



TRANSFORMING AGRIFOOD SYSTEMS AROUND PROTECTED AREAS IN TOGO: CHALLENGES FOR POPULATION HEALTH AND ECOSYSTEM CONSERVATION

CONTEXT

Communities living around protected areas in Togo often engage in unsustainable agricultural practices, particularly the excessive use of pesticides. The low yields resulting from these practices push them to encroach on protected areas in search of more fertile land, as well as to engage in wildlife hunting and logging for direct sale or charcoal production. These activities pose serious threats both to their health and to the biodiversity of the protected areas.

ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED

- 1 - Raise awareness** on environmental impacts and health risks
- 2 - Promote agroecological practices** (biopesticides, biofertilizers, agroforestry)
- 3 - Diversify incomes** through agricultural and non-timber forest products processing and small livestock

EXPECTED RESULTS

- 35% reduction** in pesticide use by communities near protected areas
- 10% increase** in agricultural yields
- 15% increase** in household incomes



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