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WETLANDS



Simply stated, wetlands are parts of our landscape defined by water's presence. More specifically, wetlands are areas where the presence of water determines or influences most, if not all, of an area's biogeochemistry—that is, the biological, physical, and chemical characteristics of a particular site.

STAY TUNED



Many wetlands are transitional zones between upland and aquatic ecosystems, although others are scattered across the landscape in upland depressions that collect water or in zones where groundwater comes to the surface.

The amount of water present in a wetland can vary greatly. Some wetlands are permanently flooded, while others are only seasonally flooded but retain saturated soils throughout much of the unflooded period. Still, other wetlands may rarely flood, but saturated soil conditions still are present long enough to support wetland-adapted plants and for hydric soil characteristics to develop. Hydric soils develop when chemical changes take place as a result of low-oxygen conditions associated with prolonged saturation.

WETLANDS



WETLANDS

Interestingly, different plant communities may be found in different types of wetlands, with each species adapted to the local hydrology (the quantity, distribution, and movement of water throughout a given area). Wetland plants are often referred to as hydrophytes because they are specially adapted to grow in saturated soils. Many birds, insects, and other wildlife species are completely dependent on wetlands for critical stages in their life cycles, while many other species make use of wetlands for feeding, resting, or other life activities.

TYPES OF WETLANDS

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MARSHES



Marshes are wetlands that are permanently flooded or flooded during high water periods at the edges of rivers, streams, lakes, or ponds. Marshes may be dominated by submersed, floating-leaved, or emergent vegetation,

including cattails, pondweeds, water lilies, and various sedges, rushes, spike rushes, grasses, and forbs (broad-leaved flowering plants). Marshes can be subcategorized into emergent marsh and hemi-marsh.



SEEPS

are typically found along the base of slopes or glacial moraines where water emerges from saturated soils or a spring. These usually small areas feature plants such as clearweed, jewelweed, low nut rush, and marsh marigold. The Dore Seep Nature Preserve at the Dixon Waterfowl Refuge contains one of the largest high-quality seep communities in the region.

BOGS

are basin wetlands for which precipitation is the only source of water; they are typically not fed by surfacing groundwater or streams. Bogs also have a cool micro-climate, are nutrient-poor, and have very low oxygen levels. Some of the plants found in these unique, acidic conditions include carnivorous plants such as sundews and pitcher plants, as well as such economically important species as blueberry and cranberry.



SWAMPS

are wetlands dominated by woody vegetation that typically have standing water during at least certain times of the year. They are often found in low-elevation floodplains along rivers or slow-moving streams. Unlike bogs, they are a nutrient-rich environment. Their shallow standing water provides important habitat for wildlife like Wood ducks, Prothonotary Warblers, river otters, cottonmouth snakes, freshwater shrimp and crayfish, and more. Admittedly, Finima Nature Park is a forested swamp and shrub swamps are the two major classes of this wetland type.



Classes of Swamp Wetland

- **Forested swamps** are dominated by water-tolerant trees such as bald cypress and tupelo.

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REFORESTATION

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Reforestation

As a Nature reserve area resting along Nigeria's coastlines, there has been increased ocean encroachment into the community.



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To curb the associated risk, Finima Nature Park is tasked with the responsibility of reforestation. In the last quarter, there have been over 24,250 mangroves that have been planted along the seacoast and within the Nature reserve area.



First Quarter

what to find new in this quarter



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS



"SUCCESS IS NO
ACCIDENT. IT IS HARD
WORK PERSEVERANCE
LEARNING STUDYING
SACRIFICE AND MOST
OF ALL LOVE OF
WHAT YOU ARE DOING
OR LEARNING TO DO."

-PELE



Finima Nature Park is actively involved in educating students and pupils and raising environmentally conscious individuals seeking to preserve, sustain and maintain nature's gift.

In addition, over 71 schools have been visited in Bonny and Finima Communities in the last quarter.



5.6k+



2.6k+



3.9k+

FAITH-BASED AND SOCIAL GROUPS

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SOCIAL GATHERINGS

Finima Nature Park makes regular visits to religious places of worship where sensitization and awareness are carried out on the need to protect and sustain our ecosystem. There have been recorded successes in about 10 churches and 8 social groups that have been visited in the last quarter.

WHAT'S IN THIS QUARTER'S ISSUE:

- ANNUAL GREEN SCHOLAR COMPETITION
- WORLD WETLANDS DAY COMMEMORATION
- WORLD WILDLIFE DAY



ECO-GARDENING IN SCHOOLS

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SCHOOL VISITS

To demonstrate the importance of trees and environmental management, Finima Nature Park carries out eco-gardening activities in schools. This is to teach the students/pupils different ways that waste can be reused.



Pictures of Eco Garden in schools

SOCIAL GROUPS

To demonstrate this, old rubber tyres are beautifully arranged, filled with earth and trees are planted in them. This technique or method serves to reduce the



Pictures of Eco Garden in schools

DO YOU KNOW:

amount of plastic waste in our environment and enhance the aesthetic value of our environment through eco-gardening. More also, 4 schools have been visited in the last quarter.



School Eco Garden Pictures

ANNUAL GREEN SCHOLAR COMPETITION

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by chisom

The Annual Green Scholar competition is usually an event that students and pupils on the Island usually look forward to. The event is also an impact assessment to evaluate the abilities of students on what has been taught at their respective schools. In the last quarter, a total of 61 schools participated in the first phase quiz after which 12 pupils/students each from both primary and secondary sections emerged winners and were further subjected to a Nature spelling bee competition and public speaking respectively. At the Finals, three pupils/students emerged with Jumbo Emmanuella from St. Theresa's Nursery and Primary School clinching the prize for primary category and Ayos Emmanuel from Salem Secondary school the Green Scholar Winner for secondary section.



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ECOTOURISM



Ecotourism

BY CHISOM

The Nature reserve area has always been a haven where people from different walks of life visit to discover and enjoy the ambience of nature. Notably, dignitaries from the Shell Nigeria Exploration and Production Company Visited the park and they were amazed at the sight and sounds of nature.

Quote

"WHEN A MAN
MOVES AWAY
FROM NATURE HIS
HEART BECOMES
HARD."

WORLD WETLANDS DAY COMMEMORATION



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**"IF WE SAVE
WETLANDS NOW
THEN WE CAN
SAVE OUR PLANET
TOO"**

As a beacon of restoration and rejuvenation to nature, Finima Nature Park actively participates in commemorating annual global events. The topic for this year's world wetland day was tagged "it's time for wetlands restoration" and range of activities were carried out to mark this year's event ranging from beach clean-up, Local Government Engagement program with all environment stakeholders within the island and a panellist discussion titled "Climate Risk and Decarbonization: Wetlands as a Resilience Tool." The highlight of the event was the presentation of the Finima Nature Park Star Wetlands Award by Wetlands link International handed over to NLNG by the Director of Nigeria Conservation Foundation.

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A Message from the Park Manager

As the manager of this beautiful park, I am writing to remind you of the importance of reducing, reusing, and recycling waste, as well as conserving the environment and its biodiversity. Our park is home to a diverse array of plant and animal species, and it is our responsibility to protect and preserve this natural treasure for future generations.

One of the most impactful things we can do to conserve the environment is to reduce the amount of waste we produce. This means using reusable bags, bottles, and containers, and avoiding single-use items whenever possible. Additionally, recycling and composting our waste can help to reduce the amount of waste that ends up in landfills and polluting our natural resources.

In addition to reducing waste, we also encourage you to be mindful of your energy and water usage while you are visiting the park. Try to conserve these resources by turning off lights and appliances when not in use, and by taking shorter showers.

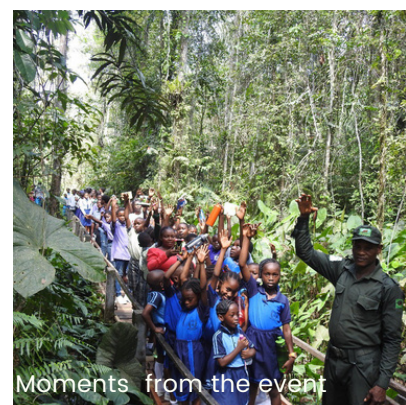
Furthermore, we encourage you to take an active role in preserving the biodiversity of our park. This means respecting all living organisms, not disturbing the natural habitats and ecosystems, and being mindful of your impact on the environment.

We are all responsible for the care and preservation of our natural environment and together we can make a positive impact on the world around us. Thank you for your support and commitment to conservation.

Sincerely,
Dagogo Brown

World Wildlife Day

ØAs a partner for Wildlife Conservation, the Nature Park commemorated World Wildlife Day on the 3rd of March 2023. The event was attended by 10 schools and a total of 105 Pupils/Students and coordinators. Remarkably, there were captivating sights and sounds of Nature and wildlife seen as everyone journeyed into the nature trail to learn about various wildlife's in the reserve.



ENGAGEMENT WITH LOCAL FARMERS

Finima Nature Park organised an engagement session with subsistence farmers in the Island to educate them on the need to protect the fauna and flora of within their farming areas. The session, which was attended by 38 subsistence farmers, was interactive and an avenue for exchange of ideas on how best to practice their activities while ensuring the protection of the environment.



"I would rather be on my farm than be emperor of the world."

– George Washington



BIRD EXPEDITION



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BIRD EXPEDITION

Birds have a very important role to perform our ecosystem such as pollination. In the last quarter over 500 bird species have been discovered at Finima Nature Park.



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Environment

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BRAIN TEASER

BY YUSUF BELLO

PUZZLE

Solve the puzzle

key

ENDANGERED | TURN OFF | SPECIES |
 ALUMINIUM | SAVE | HABITAT | WASTE
 | ICE CAPS | SOLAR | HOLE LAYER |
 SOURCE | SMOG | FLOOD | PAPER | TAP
 | LITTER | GARBAGE | EFFECT | FOREST
 | ENERGY

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- World Migratory Bird Day 2nd December
- Conservation Literacy and Action Project April-October
- Bird watch Last Saturdays Monthly
- Reforestation Continuous
- Environmental Education and Awareness Continuous
- World Environment Day Continuous

SOCIAL PAGE STATS

Daily Views - 304+

Monthly Views - 1.5k+

Unique Views - 6.3k+

STATISTICS



5.6k+



2.6k+



3.9k+