

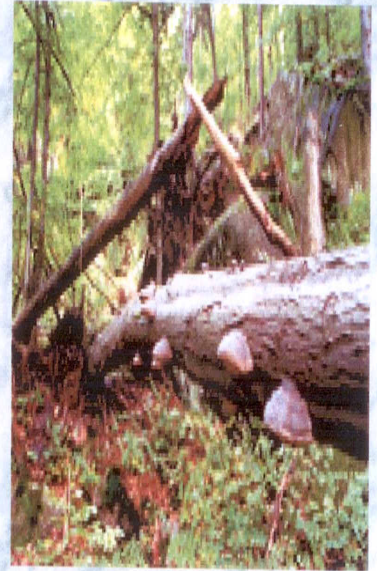
- ◆ To train community youths (including women) and organize them into peer educator groups in order to undertake massive tree planting exercises in their various communities and also educate the masses on the importance of environmental protection to reduce environmental health risks.
- ◆ To raise awareness and work with rural farmers to go into inland valley swamp cultivations as an alternative to upland farming in a bid to reduce deforestation and global warming.
- ◆ Sensitize communities on dangers of HIV/AIDS/STDIs and gender related issues. It is widely understood that women in their productive and reproductive roles have closed links with the environment in Sierra Leone and that they are often among the first to be affected by environmental hazards.
- ◆ To adapt a new approach in waste management schemes and environmental protection in order to create a new dimension through decentralization, by engaging youths in garbage collection and processing into organic fertilizers and supply farmers vegetable growers instead of dumping into seas and rivers which causes water and sea pollutions that lead to incidence of water born diseases like diarrhea, cholera etc.

- ◆ To revive our traditional cultural heritage by integrating different cultural groups with different musical instruments to develop a harmonized national cultural dance troupe for tourist entertainment. We intend to do this by creating cultural dance bands in each of the rural districts of Sierra Leone.

PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Environmental protection and management
- ◆ Afforestation and economic tree planting
- ◆ Waste management schemes
- ◆ Water and Sanitation
- ◆ Environmental Health
- ◆ Response to and prevention of Sexual and Gender Based Violence in Sierra Leone.
- ◆ Promote cultural heritage throughout the country
- ◆ Strengthening national games reserves for eco & cultural tourism, and build up the capacity of our local communities.
- ◆ Provide HIV/AIDS prevention, care and support to the communities in which FOTEC/SL is operating.
- ◆ To build the capacity of rural communities across the country to monitor, document and report environmental rights violations.
- ◆ Formation of Environmental School clubs
- ◆ Inland Valley Swamp Cultivation (Agriculture)
- ◆ Coastal wetland conservation & management

FRIENDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT & CULTURE, SIERRA LEONE (FOTEC/SL)



MOTTO:

“The Environment is the Home of Life”

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WHAT IS FOTEC/SL ?

FOTEC/SL is a national non-governmental organization which was formed by well meaning Sierra Leoneans in 2009 who have become very much concerned with the negative consequences of the alarming rate of deforestation in Sierra Leone.

BACKGROUND: Friends Of The Environment and Culture, Sierra Leone (FOTEC/SL) main aim is to engage in the protection of forests and other land areas so as to manage and sustain the biodiversity in various ecosystems, rehabilitation of degraded lands and promote our cultural heritage and tourism throughout Sierra Leone.

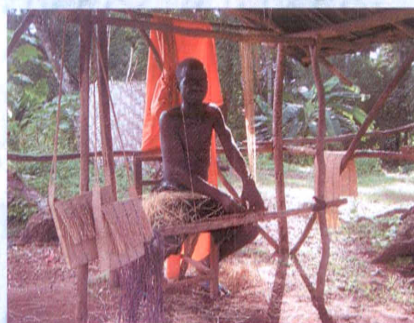
Many people cook their food and heat their homes with charcoal and biomass including wood and crop residues in traditional open fires or using rudimentary stoves. All these release green house gases such as carbon monoxide (CO) Carbon dioxide (CO₂) into the atmosphere. The negative effect is climate change and global warming. FOTEC/SL will design improved stoves that will cut down the rate of carbon emissions by about 70% and use less wood. FOTEC/SL will also plan and implement project for the exploration of sustainable biofuel production or extraction from tropical plants like **JATROPHA CURCAS** (Fig nut Tree).

MISSION STATEMENT:

We promote and advance environmental management and sustainable development by adopting appropriate method of land use, conservation of biodiversity, proper wastes disposal etc, through sensitization and education with the total involvement of communities, technocrats, stakeholders etc, so as to maintain our natural environment which provides the basic human needs for existence.

VISION:

We shall help maintain sustainable livelihood for present and future generations without compromising the destruction of the natural resource base.

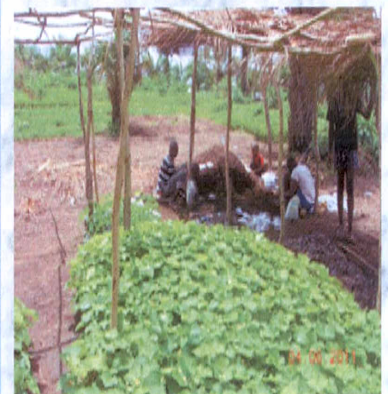


OBJECTIVES:

To replant trees (Afforestation) and grasses on abandoned lands (typically neglected because of the environmental degradation that has taken place long ago), MultiPurpose Trees (NFT) and other economic tree crops like cashew nuts, jatropha etc. which can hold soil particles to protect the land from erosions (Wind and Water).

Creating alternative, non-farm income generating activities. To also improved food use to meet household and individual requirements through food diversification.

Jatropha Nursery ready for transplanting.



Tree Planting in schools.

