

**TAKE
ATEWA FOREST
OUT OF AREAS
TARGETED
FOR BAUXITE
MINING !**

Make Atewa forest a
National Park in honor of
**HRM NANA SIR
OFORI ATTA 1**



The Future of Atewa Forest Reserve

...If mined for BAUXITE!

GREEN OPTIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT, PROSPERITY & WELLBEING

- National park that will protect water & wildlife and promote ecotourism (Jobs);
- Cocoa processing industry to provide over 3000 jobs for local communities;
- Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) for water systems and other high-end NTFP developments.



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



13 CLIMATE ACTION




15 LIFE ON LAND



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 Friends of Atewa Forest

“ In our quest to develop, our beautiful lands and rivers are under threat. We are degrading our environment at an alarming rate. Once beautiful and thick **forests** have been denuded of their cover. Once majestic and all inspiring **water bodies** have been polluted and many of the animals no longer have safe habitats. ”

H.E Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo

During his speech at the Rebranding Africa Forum, Ouagadougou.

▶ The Atewa Forest is **one of the last two** upland forests in Ghana that is being targeted for Bauxite mining.



Responsible mining starts with:

- ▶ Strategic Environmental Assessment ;
- ▶ Environmental Impact Assessment &
- ▶ Not mining in critical watersheds.

▶ There is **NO** technology that can mine bauxite without destroying the forest cover.

▶ Good climate & fertile **agricultural lands** for **cocoa & food crop production** would be affected as well as jobs lost if, the forest is mined for bauxite.



White-naped Mangabey



▶ The rich **ecotourism potential and cultural significance** of the forest would also be lost forever.

Globally endangered species will lose their habitats due to forest destruction through bauxite mining.



White-bellied Pangolin



Atewa-dotted Butterfly

WATER



Over 5 million people depend on water from the Atewa forest.



River Densu, Ayensu & Birim

▶ Bauxite mining will **DESTROY** the forest and its natural systems that ensure continuous water flow.

Other Useful Benefits Atewa Forest Provides Include:



Food Production



Flood Control



Carbon removal (Climate Change)



Nutrient Recycling



Clean Air



Erosion Control

▶ Ghana will lose the above benefits & more in exchange of limited **JOBS & INCOME** if the forest reserve is mined for Bauxite.



Ghana has mined bauxite at Awaso for **78** years. The maximum number of jobs ever provided is **800**. Currently, the mine employs half this number (400).

