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Koutammakou, the Land of the Batammariba, Togo

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The Koutammakou landscape in north-eastern Togo, which extends into neighbouring Benin, is home to the Batammariba whose remarkable mud tower-houses (Takienta) have come to be seen as a symbol of Togo. In this landscape, nature is strongly associated with the rituals and beliefs of society. The 50,000-ha cultural landscape is remarkable due to the architecture of its Takienta tower-houses which are a reflection of social structure.

Project objectives:

The main objective of this project, implemented since 2008, is to preserve and promote the Takientas (Tatas), the traditional local housing, which are threatened by the construction of modern houses and indirectly by deforestation. The project also aims to introduce a new Tata construction method to local communities.

Project activities:

The volunteers will participate in the reforestation and plant preservation process at the Koutamakou site. These are used as materials and are necessary for the construction and maintenance of the Tatas. The volunteers will take part in awareness-raising activities on the importance of reforestation. They will also be trained on a new method of building Tatas by the African School of Architecture and Urban Planning, then will go door to door to inform and sensitize the local communities to this method.

Partners:

Ministère de la Communication, de la Culture, des Sports et de la Formation Civique, Conservatory of the site, Site Management Committee

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