



Taxonomy for Ghana's development and conservation - assessing the needs
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Break-out group discussions

Work of the Ghanaian Taxonomic
Needs Assessment First
Workshop



Break-out session 1

Current use of taxonomic, outputs, information and expertise in your Institution

What are the top 10 taxonomic 'products' you use?

Where do you get these products?

(45 minutes)

Break-out session 2

Identifications

- Do you need to know the name of organisms?
- How do you get them identified, or named if new?
- Are there things that you would like to do with better access to identifications?
- What form of identification aid would be most useful to you?
- How do you think the project should get this information from other stakeholders?

(45 minutes)

Break-out session 3

Species lists

- What lists of species do you use (e.g. in Ghana, in protected areas, of quarantine interceptions, of pests, of species in other countries, of single taxa or functional groups)?
- What lists that you don't have would help overcome impediments to your work?
- Should lists include local names and scientific names?
- Why do you need these lists?
- How do your needs fit with national policy objectives?
- Would you be willing to pay for such a list?
- What questions do you think the project should ask to get this information from other stakeholders?

(45 minutes)

Break-out session 4

Distribution and ecology

- Do you need to know about species distribution and ecology?
- Where do you get such information now?
- What additional information or tools would you like to have, and why? What impediments would this address?
- Would you be willing to pay for this information?
- What questions do you think the project should ask to get this information from other stakeholders?

(45 minutes)

Break-out session 5

Education and training

- Do your staff have any training in taxonomy? How many?
- Where was this provided, and to what level?
- Do you need (more) trained staff?
- How should this be delivered?

(45 minutes)