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BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

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INTRODUCTION

By Chisom

Biodiversity (from "biological diversity") refers to the variety of life on Earth at all its levels and all its interactions, starting with genes, then individual species, then communities of creatures and finally the entire ecosystems, such as forests or coral reefs, where life interplays with the physical environment, and can encompass the evolutionary, ecological, and cultural processes that sustain life. It is the most complex feature of our planet and it is the most vital; without biodiversity, there is no future for humanity.

Conservation is a planned management of a natural resource to prevent exploitation, destruction and ensure efficient use of resources. It is also the care and protection of these resources so that they can persist for future generations.

Biodiversity conservation refers to the protection, upliftment and management of biodiversity in order to derive sustainable benefits for present and future generations. The major aims of biodiversity conservation are: preserve the diversity of species, sustain utilization of species and ecosystem and maintain life-supporting systems and essential ecological processes

Biodiversity can be conserved in two ways: Exsitu conservation and In-situ conservation.

In-situ conservation of biodiversity is the conservation of species within their natural habitat. In this method, the natural ecosystem is maintained and protected.

Finima Nature Park, Bonny practices in-situ conservation whereby the different species of animals are allowed to freely range their natural habitat. This is done because it is a convenient method of conserving biodiversity and cost-effective. A large number of living organisms can be conserved simultaneously and since the organisms are in a natural ecosystem, they can evolve better and can easily adjust to different environmental conditions.

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WORLD HABITAT DAY

BY CHISOM

World Habitat Day is celebrated annually every first Monday of October. The event focuses on the state of human settlements and on the basic right of all towards adequate shelter. It also aims to remind people that they are responsible for the habitat of future generations.

The theme for this year's World Habitat Day is "ACCELERATING URBAN ACTION FOR A CARBON-FREE WORLD". In commemoration of the World Habitat Day 2021, a community climate sensitization march was organized on the 4th October 2021 with tree planting exercise within the community to mark the event with an attendance of 120 people which comprises NYSC members, pupils, and students of 11 schools on the island with their coordinators and were led by Finima Nature Park outreach team.









I believe our biggest issue is the same biggest issue that the whole world is facing, and that's habitat destruction

-Steve Irwin.



BIRD WATCH

Written by Chisom Asoegwu

World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) is an awareness-raising campaign highlighting the need for the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats.

"The presence of a single bird can change everything for one who appreciates them."

— Julie Zickefoose

It aims to draw attention to the threats faced by migratory birds, their ecological importance, and the need for international cooperation to conserve them. It was celebrated on the 9th of October, 2021 with bird watching activity which was attended by Finima Nature Park Bird Club and other nature enthusiast. Some of the birds sighted were Pied Crow, Wood and King Fisher, Black kite, Senegal Thick-knee, Whimbrel and Common House Martin amongst others.









CONSERVATION CLUB ACTIVITIES

By Chisom

Conservation club activities was carried out in 64 schools, this term topic centered on OZONE LAYER DEPLETION. The causes, effects and possible solutions were taught in all schools which was interactive and impactful.

Causes of Ozone Layer Depletion

The main causes of ozone layer depletion are:

1.Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs): These are released by solvents, spray aerosols, pesticides, refrigerators, drycleaning agents and air-conditioners.

2. Halons: They are released by fire-extinguishers

Effects of Ozone Layer Depletion

The depletion of the ozone layer has harmful effects on the human health, animals, environment and marine life, which are:

- 1.Skin cancer
- 2. Eye cataracts or blindness
- 3.Sunburns
- 4. Plant retardation
- 5.Quick ageing

Preventions of Ozone Layer Depletion

Every individual should also take steps to prevent the depletion of the ozone layer. One should avoid using pesticides and shift to natural methods to get rid of pests instead of using chemicals. The vehicles emit a large amount of greenhouse gases that lead to ozone depletion. Therefore, the use of vehicles should be minimized as much as possible. Most of the cleaning products have chemicals that affect the ozone layer. We should substitute that with eco-friendly products. Maintain air conditioners, as their malfunctions cause CFC to escape into the atmosphere.





REFORESTATION

by Chisom

As part of the solutions to climate change and biodiversity conservation, reforestation is very important. Finima Nature Park through conservation clubs have established Eco gardens in some of the schools and still counting. 12,324 mangroves and 900 coconut seedlings were planted along the sea shore and at various communities on the Island. Also, 10,000 fruit trees were planted in 30 communities on the Island.

"Love the trees until their leaves fall off, then encourage them to try again next year."

— Chad Sugg



COMMUNITY/RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION SENSITIZATION



Community sensitization was carried out within the Finima communities with 5 school and coordinators totaling about 110 persons to enlighten the shop owners, passerby and house occupants on right attitudes towards the environment with emphasis on tree planting and protection. Also, 6 churches were visited this quarter for environmental education towards sustainability of our mother earth.

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NLNG HSE TEAM LEADERSHIP VISIT TO NIGERIAN CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

The NLNG HSE Manager Mr Akpabio Esien alongside Dr. Chidi Ikocha and Ndukaku Ohaeri visited Lekki conservation centre for official meeting and tourism.





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WORLD SOIL DAY COMMEMORATION

BY CHISOM

World Soil Day (WSD) is held annually on 5 December as a means to focus attention on the importance of healthy soil and to advocate for the sustainable management of soil resources. Plants nurture a whole world of creatures in the soil that in return feed and protect the plants. This diverse community of living organisms keeps the soil healthy and fertile. This year's theme "Halt Soil Salinization, Boost Soil Productivity" aims to raise awareness of the importance of maintaining

healthy ecosystems and human well-being by addressing the growing challenges in soil management, fighting soil salinization, increasing soil awareness and encouraging governments, organizations, communities and individuals around the world to commit to proactively improving soil health.

This year's event was commemorated with a beach clean-up and tree planting exercise at the RA beach with 164 participants, which comprises of NLNG team, NYSC members, Primary and Secondary schools, the entire FNP team and Security team.







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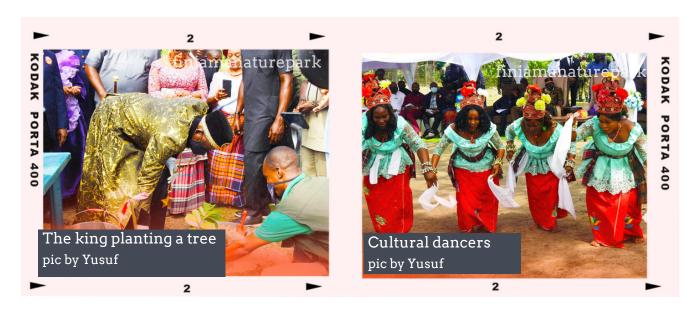




THE ROYAL VISIT



His Majesty, Edward Asimini William Dappa Pepple III CON, JP, Edward I, Perekule XI, Amanyanabo and Natural Ruler of Grand Bonny Kingdom accompanied by Her Royal Highness, the Queen, and the Princes visited Finima Nature Park this month of December as part of the celebration of his silver jubilee on the throne. The king was taken on a tour of the park by HSE Environment Line Head, Mr. Ndukaku Ohaeri after which his Majesty planted a tree to signify his commitment to the protection of the environment. Also in attendance were members of the royal house, chiefs of Bonny kingdom, Deputy Speaker of Rivers State House of Assembly, Executive Chairwoman of Bonny Local Government, NLNG team, RA Women Association, Bonny and Finima cultural dance group, and members of the community



FESTIVE SEASON

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FESTIVE SEASON

BY CHISOM

Since it's a yuletide period, the park experienced many visitors like schools, churches, families, various company units, individuals and His Royal Highness, King Edward Asimini Williams Dappa III, Edward I, CON, JP, Perekule XI. Natural Ruler and Amanyanabo of Ancient Grand Bonny Kingdom with his Entourage in commemmoration of his silver jubilee. The visitors were enticed with fun activities ranging from nature walk to floor games to canoe ride and so on.





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