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## **ACRONYMS**

DAA	Development Action Association
DOPA	Densu Oyster Pickers Association
FC	Forestry Commission
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organization
SFMP	Sustainable Fisheries Management Project
URI	University of Rhode Island
USAID	United States Agency for International Development

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## **SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION**

Mangroves in Ghana have been over-exploited for diverse economic reasons including fuel (firewood, charcoal, wood for fish smoking), construction materials (timber, beams and poles, fence posts, thatch), fishing (atidza), industry (salt) and agriculture. However, their over harvesting means decimated fish stocks and depletion of the Densu's forest cover.

SFMP and its implementing partner DAA, has trained the members of their association on the need to protect the Densu to protect their livelihoods. The members were mobilized with support from the Forestry Commission of Ghana to raise and replant re mangrove propagules on the severely degraded sites along the Densu River.

This is a photo report of the mangrove seedling replanting exercise by members of DAA.

### **1.1 Objectives**

The objective of the replanting exercise is to replenish all depleted land areas under the Densu Delta Co Management Plan.

### **1.2 Expected outcomes**

- The red mangroves will be raised and replanted in the Densu
- The planted seedlings are nurtured to grow.
- Develop measures to minimize over harvesting of the mangroves
- Ten thousand mangrove seedling nursery established



## SECTION 2: PHOTO PROCESSES

### 2.1 Preparations and Training



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