

Assessing the Opportunity Cost of Ecological Restoration Caused by Land Use/Land Cover Changes in the Coastal Landscapes of South-Western Ghana

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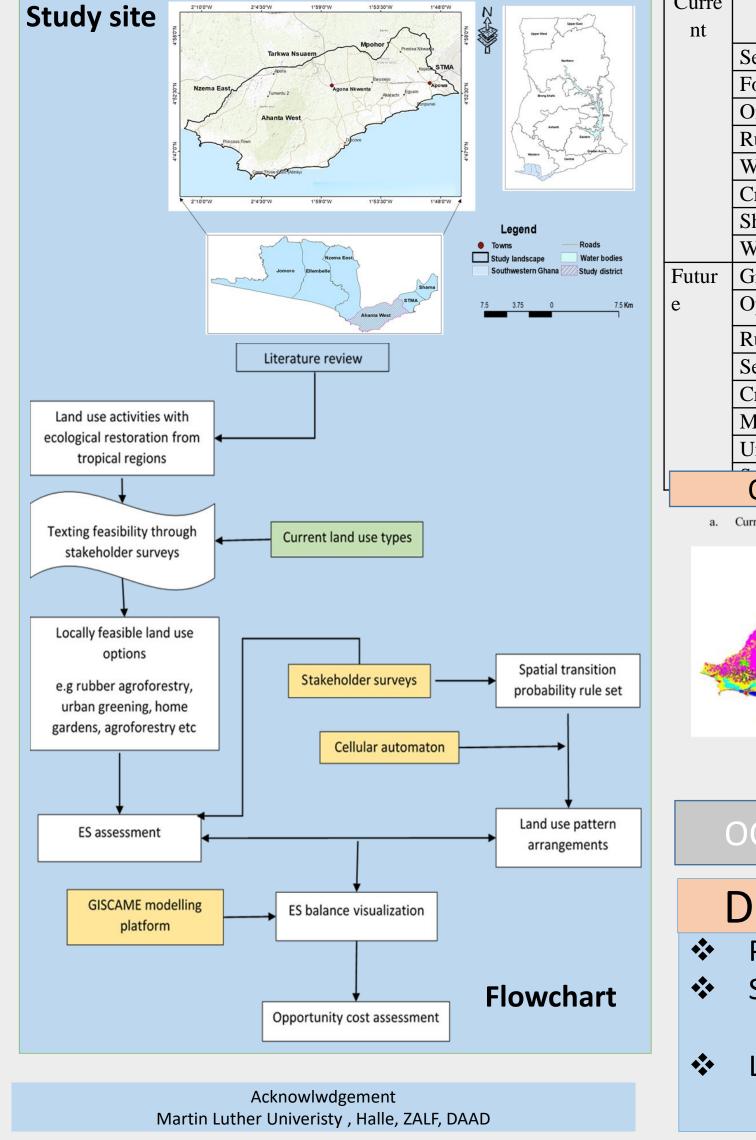
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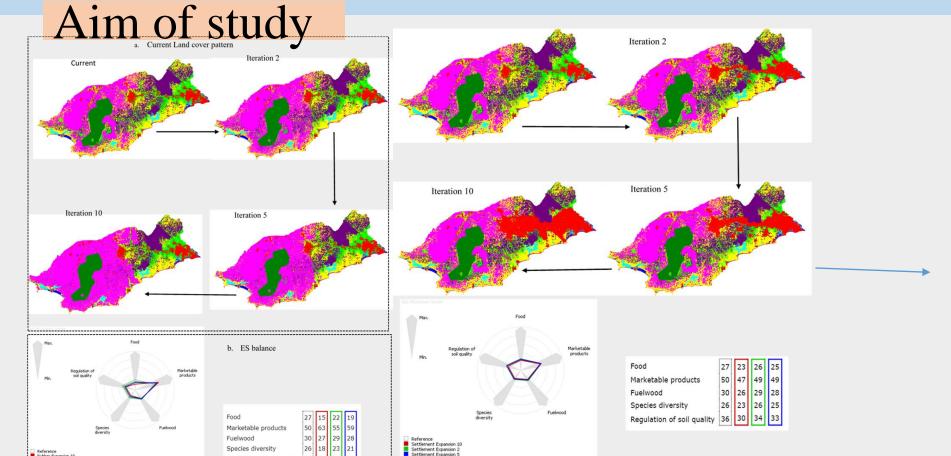
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Introduction

- ecological degradation constraints ✤ Globally, sustainable development, while regional ecological restoration can alleviate this problem.
- ✤ In the coastal landscapes of south-western Ghana, land use changes caused by socio-economic activities pose a significant threat to the ecological integrity of the landscape.
- \clubsuit In this study, land-use scenarios with the aim of restoring the ecological integrity of the landscape is assessed

Materials and Methods







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Curre nt	Land-use Types	Food	Marketable Products	Fuelwood	Genetic Diversity	Regulation of Soil Quality
m	Settlement	0	0	0	0	0
	Forest	14	10	23	100	30
	Oil palm	9	74	20	10	18
	Rubber	0	100	25	0	12
	Wetland	5	18	100	19	6
	Cropland	100	26	50	60	100
	Shrubland	14	8	33	13	34
	Water	3	0	0	2	0
utur	Green infrastructure (eg home gardens, vertical farming)	50	30	15	16	68
	Open space restoration (domestication with wild fruit trees)	69	25	45	35	45
	Rubber agroforestry	56	90	54	35	55
	Selective cutting land preparation	45	25	30	38	60
	Cropping sequence (eg, relay intercropping)	95	70	43	79	75
	Mangrove afforestation	30	75	65	68	78
	Urban greening, (e.g intercropping fruit trees)	20	5	17	43	80
	Opportunity cost assessment (OC)	65	70	20	55	90
	Current Land cover pattern b. ES balance	Future state				
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	OC =alternative not chosen-alternati	vo chos	on			

- Participatory engagement enabled site-specific feasible development of land use scenarios
- Stakeholders perceived an ecological restoration of the landscape
 - Enhance livelihood, create resilience and achieve SGD goals **
- Land use scenarios are a new paradigm for policy considerations