

Project Update: January 2016

We visited the Agape Baptist High School in the Naraguta community where we were allowed to speak to the students about conservation with emphasis on conserving the Naraguta Mountains. This was important because many of students in the school were natives of the Naraguta community. During this sensitisation programme, we had support from Eden Creation Care Initiative, a local religious conservation body in Jos, Nigeria. Two of their staff—the coordinator and the education officer came with us to speak to the students on why there is a need to protect the biodiversity.

The students were also taken on an excursion to the Naraguta Mountains and there, benefits of conserving biodiversity were reemphasised. Highlights were made on the need to conserve the area because of the ecosystem services they provide. The students responded enthusiastically to the call to conserve the mountains. It was a worthwhile experience because for some of the students, it was the first time for them to go to the mountains. Some students pledged to be advocates for conservation and planned to study courses that will help them do just that.

The next phase of community sensitization is targeted at the other members of the Naraguta community.



Left: Distributing exercise books to the students. Right: Front cover of exercise books distributed to students in the school.



Left: During the excursion to the mountains. Right: Shade from Eden Creation Care Initiative.



Left: Students from the Agape Baptist High School during the excursion to the mountains. Right: Teachers from the Agape Baptist High School during the excursion.



Photo of students, their teachers and the team.