



NIGERIAN CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

For nature...for people...for Nigeria



EDITOR'S NOTE

It is a great delight to welcome you to another rich edition of NCF Newsletter. In this piece, we have highlighted some of the projects we implemented, events and programmes organised, and partnerships we engaged in.

Our flagship fundraiser event, Greenball held as usual amidst pomp and pageantry. As a focused, and vision-driven organisation, our Strategic Action Pillars remain our guide. Therefore, we executed projects that cut across Green Recovery Nigeria (GRN), species conservation, climate change, and partnership.

We also had it big in lots of environment days commemorations, such as Global Recycling Day, International Day of Forests, World Wetlands Day, Earth Hour, etc.

We celebrated our icon, President, Board of Trustees, Izoma Philip Asiodu, who turned 90 years old on 26th February 2024. Our Director General paid a working visit to the Ministers of Youth and Environment to strengthen the frontiers.

Please enjoy this edition filled with information, education, and entertainment materials.

Happy reading.

Newsletter Highlights

Green Ball 2023

Izoma Philip Asiodu's Birthday Dinner Party

NCF/NABU Project

Wetlands Day 2024

World Wildlife Day 2024

International Day of Forests 2024

International Waterbird Count 2024

Global Recycling Day 2024



Global Recycling Day, celebrated on March 18 every year, is a recycling initiative that encourages us to look at our trash in a new light.

Every small effort counts. Let's do our part to make our planet cleaner and safer.

REDUCE - REUSE - RECYCLE

We are thrilled to welcome all nature lovers back to experience the wonders of our beautiful sanctuary.

After several weeks of maintenance and thorough inspections to ensure safety, the much awaited reopening of Lekki Conservation Centre is happening this Friday.

Embark on an adventure filled with unforgettable moments amidst natural beauty. Plan your visit today!

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GREAT NEWS!

LEKKI CONSERVATION CENTRE

RE-OPENS

We wish to inform the public, especially our tourists and visitors that **LCC will re-open on**

Friday, 29th March 2024

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NCF, Ford Foundation Sponsor Climate Justice CSOs to COP28 in Dubai

As part of the effort to strengthen civil society organizations' voices on climate justice in Nigeria, the Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF) in partnership with Ford Foundation provided funding support for members of the Nigeria Climate Justice Alliance (NCJA) to attend COP28 held from 30 November to 13 December at Expo City, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.



NCF GREEN BALL 2023 - Partnership For Conservation And Restoration of Mangroves

Mangroves are unique but vulnerable ecosystems that serve as homes for diverse wildlife ranging from marine life, invertebrates, sea turtles, and birds.

Mangrove forests occupy an important ecological niche at the transition between land and sea communities, where they serve as defense and physical basins to cushion the impacts of storm surges, tidal waves, erosion, rising sea levels, and other extreme weather conditions.

Given this, the Annual Green Ball 2024 with the theme, " Partnership for Conservation and Restoration of Mangroves, was a platform to appreciate partners for their contributions to safeguarding the environment and also to solicit support for the conservation and protection of the country's remaining mangrove ecosystems.



Dr. Onoja paid working visit to Minister of Youth

The Director General of NCF, Dr. Joseph Onoja paid a courtesy visit to Dr. Jamila Bio Ibrahim, the Honourable Minister of Youth Development in January.

During the meeting, NCF affirmed its dedication to supporting the ministry and the National Youth Service Corps programme, by extension, the Federal Government of Nigeria.

This will contribute to the afforestation efforts, aligning with Nigeria's international obligations, particularly its pledge to restore 4 million hectares of degraded landscape under the United Nations Conventions and the Bonn Challenge.



Vulture Conservation: Southwest Region Plant-Based Alternative Workshop

The vulture population decline in Nigeria is primarily driven by traditional medicine practices.

In our ongoing commitment to safeguard the remaining vulture populations in Nigeria, we convened stakeholders in Abeokuta, Ogun State, earlier this year.

Our focus of discussion was on exploring, advocating, and promoting plant-based alternatives in traditional medicine practices.



GREEN RECOVERY NIGERIA: supports livelihoods of 1000 Nigerians, plants 276,860 tree seedlings in 2023

Through our Green Recovery Nigeria (GRN) Programme, NCF implemented livelihood support activities that boost the economic value of over 1000 Nigerians who live within the communities where 276,860 tree seedlings were planted in 2023.

The overall goal of the GRN Programme is to contribute and facilitate a reforestation scheme in 25% of Nigeria's total landmass. GRN is a 30-year programme that will run from 2017 to 2047 while simultaneously promoting actions to curb further deforestation and forest degradation.

Some of the beneficiary communities in the livelihood component include Iko Esai and Becheve in Cross River; Ajingi in Kano; Guzape in Abuja; and Awka Etti in Anambra among others.

The projects were made possible through the support of the German Government through the Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union, Germany (NABU), Stanbic IBTC Holdings, Access Corporation, AFR100, Pernod Ricard Nigeria, International Labour Organisation (ILO), First Bank Nigeria Ltd, British American Tobacco Nigeria Foundation, ATC Nigeria Wireless Infrastructure Ltd, and many others.



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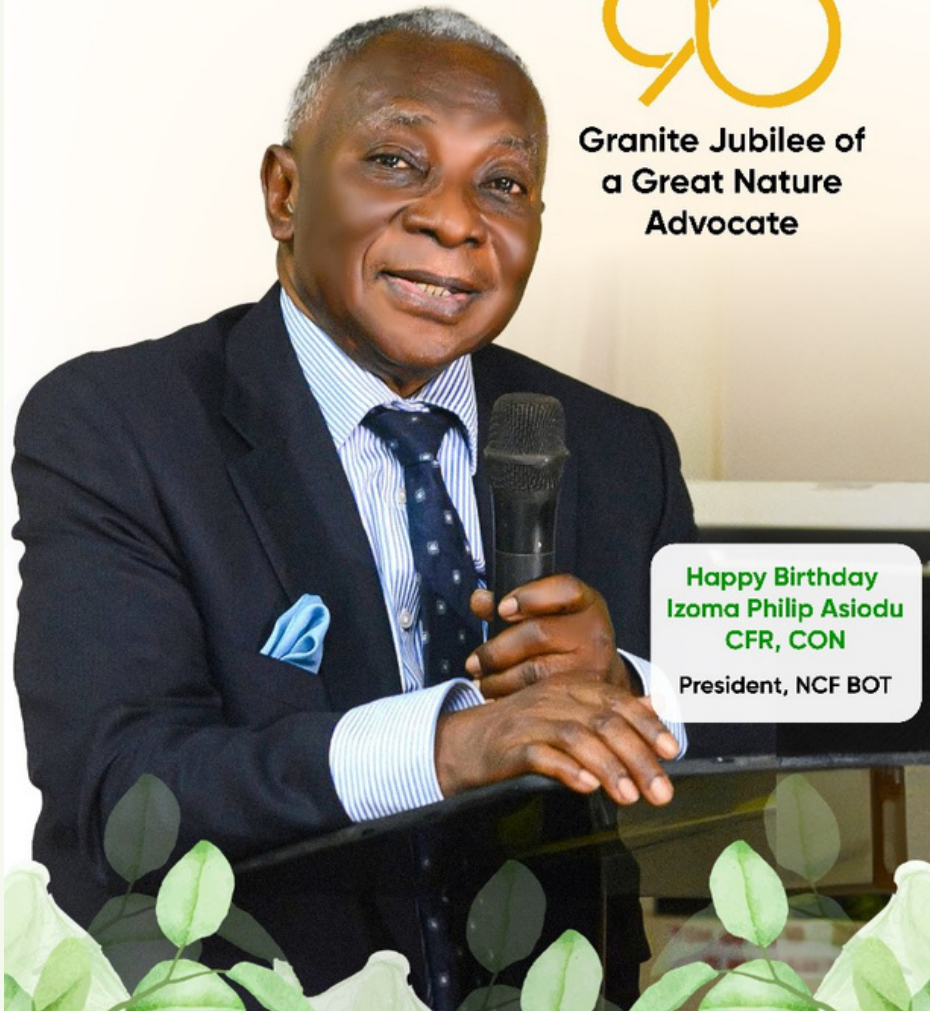


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CELEBRATING

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Granite Jubilee of
a Great Nature
Advocate



Happy Birthday
Izoma Philip Asiodu
CFR, CON
President, NCF BOT

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ICON
AT 90!**

**TRIBUTE TO IZOMA
PHILIP ASIODU**

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PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

A team from Enugu State Tourism Board, led by Dame Rita Mbah, in a group photo with Dr. Joseph Onoja and NCF team members after a meeting to develop partnership and collaboration towards achieving the tourism objectives of the Enugu State government.

The scope of discussion includes ecotourism, habitat conservation, land restoration, and livelihood projects.

We are thrilled about this partnership's potential to drive positive change for environmental sustainability within Enugu state and, by extension, across Nigeria. More updates coming soon.

IDF 2024 commemoration at Ibadan Zonal Office

Commemoration of International Day of Forests 2024 was conducted in partnership with Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria, International Society of Tropical Foresters and Tree Club of University of Ibadan.

The event also feature tree planting exercise.



Interview with the President, NCF Board of Trustees, Izoma Philip Asiodu

We had the privilege of having an insightful conversation with our distinguished President, Board of Trustees, Izoma Philip Asiodu, as part of our ongoing celebrations honouring his remarkable legacy and milestone achievements on his 90th birthday.

You can watch the interview conducted by Mariam Longe and be inspired by his achievements.

[WATCH FULL VIDEO HERE](#)



WORLD WILDLIFE DAY 2024

In today's rapidly changing world, getting the younger generation interested and involved in wildlife conservation is not just important, it's critical.

We took a significant step towards this by hosting an engaging interactive learning session for students from diverse secondary schools across Lagos metropolis, in commemoration of the #WorldWildlifeDay2024.



During this session, students were taken through the fascinating world of wildlife, learning how to identify different species through captivating wildlife presentations. We also equipped them with practical skills, teaching them how to utilize tools such as binoculars, camera traps and mobile phones to support wildlife protection efforts.

Courtesy Visit To The Honourable Minister of Environment



In an attempt to strengthen the relationship between the Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF) and the Federal Ministry of Environment, the Director-General of NCF, Dr. Joseph Onoja paid a courtesy visit to the Honourable Minister of Environment, Malam Balarabe Abbas Lawal in Abuja recently.

During the meeting, Dr. Onoja congratulated the minister on his appointment and urged him to ensure Nigeria fulfils its obligations with respect to certain international agreements signed by the country.

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EXCLUSIVE DINNER PARTY: CELEBRATING OUR OUR ICON AT 90 - IZOMA PHILIP C. ASIODU, CFR, CON, PRESIDENT NCF BOARD OF TRUSTEES



It was a night filled with elegance, joy, and reverence, as distinguished guests gathered to celebrate the remarkable milestone of an iconic figure, Izoma Philip Asiodu, on his 90th birthday.

Here's to many more moments of joy, and celebration as we continue to uphold the legacy of greatness set forth by Izoma Philip Asiodu.

ECOWAS COORDINATION MEETING IN ABUJA

NCF partnered with the Federal Ministry of Environment and other partners for the ECOWAS coordination meeting on expanding and strengthening protected areas in Abuja.



INTERNATIONAL WATERBIRD COUNT 2024

The Annual International Waterbird Census was established to monitor the population trends of resident and migratory Waterbirds in both breeding and wintering sites. Over the years, the Nigerian Conservation Foundation which is Birdlife International's local partner in Nigeria has coordinated the monitoring of wintering Waterbirds across selected sites in Nigeria. These trends in the population of this group of birds indicate both the health of bird species population, habitat quality, and the impact of global climatic changes on both.



The 2024 exercise held from January - February 2024 covered the coastal wetlands and the inland wetlands of Hadeiju Nguru, one of Nigeria's important wetlands and RAMSAR sites. This is a global exercise carried out by different Birdlife partners along the African Eurasian Flyway. The data from this exercise helps species and habitat managers make important decisions to prevent continuous species loss.



The health of our ecosystem is incomplete without taking care of wetlands.

To mark World Wetlands Day 2024, we had a bird-watching and clean-up exercise at the Otolu Mangrove site, Lekki LCDA, Ibeju-Lekki Lagos

This year's theme; Wetlands and Human Wellbeing, reminds us that our health is dependent on the health of wetlands.

Wetlands are critically important ecosystems that contribute to biodiversity, climate mitigation and adaptation, freshwater availability, world economies, and more

World Wetlands Day 2024

This is an urgent call to action for everyone to value and protect these amazing ecosystems for healthier lives.

PHOTO NEWS



NCF 2023 Staff Party



DG with President, Board of Trustees at the 34th NCF Annual General Meeting.



2024 World Wetlands Day commemoration at Calabar, Cross River State



Birdwatching activity at Otolu Mangrove site, Ibeju-Lekki Lagos.



Guests at the 2023 Annual Green Ball



Bird watching at Lekki Conservation Centre to celebrate Earth Hour 2024

“ WE ARE THE ENVIRONMENT AND HOW WE TREAT EACH OTHER IS REALLY HOW WE TREAT THE ENVIRONMENT. ”

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