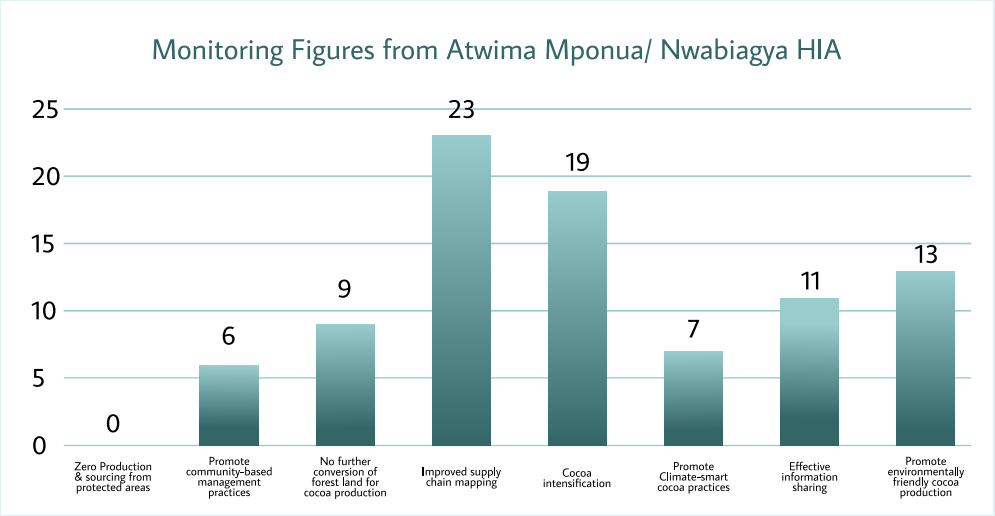
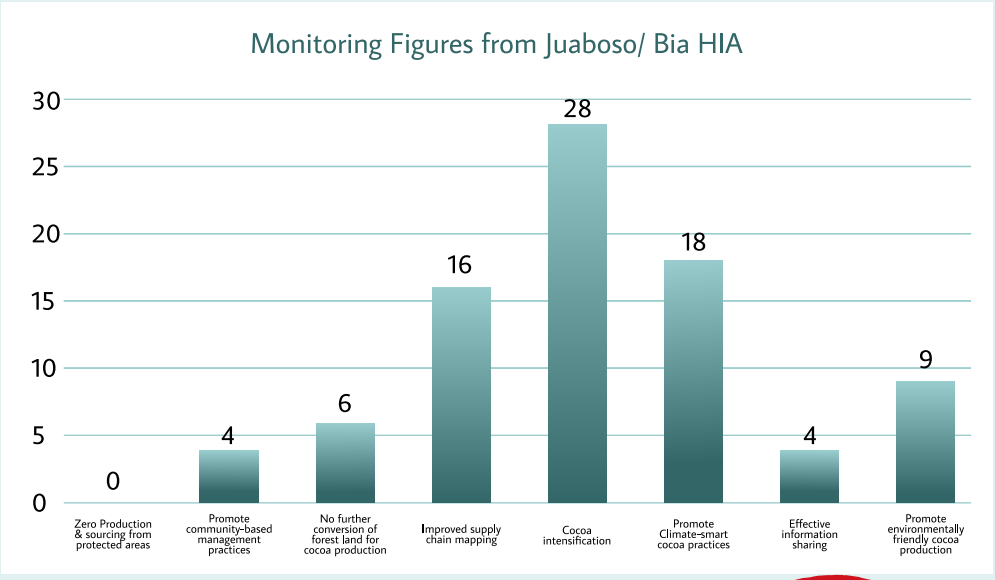
MONITORING FINDINGS

Below are monitoring findings that have been received on the web portal of the ForestLink platform from monitors in all the MoCCPA project communities as at November 2020.





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Monitoring CFi Commitment through Participatory Approaches

BACKGROUND

EcoCare Ghana with funding support from Rainforest Alliance under the Sector Partnership Program implemented the MoCCPA Project between December 2018 and December 2020. The overall objective of the project was to ensure that all relevant stakeholders are actively involved in the CFi implementation at both national and landscape levels. A key component of the project was working with selected communities using participatory approaches to monitor specific commitments in the CFi Joint Framework of Action (JFA).

The purpose of this data gathering was to inform discussions and advocacy on CFi implementation at both the landscape and national level. This was particularly important since the implementers of the CFi programme had begun to undertake stock of progress being made at the national and landscape levels.

STRATEGY APPLIED IN THE MONITORING WORK:

Technology Used:

EcoCare Ghana, as members of the Civil Society-led Independent Forest Monitoring (CSIFM) Ghana platform, adopted the use of the "ForestLink" technology developed by Rainforest Foundation UK for the Real-time community-based monitoring project. ForestLink is an android enabled tool that connects local people with national law enforcement in an effort to stop illegal logging and deforestation. Using the bespoke ForestLink system, forest communities can send alerts and evidence of a number of threats to the forest, even in remote areas with no mobile connectivity.

Figure 1: Schematics of ForestLink System

Selection, Training and Equipping of Monitors

As part of concerted efforts to ensure that community monitors are truly representing their communities by monitoring what is relevant to them and the whole community, EcoCare Ghana used a community-wide participatory process to select and train them. In all, 28 community members were selected and trained to become community monitors. The 28 monitors included five (5) women and twenty-three (23) men who were nominated by their own communities. The minimum criteria used for selecting monitors was their ability to read and write, and a motivation to work and serve their communities. After the selection process was complete, 4 trainings were organized to develop the capacity of monitors on CFi and other related cocoa issues. Each monitor was then equipped with a data gathering device and regular source of data for sending alerts.

Specific Areas Being Monitored

Eight (8) main commitment areas were monitored under the MoCCPA project. These areas were:

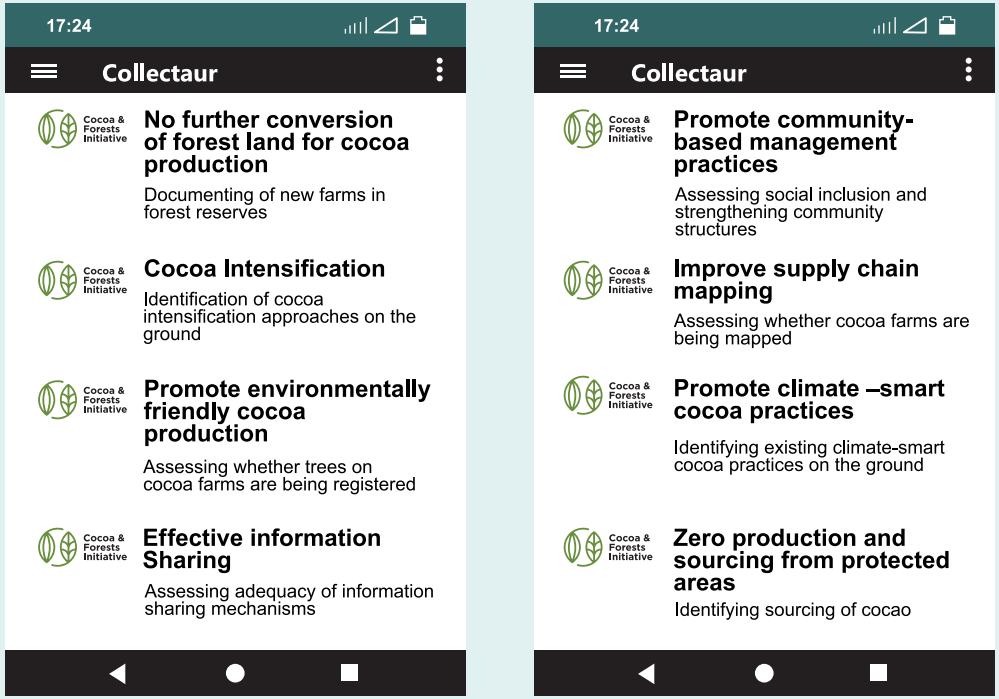

Figure 3: Snapshot of Areas Being Monitored