

# GOVERNANCE FOR LANDSCAPE RESTORATION

## Establishment of the Mion District Environmental Management Committee



### THE ROLES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

- Advises the District Assembly on environmental regulations and policies and makes recommendations for addressing pressing environmental issues in the district.
- Coordinates the activities and serves as channel of communication between the Mion District Assembly and different environmental management bodies including government agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).
- Serves as a regulatory body for the implementation and enforcement of district bylaws on the environment in the district.

### STRUCTURE OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee is composed of diverse stakeholders (12)

- Traditional leaders
- Assembly members
- Technical members and Police
- Government institutions
- Religious leaders
- Community members
- Women and Youth groups
- NGOS



### KEY LESSONS

- Formulating the district environmental bylaws is critical. However, the challenge lies in their effective implementation.
- Build competence and capacity in landscape restoration/natural resources management.
- There is a need for an information and communication strategy at community and district level.
- Political parties and traditional rulers should play an active role in advocating adherence to the by-laws.
- Activities of commercial farming also be controlled by the bylaws, especially land clearing.
- Monitoring and evaluation are important components that can help brand the districts as 'Green' and attract future investments for sustainable development and landscape restoration.

### TIME LINE

2012

The Mion District Assembly was established with a vision to maintain a clean and environmentally friendly district where women and men have access to quality and sustainable health services, education, economic resources and have a right to participate in decision making processes.



2019

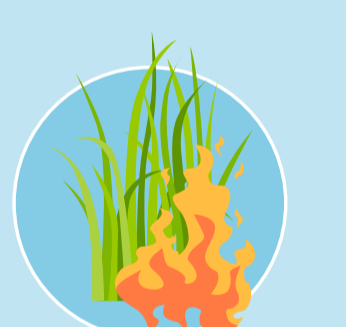
28 environmental bylaws were officially published by the Mion District Assembly. Three specific bylaws are focused on natural resource management.



TREE CUTTING



MANUFACTURE OF CHARCOAL



CONTROL OF BUSH BURNING

2021

To strengthen governance on natural resources, the Mion District Environmental Management Committee was formed by the Mion District Assembly and CRS, through the Regreening Africa project, to oversee the implementation and enforcement of the environmental bylaws. This sub-committee was officially launched in June, 2021.