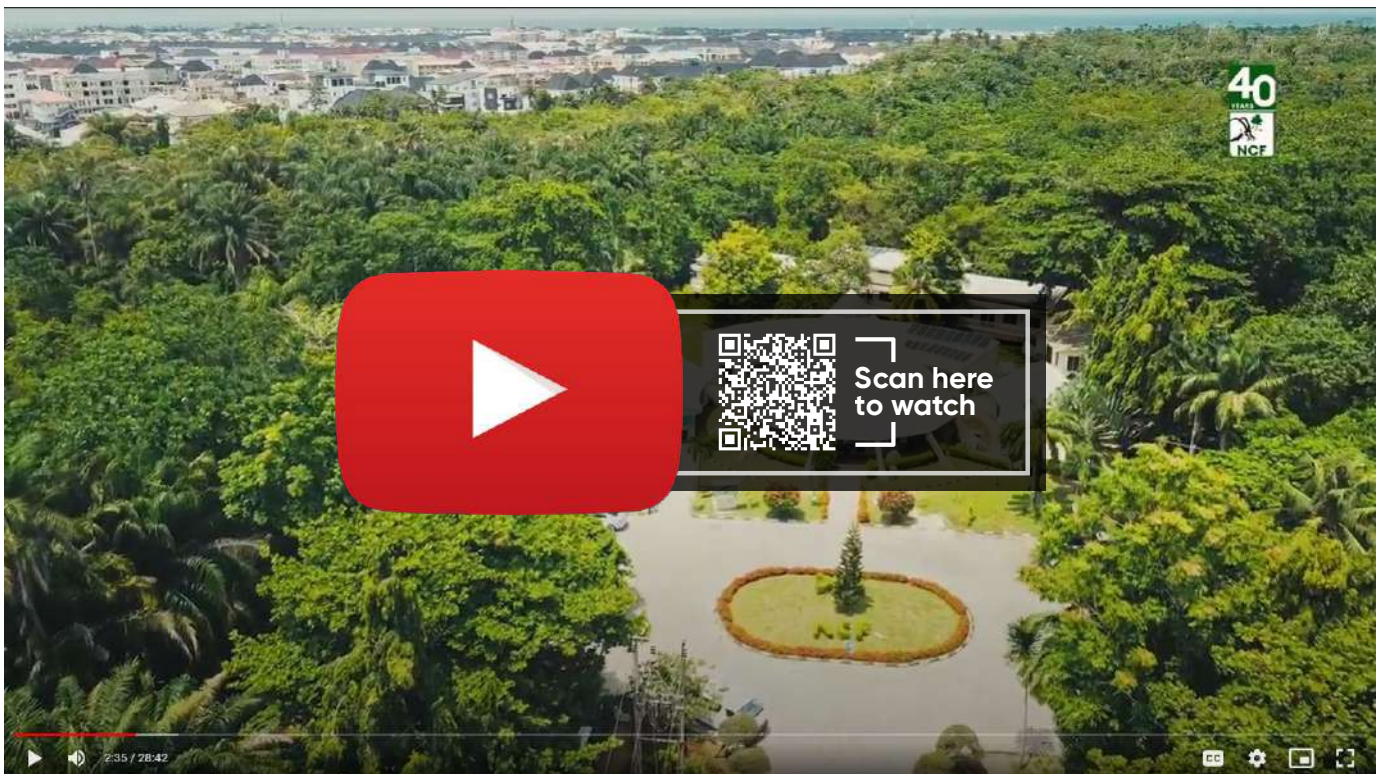


Chief Ede Dafinone, Chairman, National Executive Council, NCF and Dr. Teshome Nkrumah, Canadian Deputy High Commissioner, during the award ceremony at the event.

NCF 40th Anniversary Video Documentary

Celebrating 40 years is no small feat. This is why, a documentary that highlights and showcases the activities of NCF as well as its 40 years' effort at preserving the species, habitats and Nigeria's environment was produced to educate the public and raising awareness about environmental preservation and its impact on climate change.

A 15-minutes documentary containing ground footages in areas of focus displaying the ecology, species and habitats that pre-existed, are existing and are currently endangered and interviews of key stakeholders of the NCF highlighting the intervention and key policies by NCF in addressing these issues.



The documentary tells the story of NCF from conception to inception through the people that have steered the activities of the Foundation over the years, the projects that have impacted various communities, the partners that have supported the Foundation's programmes and events; and key individuals who have played crucial roles one way or the other.

Forest Restoration



A large-scale forest restoration can only be achieved through timely collective efforts of stakeholders, and this is a course of action that NCF promotes diligently



NCF Partners Pernod Ricard Nigeria on Sustainability and Responsibility

As part of its Sustainability and Responsibility (S&R) agenda for the year 2022, Pernod Ricard Nigeria in collaboration with NCF plants 2000 tree seedlings at Old Oyo National Park, Sapateri, Oyo State; Pan-Atlantic University, Ibeju-Lekki; Omo Forest Reserve, J4, Ogun State; Lagos Business School, Lekki and round it up at Lekki Conservation Centre, Lagos.

Some of the tree seedlings planted include Shea Butter - Vitellaria paradoxa, Cashew - Anacardium occidwntale, Parkia (Locust beans) - Parkia biglobosa, Mango - Mangifera indica Queen palm, Golden palm, Mango, Sour sop, Citrus, Native apple, Eucalyptus among others.

On 16th June 2022 at Lekki Conservation Centre, Mr. Sola Oke, Managing Director of Pernod Ricard Nigeria rounded up the tree planting exercise.



Mr. Sola Oke, Managing Director of Pernod Ricard Marketing Nigeria Plc, planting a tree at LCC on 16th June 2022

Establishment of Environmental Education Centre-Asaba Summit Park



Top Soil Supply and Landscaping

Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF), through generous support and land donation from the President of its Board of Trustees, Izoma Philip Asiodu is aiming to develop an urban park "Summit Garden and Nature Park" in Asaba, Delta State with focus on increasing urban green space in the State, promoting environmental education and tourism/outdoor leisure.

The project is divided into two components, with two partners executing each component. NCF, is tasked with the responsibility of implementing the greening component of the project. Some activities undertaken so far include trees planting (1500 seedlings), and Landscaping (Grass and shrubs planting)

Contributing to Green Recovery Nigeria (GRN) at Calabar and its Environ

Under the GRN initiative, so far, a total of 14,412 tree seedlings (both indigenous and mangrove species) were raised, distributed to communities and planted in 2 Local Government Areas in Cross River State. This was achieved through collaboration and partnership between the State Ministry of Environment, schools, community participation, and NGOs.



Tree planting exercise at Bakassi LGA by volunteers and FMC members supported by ATC Nigeria



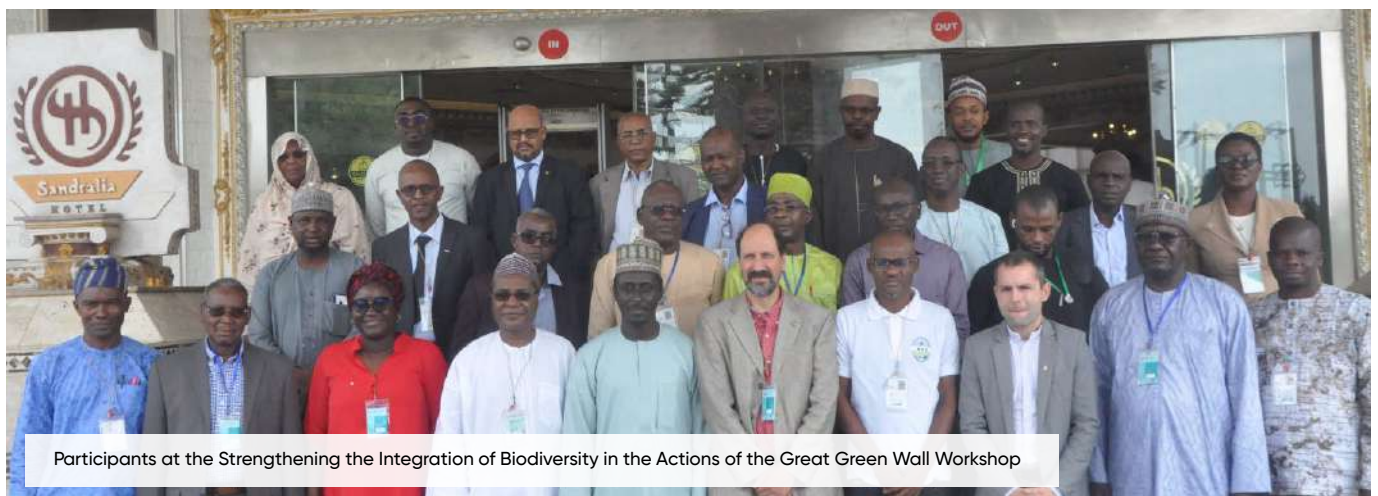
Tree nursery at Ifite-Ogwuari community, Awka, Anambra State tree nursery at Ifite-Ogwuari community,

Making the Sahel Greater and Greener for Nature and People

BirdLife International and the Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF) organised a workshop on 13th June 2022 on enhancing biodiversity mainstreaming in the actions of the Great Green Wall (GGW) under the aegis of the Pan-African Agency of the Great Green Wall (PAGGW), on the margins of the 8th Ordinary Session of Council of Ministers.

The workshop held as part of the PAGGW partnership with BirdLife International, connected the BirdLife Partners in the region, with the National Agencies of the Great Green Wall (NAGGW), to exchange experiences and strengthen synergies, towards shared planning, while putting together a roadmap for further development of the regional concept "Make the Sahel Greater and Greener for Nature & People".

The momentum around this initiative was at its peak, with many countries committing to funding the Great Green Wall in 2021 and 2022 - at the One Planet Summit (with almost €17 billion for the 11 countries to preserve biodiversity and meet UN Sustainable Development Goals by 2025), COP 26 of the UN Convention on Climate Change, and COP 15 of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification - with one overriding aspect: putting biodiversity at the heart of the GGW initiative.



Participants at the Strengthening the Integration of Biodiversity in the Actions of the Great Green Wall Workshop

Implementation of AFRI100 in Southeastern Nigeria

The Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF) in partnership with Nnamdi Azikiwe University and Anambra State Ministry of Environment are collaboratively engaged in the restoration of 80 hectares degraded forests managed by Nnamdi Azikiwe University, the remnants of natural forest in southeast Nigeria. The partnership is in the fulfillment of the support from World Resource Institute and One Tree Planted to support Nigeria in planting 200,000 trees, restoring 200 ha of degraded land in three states inclusive of the Federal Capital Territory.

Activities carried out include:

- Development of nursery.
- Planting of 10,000 trees for the 2022.
- Setting up of working group, development of MoU and management plan for trees maintenance.
- Official flag-off of Afri100 in Anambra.

Forest Restoration



Land cultivation/preparation for the tree planting project within Unizik campus

Species procured were;

Species	Quantity	Hectares Covered
Treculia africana	3000	3
Annona muricata	2000	2
Persea americana	2000	2
Irvingia gabonensis	1000	1
Chrysophyllum albidum	1000	1
Persea americana	1000	1

Species Programme



Saving species, most especially the endemic species of Nigeria requires a thorough strategy that could encompass well integrated impactful programmes.



Postgraduate Scholarship Award for the preservation and conservation of Cross River Gorillas



Cross River Gorilla

The Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF) in collaboration with the Wilder Institute/Calgary Zoo and the Center for Biodiversity Conservation and Research (CBCR) in Ghana, has awarded scholarship to three postgraduate students of the University of Calabar; David Agabi-Eneji and Adekanmbi Adeyinka who were awarded with an M.Sc. scholarship for two years; and Wilfred Ayambem who was awarded a Ph.D scholarship for 3 years.

The award is a form of community conservation initiative to protect the endangered Cross River gorilla which will bring enormous ecotourism benefit to the people of Cross River through preservation and conservation efforts of these species.

Sea Turtle Conservation and Protection in Lagos Coastal Communities

The Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF) signed a partnership deal with the Lagos Free Zone company (LFZC), Ibeju-Lekki LGA with the ultimate vision to promote the preservation of the marine species and reduce the impacts of human activities on their population within the operational range and surrounding communities around the LFZC.



NCF and LFZC officials with the local at the beach around Ibeju-Lekki during one of the sensitisation programmes.

NCF Engage Stakeholders on Sustainable Land Uses to Protect Kainji Lake National Park

The Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF) partnered the National Park Service on a series of engagement to enhance the protection of Kainji Lake National Park (KLNP) and the population of lions and leopards within the park.

A workshop held on Thursday, 23rd June 2022, titled "Stakeholders Engagement to Identify and Design Solutions for Restricted Ranching to Reduce Livestock Grazing in Kainji Lake National Park" in New Bussa, Niger State. This engagement session was a series of activities under the "Emergency Rescue of Nigeria's Last Populations of West African Wildcats - Lion Panthera leo and Leopard Panthera pardus" project supported by the IUCN Save our Species and funded by the European Union.



Rangers of Kainji Lake National Park and training facilitators at the GIS Training Workshop in New Bussa, Niger State

The project is also supporting the park activities with the following equipment: tablets, GPS units, laptops, Drones and motorbikes



Some motorcycles among other items donated to boost the effective park management of the Kainji Lake National Park

Save Vulture & Wildlife Campaign: NCF Engaged Celebrities



The Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF) has expanded its campaign against vulture decline and Illegal Wildlife Trade (IWT) by engaging some celebrities in the crusade. Mariam Longe, Co-host of TVC YourView; Seun Akindele, Nollywood actor; and Yvonne Jegede, Nollywood actor were inaugurated on Thursday, 12th May 2022 at Lekki Conservation Centre, Lagos, as the new set of campaign ambassadors.

The Foundation had engaged some other personalities in the past on the same cause. They were Frank Donga (Comedian), Yomi Fash-Lanso (Movie Producer/Actor), Tito da fire (Musician/OAP) and Seyi Asurf (Movie Producer). Save Vulture project was funded by EU-Life and United State Fish and Wildlife Services.

NCF and SSDO Mobilised South-East Nigeria for Vulture Conservation

Haven identified some communities of Enugu State in Nigeria as vulture safe zones, the Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF), with the support of South-Saharan Social Development Organisation (SSDO) organised a state-wide awareness and advocacy campaign to mobilise support for the conservation of vultures in Enugu State.

The International Vulture Awareness Day (IVAD) 3-mile sensitization walk held on the 29th of September 2022, had participants drawn from the Enugu State Ministries of Environment, Agriculture, and Information; Igbo Eze North Health Department; representatives from Local Government Areas; CSO partners, Students of higher institutions as well as Secondary school.

In September 2021, NCF conducted a field survey in a forest at Awgu LGA and recorded over 200 individuals of Hooded Vulture Population. The Community Forest is not a government recognised protected area but protected by cultural and traditional laws hindering exploitation of the species. The event was part of the projects funded under the EVNewLife project with support from partners.



Water Birds Conservation Across The Nation

The annual winter count is a regular exercise that NCF is coordinating in Nigeria. This year, the exercise was extended to the coastal areas of Nigeria for the first time to enhance our understanding of the use of the coastal areas by wintering and resident waterbirds. The survey covered selected sites across the extensive Nigerian coastal lines which include seven states along the 850Km coastline.

The exercise revealed the bird species utilizing the coastline, the environmental characteristics, and the threats to these species. It was also a double opportunity to enlighten coastline communities on the importance of these species and their roles as indicators of ecological changes on the environment.

Additionally, the regular winter bird count at the Hadeija Nguru wetland was also carried out. Project was supported by Vogelbescherming Nederland/ Wetland International.



Researchers and fishermen in Bijimi, Ondo state during the water bird census.



Grey Heron



Allen's Gallinule

2022 World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD)

The 2022 World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) was commemorated at Lagos and Hadeija Nguru wetlands. Both events were celebrated in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Environment. The Lagos event had Dr. Soladoye Iwajomo from University of Lagos, an experienced ornithologist delivered a lecture. The event was well attended by stakeholders and students. Event was supported by Wetlands International.



(L-R) Dr. Adeyemi Adewunmi, Deputy Director of Forestry, Lagos State Ministry of Agriculture; Dr. Stella Egbe, NCF Species Prog Lead; Mr. Uchenna Achunine, NCF Director of Business Development & Comms; Dr. Soladoye Iwajomo, Senior Lecturer, Dept of Zoology, University of Lagos; Dr. Joseph Onoja, Director General of NCF; and Mr. Abdulmalik Ogizi, representative from the Federal Ministry of Environment during the WMBD commemoration in Lagos.

Climate Change



NCF is leading a bold step in the right direction in critically mitigating climate change impact on the people.



Capacity Building



The more you build people's capacity, the better they become in production and delivery of target, the more improved result you get.



Oando Foundation and NCF empower 100 teachers in environmental sustainability

The Oando Foundation, Nigeria, Sumitomo Chemical, Japan, with the technical support of the Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF) organised capacity building on recycling and environmental sustainability for some public primary school teachers in Lagos State, themed "waste to wealth".



Facilitator at the waste-to-wealth training



Participants at the waste-to-wealth capacity building at Metropolitan School, Orile-Iganmu, Lagos

Dada Olisa Primary School and Methodist Pry school, Papa Ajao, Mushin in Lagos.

The aim is to make people consider business of waste recycling to be a viable means of revenue generation for schools, communities, and families. Consequently, school pupils will in the long run benefit from the knowledge and could join in the campaign.

The workshop exposed participants to diverse areas of waste upcycling, which include the use of plastic bottles to manufacture furniture materials like table cover, bags etc.

The session was facilitated by Plastic Evolution Initiative, coordinated by Mrs Mary Otorukiri-Hart.

The workshop held earlier in the year, had 100 participants drawn from Dele Ajomale Primary School, Ilasamaja; Metropolitan Primary School, Orile-Iganmu; Badia School Complex, Ijora Badia; Ishaga Schools Complex, Ishaga Mushin

Capacity Building for Rangers on the use of GIS for Habitat and Species Monitoring

The objective of this activity was to improve the capacity of rangers in monitoring the park, the park boundaries, and the species within the park. It was also aimed at improving the technical skills of the rangers when it comes to predicting the distribution and occurrence of species especially those of conservation concern or unique to the park.

A GIS specialist, Dr Michelle Fasona trained twenty-one rangers in June 2022. These rangers are expected to form the primary unit in charge of species and habitat research and monitoring.



Dr. Stella Egbe, NCF Species Prog Lead led a team on a courtesy visit to Conservator of Park, CP Jimoh Oladosu, Kainji Lake National Park.

NCF Trains National Park Rangers For Improved Protection of Lions in Nigeria

As human-wildlife conflicts, poaching, illegal grazing, and logging persists, most endangered species in Nigeria are left at the brink of extirpation or local extinction. The Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF) with the support of IUCN Save Our Species and the European Union hosted a Geographical Information System (GIS) training workshop for Rangers of Kainji Lake National Park (KLNP).

The training is part of the ongoing project titled "Emergency Rescue of Nigeria's Last Populations of West African Wildcats - Lion (*Panthera leo*) and Leopard (*Panthera pardus*) in Kainji Lake National Park. The workshop held on Tuesday, 21st June 2022 at Federation of Borgu Youth Hall, New Bussa, Niger State.



NCF officials and Senior Rangers of Kainji Lake National Park at one of the workshops organised in New Bussa for Park Rangers.

This project is designed to address the identified challenges of habitat degradation from unsustainable land use activities, animal poisoning and hunting pressure. The goal is to improve the conservation and range protection of lion & leopard in KLNP with 50% increase in park surveillance and 70% reduction in livestock invasion into the park by December 2023.

With the support of the IUCN SOS funded by the EU, the project runs for 3years.

Environmental Education



We have a strong vision for catching them young through environmental education and other allied activities tailor-made.



Over 75 Children Exposed to Conservation Knowledge at the 2022 NCF Summer Camp

Believability in catching them young and preparation of the conservation champions for the future, motivated the Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF) to set up the summer camp to impart conservation knowledge to children three years ago.

The 2022 NCF summer camp themed "Time for Nature" was hosted with the support from Access Bank PLC for a period of three weeks from 9th – 25th August 2022, at Lekki Conservation Centre.

Over 75 children, ages 7 to 17 benefited from the programme. The children were engaged in the following activities: Gardening, Upcycling, Nature hike, Tie-dyeing, Storytelling, Coding, Green Cooking, Art and Craft, Quiz and Games.

NCF commenced this initiative in 2020 virtually via Google Classroom and WhatsApp platforms.

The 2021 edition was held physically at Lekki Conservation Centre for the period of three weeks, as a way of engaging the students during their summer holiday with loads of activities such as Butterfly Collection, Bird Watching, Green Cooking and Up-cycling, and many more.

This environmental education initiative was supported by Access bank Plc.



Participants at the NCF Summer Camp 2022

NCF Gifts Over One Million Naira To Students



(L-R) former Project Manager, Lekki Conservation Centre (LCC), Mr. Damola Ogunesan; winners of the competition; and Environmental Education Officer, Mrs. Damola Ogutuga, at the NCF/Amb Aduke Alakija competition award & prize giving ceremony at LCC Lagos on Wednesday, 30th November 2022.

The Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF) announced 12 intelligent and creative students as winners in the 15th edition of the NCF/Ambassador Aduke Alakija Memorial National Schools' Art & Essay competition with the theme "Only One Earth".

The 1st positions received sum of one hundred and fifty thousand naira each, 2nd position received sum of one hundred thousand naira each, while the 3rd place received fifty thousand naira each.

The Annual National Schools' Art & Essay competition was first held in 1988 as part of NCF's education and awareness programme in the formal school system.

The art competition is open to anyone between 5 – 18 years old, while the essay competition is open to anyone between 12-18 years of age, in full-time education.

The best five entries in each of the category are submitted by the 36 State Ministries of Education and the Federal Capital Territory to NCF for the final assessment.

The Establishment of Fruit Tree Orchards in Four Schools in Nguru

Fruit Tree Orchards in Nigerian schools are part of the ongoing Green Recovery Nigeria (GRN) initiative in response to providing nutritional supplements to school children especially in boarding schools, as well as the dire need for retaining a significant proportion of Nigeria’s landmass under forest.



Students of Government Girls College, Kano cultivating their vegetable garden initiated by NCF.

While embarking on this project, some of the objectives considered were:

- To plant trees that sequester carbon; this reduces global warming.
- To provide additional nutritional benefits to the growing population of the 4 target school students.
- To reduce heat and cooling cost, reduce pollution; take up carbon dioxide while providing oxygen.
- To combat climate change by creating a mosaic of green landscapes to halt desert encroachment.
- To provide area for nature interpretation/bird watching.

The 660 fruit tree seedlings planted in school gardens include Mango (*Mangifera indica*), Cashew (*Anacardium occidentale*), Sweet orange (*Citrus sinensis*), Key Lime (*Citrus aurantiifolia*), Paw-Paw (*Carica papaya*), and Guava (*Psidium guajava*).

S/N	NAME OF INSTITUTION	NUMBERS PLANTED
1.	College of Health Science and Technology, Nguru	220
2.	Government Girls Secondary School (GGSS), Nguru	220
3.	Government Unity College, Nguru	160
4.	Government Day Junior Secondary School, Nguru	60

Celebration of International Events

The NCF Calabar office celebrated some international events which includes World Cleanup Day, International Day of Forests 2022 among others in partnership with schools.

The purpose was to highlight the importance and significance of those days, as well as educate the public about the need to hold such events in the light of the present environmental challenges.



Participants at the World Cleanup Day 2022



Students celebrating the International Day of Forests 2022

Kano School Orchard

The Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF) in collaboration with Osman Consulting aimed at improving nutritional status of 5 boarding secondary schools via a designed school orchard programme in Kano Nigeria. The programme was assessed for impact based on its two strategic objectives in the areas of improving nutritional status of school children and students to increase knowledge and skills in growing fruits and vegetables, general nutrition, and key environmental concerns. The Government of Kano State, through the Ministry of Education also provided critical support to the program outcome. The build-up and facilitation of the Conservation club and the training of teachers on orchard plantation and garden management turned out to be the core activity of the project.



Orchard Plantation Plot

Garden with vegetables that comprises of lettuce, tomatoes, pepper, water melon, spinach, okra are all observed to be planted and harvested on a rotational period of every 3-6 months twice per year. Harvest serves the nutritional need of the student. There are some positive signs suggesting that program activities will continue to contribute to increased food ingredients and/or nutritional supplements through the garden to the students' feeding, while nurturing of the fruit trees and awaiting their maturity for fruiting.

Budgeting of the school management on vegetables supplement to the student's dietary was reduced by 60%, providing financial savings to the management to add more educational materials that improve student learning outcome.

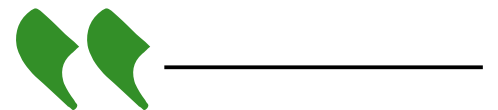
The project provided knowledge and capacity through:

- Active training of 150 teachers on orchard and gardening.
- Creation of conservation clubs.
- Provision of tools for teaching and running of conservation clubs.
- Regular engagement of students on gardening, Orchard management and outdoor activities of bird/butterfly watching that increased environmental protection consciousness among students
- Students have developed interest in nature conservation.
- Students now understand value nature as the source of food for humans.
- Students now have the capacity to independently grow vegetable and trade which further gives them opportunity on acquiring business skills and financial independence after school.

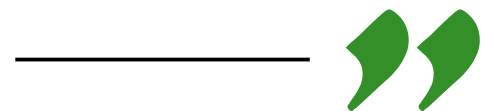


Handing over of the conservation club kits to a school Principal

Partnership



**Collaboration
is the bedrock
of expansion
in business.**



Partnership Building

In a bid to improve conservation and natural resource management, the NCF has continually partnered with the University of Calabar through the Environmental Education Department which NCF established through the support of WWF.

As part of building a long lasting relationship, NCF signed an MoU with the Institution.



Dr. Joseph Onoja, Director General of NCF during the MoU signing at Unical

NCF is also providing support for Post Graduate Students (Masters and Ph.D) in natural and social sciences in research projects for the conservation of the Cross River Gorilla through the support of Wilder Institute/Calgary Zoo and the Center for Biodiversity Conservation Research.

MoU Signing in Unical

The Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF) in partnership with Anambra State Ministry of Environment, Nigeria Erosion and Water Shed Management (NEWMAP) and Community Resource Management and Conservation Initiative (CRMCI), with financial support from ATC Nigeria Wireless Infrastructure Limited are leading forest restoration intervention in Anambra State.

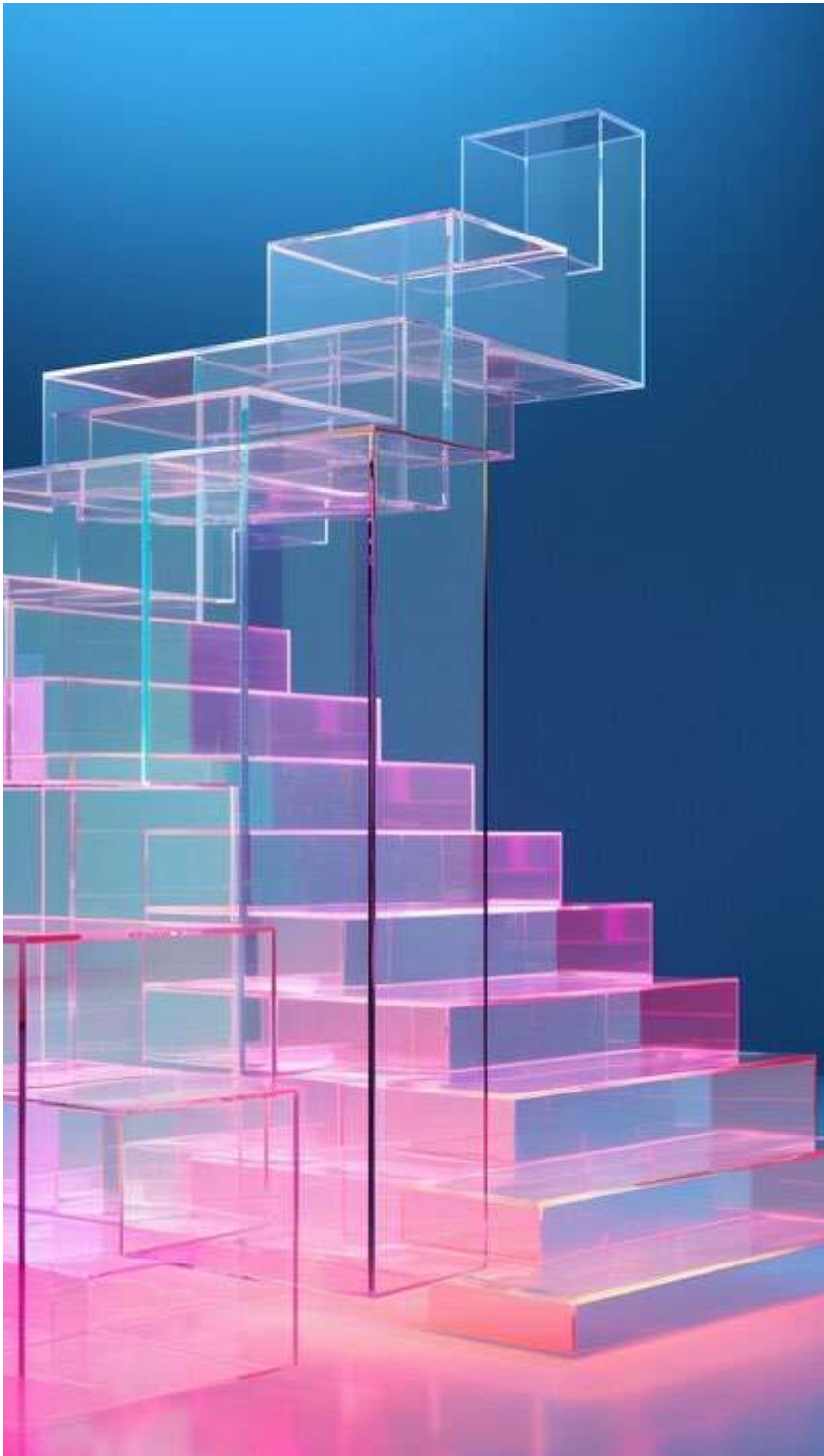
The intervention was carried out to advance action against soil erosion and related impact of climate change by working closely with the communities who are the frontline impact bearer.



(R-L) Dr. Joseph Onoja, Director General of NCF, with Prof Charles Esimone, Vice Chancellor of Unizik



Change of Leadership



**Going on
a journey
to next
level**





Dr Joseph Onoja Resumes as New DG of NCF

In the spirit of restructuring and scaling up more years of excellence and impact, the Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF) appointed Dr Joseph Daniel Onoja as the new Director General of the Foundation effective August 2022.

Following the announced imminent departure of Dr Muhtari Aminu-Kano, Dr. Onoja took over the helm of affairs of the Foundation to continue the great work of fostering the vision of a Nigeria where people prosper while living in harmony with nature.

Dr Onoja has been with the Foundation since 2015 as the Director of Technical Programmes where he oversaw the implementation of projects and other activities across the country with an operation income of more than half a billion naira from donors globally. Also, he has acted as the DG for a brief period in 2018. He has closely worked with Dr Aminu-Kano in the last 4 years which will ensure a smooth progress of implementation of plans, especially the newly developed Strategic Action Plan (SAP).

Dr. Onoja holds a PhD in Conservation Biology from the A.P. Leventis Ornithological Research Institute of the University of Jos, Plateau State where he researched the extent and impact of human activities on birds and large mammals in Yankari Game Reserve Bauchi, Nigeria.



NCF member of staff in a group photograph with Dr. Muhtari Aminu-Kano during his exit as the Director General of NCF.

Other Event within the Anniversary Year



Creating awareness & advocacy campaign through events is major for us.



16th Edition of the Walk for Nature

The annual Walk for Nature is jointly hosted by the Lagos State Government, through the Ministry of Environment and Water Resources. The 3-km walk with the theme, Only One Earth was held across three (3) different locations: Ikeja, Surulere and Ikoyi-Obalende, on Saturday, 15th October 2022.



Walk for Nature at Ikeja



(3rd from right) Chief Ede Dafinone, Chairman, National Executive Council, NCF, leading the NEC members on the walk.



Walk for Nature at Surulere.



Chief Philip Asiodu, President, Board of Trustees, NCF, delivering a speech at the 2022 Walk for Nature in Lagos.

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Independent Auditor's report

To the Members of Nigerian Conservation Foundation

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of **Nigerian Conservation Foundation** set out on pages 4 to 39 which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022, the statement of income and expenditure and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in members' funds, statement of cash flows for the year then ended and the notes to the financial statements including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of **Nigerian Conservation Foundation** as at 31 December 2022 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards, the requirements of the Companies and Allied Matters Act and the Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria Act, 2011.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Foundation in accordance with the requirements of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' (IESBA) International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA code) and other independence requirements applicable to performing audits of financial statements in Nigeria. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code and other ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of Financial Statements in Nigeria. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprise the statement of Trustees' responsibilities for the preparation and approval of financial statements, which we obtained prior to the date of this report, and the Annual Report, which is expected to be made available to us after that date. The other information does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not and will not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed on the other information obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.



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Responsibilities of the Trustees for the Financial Statements

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, the requirements of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, the Financial Reporting Council Act, 2011 and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Foundation or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Foundation to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In accordance with the Fifth Schedule of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, we expressly state that:

- i. We have obtained all the information and explanation which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit.
- ii. The Foundation has kept proper books of account, so far as appears from our examination of those books.
- iii. The Foundation's financial position and its statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income are in agreement with the books of account and returns

Chigozie Okoro, FCA - FRC/2013/ICAN/0000004457
For: Deloitte and Touché
Chartered Accountants
Lagos, Nigeria
4 December 2023



NIGERIAN CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

Financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2022

Statement of income and expenditure and other comprehensive income

	Notes	2022 N'000	2021 N'000
Income			
Fees and subscriptions	6	138,695	128,646
Contributions from donors	7	237,476	256,003
Investments income	8	8,438	6,095
Other income	9	281,373	144,491
Total Income from Operation		665,982	535,235
Non-monetary Government grant	10	268,618	269,034
Total income		934,600	804,269
Expenditure			
General & administrative expenses	11	263,431	169,897
Personnel cost	12	229,810	167,543
Depreciation - Property, plant and equipment	13	33,954	30,219
Other expenses	14	91,042	39,419
Total Expenses from operation		618,237	407,078
Depreciation - Forest and Family park leasehold	13	262,752	262,455
Total expenditure		880,989	669,533
Surplus for the year		53,611	134,736

NIGERIAN CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

Financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2022

Statement of financial position
As at 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 N'000	2021 N'000
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	15	610,938	535,064
Forest and Eco park	15	17,296,329	17,559,081
Total non-current assets		17,907,267	18,094,145
Current assets			
Trade and other receivables	16	140,751	61,512
Prepayment	17	4,233	2,507
Cash and cash equivalents	18	628,400	502,542
Total current assets		773,384	566,561
Total assets		18,680,651	18,660,706
Reserves and liabilities			
Funds and reserves			
Accumulated funds	20.1	403,726	350,115
Capital reserve	20	137,322	137,322
Capital funds	20.2	1,994	1,994
Total funds and reserves		543,042	489,431
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred non-monetary Government grant	19.1	17,459,724	17,727,920
Total non-current liabilities		17,459,724	17,727,920
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	23	67,819	25,526
Deferred non-monetary government grant	19.1	268,611	269,034
Deferred income	19	341,455	148,795
Total current liabilities		677,885	443,355
Total liabilities		18,137,609	18,171,275
Total reserves and liabilities		18,680,651	18,660,706

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorized for issue on 30 November 2023 and signed on its behalf by:


Izoma P. C. Asiodu, CFR, CON
President


Dr. Joseph Onoja
Secretary

**The Trustees, Council Members and
Management of Nigerian
Conservation Foundation (NCF)
announce the demise of our Council
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25th May, 2022.**



Dr. Ade Alakija
NCF Council Member
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GRN 2021 - 2025 OBJECTIVES

- Work with stakeholders to ensure the expansion of Nigeria's protected area system by the creation of at least 10 additional protected areas, including marine parks.
- Ensure the effective management of at least 5 protected areas by building the capacity of Park managers and surrounding communities to monitor and safeguard the biodiversity of the parks as well as promote sustainable use of resources in their support zones.
- Advocate for and provided technical support in the development and implementation of a forest landscape restoration masterplan for Nigeria.
- Contribute to greening Nigeria through forest landscape restoration by planting or assisted natural regeneration of 8 million indigenous trees across the country.
- Support corporate organizations involved in forest resources exploitation to develop and implement voluntary standards/codes for sustainable forest use.
- Build capacity and empowered local communities to produce, market and use fuel efficient woodstoves as well as utilise alternative energy cook stoves aiming to reach 50,000 households.

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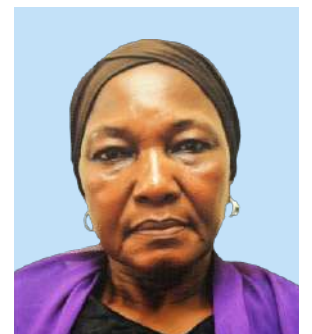
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