



ASANTE KINGDOM  
LANDSCAPE RESTORATION  
PROGRAMME



**REPORT ON THE  
DESTRUCTION OF TREES AT  
THE BANKS OF LAKE BOSOMTWE  
AT PIPIE**

**BY PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE**

**DRAFT REPORT ON THE DESTRUCTION OF TREES PLANTED TO  
SOLVE THE PERENIAL EROSION AND SILTATION OF LAKE  
BOSOMTWE AT PIPIE NO. 2**

**Preamble**

Pipie No. 2 is in the Bosomtwe District and is one of the 22 communities with a common shoreline on Lake Bosomtwe. The community suffers from excessive erosion, low rainfall, low fish harvest as compared to other communities, and siltation of the lake.

After the baseline study, the Asante Kingdom Landscape Restoration Programme decided to implement a landscape Restoration intervention at the community to improve the ecosystem service provision and arrest the erosion of the lake and reduce the siltation. Reeds (known locally as Nwere) were planted as a riparian buffer strip to serve as an interface between the dry land and the lake. 5,600 seedlings of different species were planted in the buffer and the transition area to provide shade and also help arrest the perennial erosion.

**1) REPORT BY PIPIE NO. 2 OBAAPANIN                      February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

On Sunday at 9: 23pm, the programmes coordinator of the Asante Kingdom Landscape Restoration Programme (Fred Kyei Spong) received a phone call from Pipie Obaa Panin: Nana Akosua Boatemaa that a developer had cleared portions of the buffer and in the process cleared all the trees, shrubs and reeds we planted at the buffer zone .

**2) REPORT TO THE D.C.E OF BOSOMTWE                      February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021**

Fred Kyei Spong, who was in Accra at that time, called the D.C.E to inform him about the development. The D.C.E then deployed the chairman of the Community Resources Management Areas (CREMA) as well as the District Engineer and the planning officers to visit the site, at Pipie No. 2. The team on arrival, were accompanied by Nana Akosua Boatema to recce the site and access the damage.

### **3. FINDINGS AT PIPIE NO. 2**

The team found out that a developer; Baffour Senkyere Amoako had bought a parcel of land (measuring ca 6 acres) from Pipie No. 1 Dikro. The project, per the document submitted to the district assembly was that he was going to plant mangoes. The recce team reported that, he had cleared the whole land-portion which was a cocoa farm and encroached on the buffer area. They also found out that the chief had sold the land per his understanding of the bye laws. The demarcated parcel of land was 100 feet from the shoreline instead of 100metres per the bye laws and the Water Resources commission's regulation

### **4. REPORT TO THE POLICE**

**March 5, 2021**

A formal complaint was made to the Police at the district command at Kuntense. The station officer, Inspector Edward Aboagye who received the complaint, detailed Corporal Elizabeth Sabah of the Criminal Investigative Unit (CID) to investigate the case.

The police then took the statement from the defendant and they proffered him bail with two sureties to justify. The police dismissed us and asked us to report again on March 16<sup>th</sup> to allow them to investigate the case.

The Project Coordinator enquired from the D.C.E if any orientation has been made for Nananom as well as heads of institutions in the district, since the bye laws was gazetted in 2019. He said no.

### **5. ORIENTATION OF NANANOM ON THE BYE LAWS**

**March 16, 2021**

To prevent future occurrence of land sale that includes the protective areas around the lake, a decision was reached to run an orientation programme for Nananom and other stakeholders. The well attended programme was used to brief Nananom on the bye laws

**The meeting was convened at the conference room of The Bosomtwe District Assembly. In attendance were;**

<b>No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Role</b>
1	<b>Nana Adu Mensah Asare</b>	<b>Chairman, AKLRP</b>	<b>Presiding</b>
2	Hon. J.K. Asuming	District Chief Executive (DCE) Bosomtwe	Host
3	Nana Kwabena Obeng Dade	Kokofu Gyasehene	
4	Mr Yaw Boateng	Water Resources Commission	MC
5	Prosper Kwame Antwi Boasiako	Arocha Ghana	
6	Ana Oduro Agyei Panin	Konkomahene	
7	Nana Safo Kantanka	Asisiriwahenne	
8	Nnan Gyawere Ababio	Atafram DIKRO	
9	Nana Yaw Agyei	Hantase Dikro	
10	Nana Yaw Bioh	Agyamang Dikro	
11	Nana Sarpong Kumankuma	Pipie 1(Mim) Abusuapanin	
12	Nana Adarkwah Akinka	Dompa Dikro	
13	Nana Akwasi Gyimah	Anyinatease Dikro	
14	Nana Agyemag Okodom	Abono	
15	Nana Akuampah Boateng	Pipie 2 Obaapani	
16	Nana Kusi Bioh	Banso Dikro	
17	Nana Kofi Fofie	Apewu	

No	Name	Designation	Role
18	Nana Kofi Kyei Baffour	Abease Dikro	
19	Nana Adu Gyamfi Poku	Obo Dikro	
20	Nana Bannor	Amakom	
21	Nana Osei Kwaku	Ankaase	
22	Nana Adu Gyamfi Poku	Abrodwum	
23	Nana Yaw Barimah	Esaase	
24	Okyeame Kofi Nti	Nkowi	
25	Nana Kwakye	Kuntensehene Rep	
26	Noble Afrifa	Chairman,CREMA	
27	Nana Boama	CREMA -member	
28	Hon James Addae	CREMA -member	
29	Kwame Amofa	District Planning Officer	

### **At the Meeting**

1. Nananom were briefed on the action taken so far on the destruction of the trees at Pipie No.2
2. Nananom were given an orientation on the bye laws and a copy given to each one of them
3. Nananom made very educative contribution and unanimously supported the chairman-on his suggestion that we should embark on an extensive educational campaign on the bye laws

1. The District Police Commander, DSP Eric Akwaboa invited all the stakeholders to his office at Kuntense for a briefing on the pending case. The team was led by the District Chief Executive, Hon. Joseph Kwasi Asuming, elected representatives of the chiefs, CREMA, the defendant (Baffour Senkyire Amoako) Water Resources Commission and the representative of Nana Kuntensehene (Nana Kwakye)
2. The police commander informed us that the investigation was ongoing. He intimated that the defendant had admitted his guilt and his office was going to invite the Forestry Commission to do surveillance and audit the number of trees and the monetary value, so the defendant could be formally charged. He explained that, when the defendant is formally charged before the court, the maximum fine would be 250 penalty units which is equivalent to a fine of GHC 1,800 (one thousand eight hundred Ghana Cedis only).
3. The delegation led by the DCE, Hon. J.K. Asuming met privately and we concluded that, in order not to unduly delay the disciplinary process; we should go into arbitration with the defendant. The defendant had shown remorse and was being cooperative.
4. The delegation led by the DCE informed the district police commander that they will like to enter into arbitration with the defendant so the team met with the defendant at office of the DCE.
5. At the end of the deliberation, it was concluded that;
  - a) He (Baffour Senkyire Amoako - the developer) halts the development of the project with immediate effect
  - b) He will be made to supply 5,980 (five thousand, five hundred and 80 seedlings) to be replanted

- c) That ,2000 seedlings will be planted at Pipie No.2 where the destruction occurred
- d) The remaining 3,980 to be supplied to the remaining 21 communities
- e) He will bear the cost of the seedlings and transportation
- f) CREMA of every community will plant the seedlings
- g) Forestry Commission will supervise the plantation
- h) Nananom will coordinate the restoration effort
- i) A formal agreement is to be signed between the defendant to be witnessed by Nana Kuntensehene and the District Assembly
- j) The deadline for the signing and execution of this agreement is Wednesday, March 31, 2021

## **7. MEDIA REPORT**

The media (both traditional and new media) have reported extensively on the destruction of the lake, the project managers have courted the media and offered progress reports and answers to their queries in a timely manner

**Gallery**





On the 21st of February at 9:00pm, i received a call from Pipie Obapanyin Nana Sarpong that a developer had earlier in the day used a bulldozer to clear about 4 acres of land at Pipie. The said developer had also encroached on the buffer area which is 100 meters from the shores of the lake to the transition area thereby cutting down about 590 trees that had been planted by the landscape restoration programme to prevent erosion



A report was made to the DCE of Bosomtewe District Assembly, Hon. J.K Assuming and the District Police Commander, DSP. Mr. Eric Akwaboa. The Police invited the DCE, the chairman of CREMA and the Pipie Obaapanyin and visited the site.



Nananom from the 22 communities around Lake Bosontwe at the meeting to discuss the issue at Pipie and then take part in an orientation on the District By-Laws



The extent of Land Degradation at Pipie.



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Meeting of stakeholders to resolve the issues at Pipie.