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01 Introduction

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URBAN ECOLOGY

• **Urban ecology** is the scientific study of the relation of living organisms with each other and their surroundings in the context of an urban environment(Niemela, 1999).

The purpose of urban ecology

The goal of urban ecology is to achieve a balance between human culture and the natural environment.

About the survey

Assessing and taking into consideration issues and problems of the environment that needs to be addressed in Manhyia, Asokore Mampong and Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly from an ecological standpoint.

02 Site location and regional characteristics

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SITE LOCATION AND REGIONAL CHARACTERISTICS



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03 Landform and Topography





A landform is a feature on the Earth's surface that is part of the terrain. Mountains, hills, plateaus, and plains are the major types of landforms. General definitions



The graphical representation of natural and man-made features of a place on maps to show their relative positions and elevations.



ECOLOGICAL AREAS

These are habitats which, either by themselves or in a network, contribute significantly to an ecosystem's productivity, biodiversity, and resilience.

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ource: Author's field survey

GENERAL LAYOUT



Scale-1:25,000



M9RX+7GR, New Oxford St.,Kumasi,Ghana. Lat 6.691043° Long-1.601319°



PC42+MM2, Eastern By-Pass,Kumasi,Ghana. Lat 6.70657° Long-1.598305°



LANDFORM

The general landform of the terrain consists of hills and valleys.

TOPOGRAPHY

The general topography of the terrain is undulating. However, Zone 2 has a relatively flat landform with gutters on both sides of the streets which aids in effective drainage.

ECOLOGICAL AREAS

The study area falls within the moist semideciduous South-East Ecological Zone (tropical forest). The study area also belongs to tropical wet

and dry(savannah) climate

GENERAL LAYOUT



- The horizon line shows the different levels in height at the areas studied.
- The line separates or divides the area into highlands and lowlands
- This is evidence of the undulating nature of the terrain.



MAP SHOWING SOME HIGHLANDS IN THE TERRAIN





Dichemso Rd.,Kumasi,Ghana. Lat 6.709433° Long-1.610234°



Source:Author's field survey Eastern By-Pass,Kumasi,Ghana. Lat 6.70657° Long-1.598305°



New Oxford St.,Kumasi,Ghana. Lat 6.691043° Long-1.601319°



M9XX+VX4,Kumasi,Ghana. Lat 6.69981° Long-1.601068°

MAP SHOWING SOME LOWLANDS IN THE TERRAIN



Scale-1:25,000



Keneanko Rd.,Kumasi,Ghana. Lat 6.704123° Long-1.602726°





New Oxford St.,Kumasi,Ghana. Lat 6.691043° Long-1.601319°

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SECTIONS OF TERRAIN





SECTION A-A



The average lowland elevation is 250m

The average highland elevation is 275m



HYDROLOGICAL MAP OF TERRAIN





MAP SHOWING WATER FLOW PATTERN WITH CONTOURS



- The light coloured areas, representing the highlands slope towards the dark coloured areas which are the lowlands
- This forms the Adizamu stream which also flows into the Aboabo river, commonly known as "Pelele" which slopes South of the map.
- The landform influences the flow of the streams.









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Lat 6.710162, Long -1.608396

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Lat 6.709439,Lat -1.602739



ECOLOGICAL ZONES

Most green zones identified are potential ecological zones mostly located along the existing water courses



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EFFECTS OF THE LANDFORM AND TOPOGRAPHY ON:

- Roads
- Buildings
- Drainage



Scale-1:10,000

Road Due to the undulating landform, speed ramps are hardly on the roads The form of the roads naturally controls speed of cars.



Most buildings have stepped up or down layout due to the undulating nature of the landform.



The undulating nature of the land naturally allows for an effective drainage system.







EFFECTS OF THE LANDFORM AND TOPOGRAPHY ON:

- Landform
- Buildings
- Roads



Most buildings have stepped layout due to Buildings the undulating nature of their landforms



Scale-1:10,000

Road Due to the undulating landform, speed ramps are hardly on the roads The form of the roads naturally controls speed of cars.





04 Flora, Fauna and Drainage



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• Flora

FLORA

- Flora is all the life present in a particular region or time, generally the naturally occurring native plants (merriam-webster).
- The study area falls within the moist semi-deciduous South-East Ecological Zone (tropical forest).
- The most predominant species of plants found in the areas of study are plantain, avocado, palm, Siar kalayaan, and mango trees.
- The flora of the area of study is diverse and composed of different species of both economic and ornamental tree species with varying heights and characteristics.







IMPORTANCE OF VEGETATION IN THE ENVIRONMENT

- Trees contribute directly to the environment by providing oxygen,
 improving air quality, ameliorating harsh climate, conserving water,
 preserving soil, and supporting wildlife. During the process of
 photosynthesis, trees take in carbon dioxide and produce the oxygen
 we breathe (Naidu, 2021).
- Trees and bushes along roads can improve aesthetics, increase property values, reduce heat island effects, control surface water runoff, and limit noise pollution if dense and thick (Baldauf 2017). For example, the siar kalayaan trees found along the Antoa road, provide shade for pedestrians and vehicles as well as enhance the

appearance in front of the road (author's field survey,2023).



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Culinary purposes (food)



Ornamental purposes (beauty, shade, wind breaks)



IMPORTANCE OF THE SPECIES IDENTIFIED IN THE AREAS OF STUDY



VEGETATIVE MAP OF TERRAIN



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MAP SHOWING FLORA IN THE STUDY AREAS



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Common name: Plantain Botanical name: Musa Paradisiaca

Location:

- Residences
- Green areas

Importance:

Culinary purposes (food)



Common name: Palm tree Botanical name: Arecaceae

Location:

- Residences
- Along the streets

Importance:

- Culinary purposes (food)
- Ornamental purposes (decorative, shade)



(source: author's field survey,2023).

Common name: Tropical Almond tree Botanical name: Terminalia catappa

Location:

- Schools
- Residences

Importance:

- Culinary purposes (food)
- Ornamental purposes(shade)



(source: author's field survey, 2023).

- Common name: Arrowhead vine Botanical name: Syngonium podophyllum
- Location:
- Residences
- Health facilities

Importance:

Culinary purposes (food)



(source: author's field survey,2023).

Common name: Queen's crape-myrtle Botanical name: Lagerstroemia speciosa

Location:

- Residences
- Along the streets

Importance:

- Culinary purposes (food)
- Ornamental purposes (decorative, shade)



Common name: Fiddle-leaf fig Botanical name: Ficus lyrata

Location:

Along the streets and in the neighbourhood

Importance:

- Ornamental purposes(shade)
- Air purification





(source: author's field survey, 2023).

Common name: Golden trumpet Botanical name: Allamanda

Location:

Residences

Importance:

Ornamental purposes(decorative)



Common name: Siar kalayaan tree Botanical name: **Peltophorum pterocarpum**

Location:

Along the streets

Importance:

Ornamental purposes (shade, decorative)



Common name: Pawpaw tree Botanical name: Asimina triloba

Location:

- Residences
- Around the neighbourhood

Importance:

Culinary purposes(food)





Common name: Oleander Botanical name: Nerium

Location:

- Along the streets
- Residences

Importance:

• Ornamental purposes (decorative)



Common name: Chinese ixora Botanical name: Ixora chinensis

Location:

- Manhyia palace
- Along the streets

Importance:

Ornamental purposes (decorative)



Common name: Avocado tree Botanical name: Persea Americana

Location:

- Along the streets
- Residences

Importance:

- Ornamental purposes (shade)
- Culinary purposes (food)



Common name: Crown-of-thorns Botanical name: Euphorbia milii

Location:

Residences

Importance:

Ornamental purposes (decorative)



Common name: Moses-in-the-cradle Botanical name: Tradescantia spathacea

Location:

Residences

Importance:

Ornamental purposes (decorative)



Common name: Lilac ivory silk Botanical name: Syringa reticulata

Location:

- Along the streets and in the neighbourhood
- Residences

Importance:

Ornamental purposes(shade)



Common name: Indian rubber tree Botanical name: Ficus elastica

Location:

• Manhyia palace

Importance:

- Ornamental purposes (decorative, shade
- Air purification



Common name: Royal palm Botanical name: Roystonea regia

Location:

- Residences
- Along the streets
- Manhyia hospital

Importance:

• Ornamental purposes (decorative, shade)



Common name: Ashoka tree Botanical name: Saraca asoca

Location:

- Residences
- Along the streets
- Schools

Importance:

Ornamental purposes(decorative, shade)





Common name: Turkey berry Botanical name: Solanum torvum

Location:

Residences

Importance:

- Culinary purposes (food)
- Medicinal



Common name: Orange tree Botanical name: Citrus × sinensis

Location:

Residences

Importance:

- Culinary purposes (food)
- Ornamental purposes (shade)



Common name: **Persian silk tree** Botanical name: **Albizia julibrissin**

Location:

- Schools
- Around the neighbourhood

Importance:

Ornamental purposes(decorative, shade)





Common name: Cast-iron plant Botanical name: Aspidistra elatior

Location:

Manhyia hospital

Importance:

- Ornamental purposes (decorative)
- Air purification



Common name: Hibiscus plant Botanical name: Hibiscus rosa-sinensis

Location:

• Residences

Importance:

- Ornamental purposes (decorative)
- Medicinal purposes



Common name: **Bamboo plant** Botanical name: **Bambusa vulgaris**

Location:

- Along the streets and in the neighbourhood
- Residences

Importance:

Ornamental purposes(shade)



Quite a good number of variety of plant species are found in Zone 1. Some of these species include the royal palm, Indian rubber, plantain, neem, and siar kalayaan tree.

These plant species are located along the streets, in residences, and within the community.

The siar kalayaan and neem trees are mostly found along the streets of the Antoa road.



- The dense vegetative area in Zone 1 is the Manhyia palace forest reserve, with a variety of species.
 - Diverse plant species are also found in the Manhyia Palace and the
 Palace Museum. Some of these species are the royal palm, Indian
 rubber tree, plantain tree, and Spartan juniper tree.
- Within and around the residences, plantain trees, palm trees, orange trees, and mango trees were also identified.

MAP SHOWING FLORA IN ZONE 1





The vegetation found in this zone is very few. There is hardly any

greenery within the neighbourhood.

- The Manhyia hospital is the dense vegetative area in the zone, with a variety of plant species.
- Some of these include royal palm, coconut trees, variegated fig, cast-

iron plant, Ashoka trees, and burgundy rubber plant.



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MAP SHOWING FLORA IN ZONE 2



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- Greenery in this zone is scarce.
- The plant species found are located along the roads and residences.
- Some of these include palm trees, turkey berry, siar kalayaan, Ashoka,

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Persian silk, and plantain trees.

MAP SHOWING FLORA IN ZONE 3



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A good number of varying species are also found in Zone 4. Some of these species include the royal palm, plantain, pawpaw, almond, and

Siar kalayaan trees.

These plant species are located along the streets, in residences,

institutions, open parks, and within the community.

- The Kumasi Children's park is the dense area in the zone, hosting diverse plant species.
- Mango tree, fiddle-leaf fig, and Siar kalayaan tree are some species identified in and around the park.

(source: author's field survey). GROUP THREE(3)





- The Kumasi Technical institute also falls within that zone where quite a number of different species can be found.
 - Some species such as almond, mango, and plantain trees are also identified there.
 - The University of Ghana, Legon, Kumasi campus has open spaces with
 - a few plants scattered around it.



MAP SHOWING FLORA IN ZONE 4



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- Variety of species are found in this zone but are also very few.
- Some of these species include the Chinese Ixora, coconut, plantain,
- orange tree, and palm trees.
- These plant species are located along the streets, in front of and in
 - residences, and within the community.

(source: author's field survey).

MAP SHOWING FLORA IN ZONE 5



Percentage of flora in Zone 5- **2%**

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- Different species of greenery are found in this zone but are also few.
- Some of these species include bamboo, coconut, plantain, palm,

orange, and mango trees.

These plant species are located along the streets, the airport

roundabout, in residences, in open spaces, along the waterbody, and

within the community.

(source: author's field survey).



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MAP SHOWING FLORA IN ZONE 6



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- A variety of species are found in this zone are also scarce.
- Some of these species include the dandelion, plantain tree, Ashoka

tree, almond tree, and coconut tree, with coconut tree being the predominant species.

These plant species are located along the streets, in and in front of residences, in open spaces, and within the community.

The coconut trees are located along the streets and in the compound of residences.

(source: author's field survey).

MAP SHOWING FLORA IN ZONE 7



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IMPLICATIONS OF VEGETATION IN THE TERRAIN

- Areas with a good number of greenery such as zones 1 and 4, had spaces within the zones that were aesthetically pleasing. Hence enhancing the appearance of the space.
 - Trees with large canopies were also planted along the road and in residences. These trees provided shade in the areas.
- Shade helps in reducing exposure to and harm from UV radiation (Parisi and Turnbull, 2014).
 - Tree shade can directly lower surface temperature by reducing the storage and convection of heat of land surface by reducing the incident solar radiation at urban surfaces such as buildings and roads (Akbari et al., 1997; Berry et al., 2013; Morakinyo et al., 2016).



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IMPLICATIONS OF VEGETATION IN THE TERRAIN

- Trees promote health and social well-being by removing air pollution (Turner-Skoff, 2019).
- Zones 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7 were areas with little greenery.
- These areas were not aesthetically pleasing as there were little to no trees found along the roads to enhance the appearance of the space.
- Also, the areas mentioned above are prone to harmful UV radiation.
- The loss of trees and other vegetation can cause climate change,

desertification, soil erosion, flooding, and increased greenhouse gases in the atmosphere (pachamama.org).



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• Fauna





- FAUNA simply refers to all animals that live in a particular or area in the ecosystem(OxfordDictionary).
- This comprises herbivorous, omnivorous and carnivorous animals.
- The terrain has quite a number of animal species.
- These animal species are mostly domestically reared for food and commercial purposes and found in the inland.





MAP SHOWING FAUNA IN THE TERRAIN



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Cattle (Bos taurus)

- They are herbivorous animals reared in the study area
- Used for both commercial and domestic purposes.





Peacock(Pavo cristatus)

- They are omnivorous animals found in the Manhyia palace.
- Reared for its beauty.

Goat(Capra aegagrus hircus)

- They are herbivorous animals reared in the study area .
- Used for both commercial and domestic purposes.



Dog (Canis familiaris)

- They are omnivorous animals in the study area.
- Often used for security purposes and kept as pets.





Sheep (Ovis aries)

- They are herbivorous animals reared in the study area
- Used for both commercial and domestic purposes.

Chicken (Gallus gallus domesticus)

• They are reared at home for commercial purposes and for food.





Horse (Equus caballus.)

- They are omnivorous animals in the study area.
- Used for commercial purposes





Egret (Ardea alba)

• They are omnivorous animals found in the study area.

Lizard (Lacertilia)

• They are omnivorous animals found in the study area.





Snake (Serpentes.)

- Dangerous reptiles rarely seen in town.
- Usually spotted within green areas after rainfall
- Also spotted around some households



Centipede(Chilopoda)

- Elongated metameric creatures with one pair of legs per body segment.
- They are found in the green areas

Termites (Isoptera)

- Insects which usually build hills and are very territorial.
- Also quite weary of unkowing by-passers.





Mosquito(Culicidae)

- Mosquitoes are the most common insects in the terrain.
- This is mainly due to water and land pollution.
- This in turn results in malaria which is the commonest illness in the terrain.



Rat(Rattus)

- Omnivorous animals
- Commonly found in drains

Ant (Formicidae)

- Omnivorous insects
- Commonly found at random places in the terrain







Housefly (Musca domestica)

- Very common insects in the terrain.
- This is mainly due to air, water and land pollution.



Cat (Felis catus)

- Omnivorous animals
 - Often kept as pets

Moth (Lepidoptera)

 They are often around mainly due to air, water and land pollution.



Implications of Fauna in the study enclave

- Most of the communities are muslim communities, thus they rear cattle for commercial and other purposes.
- Cattle egrets ere also seen because of the warm-temperate zone of the enclave and thepresence of cattle. They forage the feet of grazing catle.
- Houseflies and moths were also seen as a result of land and air pollution.



Aboabo Lat 6.697606 ° Long -1.602060°
Implications of the study enclave On fauna

- There were a few areas with green pastures for the animals to feed on.
- Most of the areas were built up or covered with hard surfaces. Quite a number of the cattle found in the study area were lean.



Aboabo Lat 6.697606 ° Long -1.602060°



• Drainage





> Existing Drains

> Drainage Patterns

Choked Gutters

Flood Prone Areas

> Observations











Observations

- Most drains were not covered leading to silt infill.
- Some portions of the drains were choked with dust and plastic waste.
- Silt in the drains has created an environment for growth of weeds.
- The people live closer to the drains.
- Plastic waste and silt removed from the major drains during the drenching exercise has been deposited beside the drains.
- The covered drains were not disability friendly.
- Flood in these areas are caused by the waste found in drains choking the movement of liquid waste.
- The choked gutters were breeding mosquitoes, making malaria a dominant illness in the terrain.



05 Climate and Geology

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Source:Author's field survey

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Climate

Source: Author's field survey

- Climate is the long-term weather pattern in a region, typically averaged over 30 years. Some of the meteorological variables that are commonly measured are temperature, humidity, atmospheric pressure, wind, and precipitation. (Matthews, J.B. Robin; Möller, Vincent; van Diemen, Renée; Fuglestvedt, Jan S.; Masson-Delmotte, Valérie; Méndez, Carlos; Semenov, Sergey; Reisinger, Andy ,2021)
- Ashanti region has a Tropical wet and dry or Savanna climate. It is characterized by a wet season and dry season.
- The dry season lasts for most of the year.
- Generally, temperatures are high throughout the year Annual high temperature is 32.58 degrees Celsius and annual low temperature is 21.55 degrees Celsius.

Source: https://tcktcktck.org/amp/ghana/ashanti Source: https://sciencing.com/tropical-wet-dry-climates



Human activities that cause Climate change

01 Combustion of fossil fuels for electricity, cars etc.

Source: Author's field survey

02 Changes in land use causing urban heat islands etc. 03

Deforestation

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Extreme weather events. e.g. floods, heat, drought, wildfires etc.



A decrease in access to safe water 03

A decrease in air quality

IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE ENVIRONMENT



A decrease in food security. Rain-fed crops can be reduced An increase in climatesensitive diseases. Malaria, pneumonia, etc.

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Source:Author's field survey

Source:(WHO regional office of Africa,2015)



Geology





The word geology means 'Study of the Earth'. Also known as geoscience or earth science.

(GeologyIn.com)

O3 Geological impact

- Sustainability
- Climate Change
- Mineral Resources
- Water Management
- Mineral Resources

Geology comprises of:

- Earth formation
- **Composition**
- Processes
- Impact
 (GeologyIn.com)

Soil types

Source:Author's field survey

- Sandy soil
- Silt Soil
- Clay Soil
- Loamy Soil

(byjus.com)

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GEOLOGY

Source: Author's field survey



GEOLOGY OF GHANA

The geology of Ghana is primarily very ancient crystalline basement rock, volcanic belts and sedimentary basins, affected by periods of igneous activity

 Ghana is characterized in general by low physical relief

ijser.org,2021

rce: Author's field survey

 Low plains stretch across the southern part of Ghana

 To their north lie three regions—the Ashanti Uplands, the Akwapim-Togo Ranges, and the Volta Basin.

• The high plains, occupies the northern and northwestern sector of Ghana

Author's field surve

ijser.org,2021

SOIL

LATERITE

- Laterite, soil layer that is rich in iron oxide and derived from a wide variety of rocks weathering under strongly oxidizing and leaching conditions.
- Exposed surfaces are blackishbrown to reddish and commonly have a saggy, lavalike appearance
- Commonly lighter in colour(red,yellow and brown).

(Britannica.com)



Laterite found at Manhyia



Laterite found at Asawase



GEOLOGICAL MAP OF STUDY ENCLAVE-SOIL TYPE



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MAP OF PREDOMINANT SOIL TYPE



Scale-1:25,000

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ROCKS

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A rock is a natural substance composed of solid crystals of different minerals that have been fused together into a solid lump.

TYPES OF ROCKS

- Sedimentary rocks
- Metamorphic rocks
- o igneous rocks

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ROCK TYPE DETERMINANTS

- Composition
- Grain size
- o **Texture**
- Layering

PROCESS OF ROCK FORMATION

rce:Author's field survey

- Fragments(grains)
- Pressure and temperature
- Solidification geologyscience.com

GEOLOGICAL MAP OF STUDY ENCLAVE-ROCK TYPES



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ROCKS

Quartz stone

- It occurs in essentially all mineral environments, and is the crucial constituent of many rocks. It is likewise the maximum varied of all minerals, taking place in all distinct habits, and colorings.
- It is highly resistant to both mechanical and chemical weathering.
- It has a very high melting point and can withstand critically high temperatures.

: 6°41'28.80"N

ONG: 1°36'21.2



Scale-1:25,000

Pictures of quartz stone discovered in various zones

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LAT : 6°41'28.18"N

LONG: 1°36'4.88"V



ROCKS

Quartz stone

USES

- Glassmaking
- Abrasives
- Production of refractory bricks
- Production of ceramic tiles
- Production of adhesives, putty, paint, and rubber.
- Production medical incision devices, cutting weapons, and sharpening cutting tools



(uniquecrystalminerals.com)







Pictures of quartz stone discovered in various zones

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ROCKS Siltstone

- Texture: Clastic; Fine-grained (0.004 0.06 mm)
- Composition: Quartz, clay minerals
- Color: Reddish brown
- Miscellaneous: Massive; Feels slightly gritty
- Depositional Environment: Flood plain, Delta, or **Mid-continental Shelf**
- Grain size: Fine-grained



Pictures of siltstone discovered in various zones



ROCKS Siltstone

- Siltstone is a clastic sedimentary rock that formed from grains whose sized between that of sandstone and mudstone.
- Siltstones may contain concretions, it is hard and durable and do not easily split into thin particles or layer
- The pore spaces of siltstone serve as good aquifer. It is rarely porous enough or extensive enough to serve as an oil or gas reservoir.

Source:Author's field survey

LAT: 6°41'48.97"N

LONG: 1°35'50.07"W





Pictures of siltstone discovered in various zones

Source: Author's field survey

· 6°42'23.15"N

LONG: 1°35'55.79"V





GEOLOGY

Observation

- A predominant soil type (laterite)
- 2. No predominant rock type
- 3. Evidence of weathering of rocks by wind and water
- 4. Variation in rock type throughout the zones.



06 Natural Resources



ource: Author's field surve



NATURAL RESOURCES

- **Natural resources** are resources that are drawn from nature and used with few modifications.
- This includes the sources of valued characteristics such as commercial and industrial use, aesthetic value, scientific interest, and cultural value(Oxford dictionaries n.d).
- They are broadly classified into **renewable** resources and **non-renewable** resources or **biotic** and **abiotic** depending on their source of origin (Mitchell, 2002).
- Rapid rate of urbanization has led to the depletion of most of the natural resources found in the enclave.





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- Renewable resources found were;
 - Waterbodies
 - Subsurface water
 - Vegetation
 - Animals
 - Solar energy

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Non-renewable resources

Non-renewable resources found were;

Source:Author's field surve

• Fertile land

MAP SHOWING NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE TERRAIN



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07 Tourism

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Source:Author's

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TOURISM



Manhyia Palace Museum (cultural tourism)

Tourism is the movement of people to countries or places outside their usual environment for personal or business purposes (United Nations World Tourism, 2008).

Tourism can be classified into three (3); cultural, industrial and eco-tourism.

Cultural tourism is movements of persons for essentially cultural motivations such a study tours, performing arts and cultural tours, travel to cultural events, visits and to sites and monument (United Nations World Tourism, 2008).

Importance of tourism

- Helps in generating income opportunities for the local people.
- Boosts and diversifies the economy of the country.
- Also helps in improving the standard of the local people.
- Offers jobs to people such as tourist guides, agriculture, the food, art and hoteling industry, etc.

THE MANHYIA PALACE

Location: Manhyia Palace, Manhyia, Kumasi

Area: about 7,500m²

The Manhyia Palace is the seat of the Asantehene and his official residence.

It was first built in 1995 by Otumfuo Opoku Ware II (15th King of the Asante Kingdom).

The Palace has residential spaces, open green spaces, parking lots, meeting areas and archives office.



MANHYIA PALACE MUSEUM

Location: Manhyia Palace Museum, Manhyia

Area: about 13,275m²

The Manhyia Palace Museum was the former resident of past kings of the Ashanti Kingdom.

It was built in 1925 and converted to a museum by the current king, Otumfuo Osei Tutu II.

The museum is loaded with rich history and culture of the Asante Kingdom and information of key players in the history of the kingdom



- Helps improve the standard of living of the local people.
- Provides incentives to preserve heritage sites and customs.



ECONOMIC EFFECTS



 Provides jobs for people such as tourist guides, food, hostel/guest house industry, artists, security personnel, etc.

- Boosts and diversifies the economy of the country.
- Encourages rebuilding and restoring historic sites and revitalization of culture.



 It stimulates interest of locals' crafts, traditional activities and oral history. It creates opportunities for local businesses.



SOCIOCULTURAL EFFECTS



- It opens up the community to a wider world, new ideas and new experiences.
- Differences in social and moral values of locals & tourists can cause friction.

 Allows for more opportunities to socialize and engage with people from other places and each other.


ECO-TOURISM POTENTIAL

- Eco-tourism is a nature-based tourism in which the main motivation of the tourists is the observation and appreciation of nature as well as the traditional cultures in natural areas (World Tourism Organization, 2022).
- Manhyia has potential to develop an eco-tourism.

FACTORS TO DETERMINE ECO-TOURISM

- Availability of natural forest.
- Area with historical or cultural importance.
- Various species of animals and trees.







07 Green Infrastructure



Source:Author's field survey



CONCEPT OF GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Green infrastructure is "a conceptual framework for understanding the valuable services nature provides the human environment.

At the regional or national levels, interconnected networks of **parks** systems, **forest** and **wildlife** corridors preserve ecological function, **manage water**, provide wildlife habitat and create a balance between built and natural environments".

(American Society of Landscape Architects, 2023)

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

When green infrastructure systems are installed, they can provide cleaner air and water as well as significant value for the community with flood protection, diverse habitat, and beautiful green spaces.



EXAMPLES OF GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE





GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE



02 • Green Streets

• Rainwater Harvesting

03 • Urban Parks and Recreational Areas



GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE (Zone 1)



GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE (Zone 1)



GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE (Zone 2)





GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE (Zone 3)



GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE (Zone 4)





Green Reserve, cor. 6.695251° -1.605704°



Community School Park,



GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE (Zone 5)



GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE (Zone 6)



GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE (Zone 7)



ZONE 1

- Manhyia has a forest reserve of about 298,000m², which captures air pollutants and absorbs rainwater.
- The zone has open green parks and some community parks without greens.





OBSERVATIONS PER ZONE



ZONE 1

- The Manhyia city has few shaded streets with suitable pedestrian walkways.
- The zone had parking spaces but are not green.

ZONE 2

- Zone 2 is bordered by the forest reserve.
- It has a polluted open space.
- The Central Mosque has a large impermeable paved open space and parking lot.
- The zone has no green street.



ZONE 3

- Zone 3, that is, Asawase, has a number of community and school parks, but without greens.
- The area has few shaded streets with pedestrian walkways.

Source:Author's field survey



OBSERVATIONS PER ZONE





ZONE 4

- Much of the land in this zone is covered with greens.
- The area has a children's park and other open spaces including a school park.

ZONE 4

- Zone 4 has no green streets or shaded pedestrian walkways.
- It has about 22,000m² of forest reserve.





ZONE 5

- This area has little to no greens.
- Zone 5 has only one (1) community park and one (1) school park.
- The area has no green streets and parking.



OBSERVATIONS PER ZONE



ZONE 6

- Has greenery along the river and drains.
- The zone has no urban parks and green parking spaces.

ZONE 7

- Zone 7 has greenery along the river and drains.
- It has a few open green spaces.
- The zone has no green streets.





08 Ecological Problems

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Source: Author's field survey



Water Pollution

Land Pollution (Improper waste disposal)

> Noise Pollution

> Air Pollution

Flood prone areas

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Map coordinates : 6.69343, -1.60032

Water Pollution



Water Pollution

Water pollution is the release of substances into bodies of water that makes water unsafe for human use and disrupts aquatic ecosystems.

Water pollution can be caused by a plethora of different contaminants, including toxic waste and diseasecausing microorganisms(Nathanson,2022).



A polluted storm drain at Aboabo







Water Pollution in the Study Enclave







Water Pollution in Study Enclave



Water Pollution in Study Enclave





Land Pollution (Improper waste disposal)



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Land Pollution

- Land pollution **is** the deposition of solid or liquid waste materials on land or underground in a manner that can contaminate the soil and groundwater, threaten public health, and cause unsightly conditions and nuisances.
- The prominent land pollution activity in the terrain studied is IMPROPER DIPOSAL OF WASTE.



Indiscriminate disposal of waste



Land Pollution Map of Study Enclave



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Dumpsite at Manhyia Roundabout Lat 6.711787° Long -1.60885° Dumpsite behind Manhyia Melcom Lat 6.421733° Long -1.363537°





















Land pollution map of study area



Lat 6.706926° Long -1.609329 °



Scale-1:25,000





Latitude 6.690483 Longitude -1.598659







Latitude 6.690483 Longitude -1.598659



Scale-1:25,000





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Noise Pollution



Noise Pollution

Unwanted or excessive sound that can have deleterious effects on human health, wildlife, and environmental quality.

Commonly generated inside

- industrial facilities
- workplaces,
- Traffic zones
- outdoor construction activities. Nathanson, J. and Berg, R.(2022)







Noise Level Guidelines In Ghana

According to The Environmental Protection Agency Ghana,

- **Residential areas** permissible ambient noise levels of **55 dB** (decibels) during the day and **48dB** at night
- **Commercial areas**, according to the new guidelines, are allowed **70 dB** during the day and **65 dB** at night
- Places of entertainment and public assembly such as churches and mosques have a permissible noise level of 65 db noise levels during the day and 60 db during the night
Map Showing Recorded Noise level Locations in Study Enclave





Noise Sources in Study Enclave



Quarrying site in zone 1 Lat 6.7117° Long -1.60885° Noise Levels: 65dB Time Taken: 12:30am Time Ended: 1:00pm



Blacksmithing site in zone 5 Latitude 6.696129 Longitude -1.599957 Noise Levels: 68dB Time Taken: 10:30am Time Ended: 10:45am

Noise Sources in Study Enclave



Cornmill in zone 5 Latitude 6.696845 Longitude -1.599650 Noise Levels: 65dB

Time Taken: 12:30am

Time Ended: 1:00pm



P.A. System in zone 6 Latitude 6.711787° Longitude -1.60885° Noise Levels: 74dB Time Taken: 1:30pm Time Ended: 2:00pm



P.A. System in zone 6 Latitude 6.711787° Longitude -1.60885° Noise Levels: 72 dB Time Taken: 11:10 am Time Ended:11:30 am





Noise Sources in Study Enclave







Anloga Junction Latitude 6.411875° Longitude -1.355013° Noise Levels: 70 dB Time Taken: 3:30pm Time Ended: 3:45 pm Anloga Junction Latitude 6.411875° Longitude -1.355013° Noise Levels: 68 dB Time Taken: 4:30 pm Time Ended: 4:45 pm

Blacksmith in zone 6 Latitude 6.705122° Longitude -1.599365° Noise Levels: 62.8 dB Time Taken: 12:40 am Time Ended: 1:00 pm





Recorded Noise Levels of Certain Locations in Study Enclave

Location	Sound (dB)	Source	Time taken	Time ended
Manhyia Roundabout	64db	Traffic	10:10am	10:30am
Public address (P.A.) system around Manhyia roundabout	72db	P.A. system	11:10am	11:30am
Manhyia roundabout	62.8db	Traffic	12:40am	1:00pm
Public address (P.A.) system at Airport roundabout	74db	P.A. system	1:30pm	2:00pm
Anloga Junction	70db	Traffic	3:30pm	3:45pm
Amakom Traffic light	68db	Traffic	4:30pm	4:45pm







Air Pollution

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AIR QUALITY INDEX(AQI)

An **air quality index** (**AQI**) is used by government agencies to communicate to the public,

- how polluted the air currently is
- how polluted it is forecast to become.

AQI information is obtained by averaging readings from an air quality sensor. • The air quality index increases with increases in vehicle traffic, forest fires, or anything that can increase air pollution.

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Pollutants tested include:

- Ozone
- Nitrogen dioxide
- Sulphur dioxide
- Particulate matter

Source:Author's field survey



Emissions from a vehicle's exhausts Map Coordinates: 6.68988, -1.59824



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Dust

Vehicle emissions

Construction site

Burning of fossil fuel



AIR POLLUTION in the STUDY Enclave



Blacksmithing

Latitude 6.695762 Longitude -1.599021 Smoke from fish processing factory Latitude 6.707062 Longitude -1.606962

Fumes from cars along the Ejisu Rd. Latitude 6.68997 Longitude -1.606851





AIR POLLUTION in the STUDY AREA



Aboabo River Latitude 6.70221° Longitude -1.600785°



AIR POLLUTION in the STUDY AREA



Quarrying site Lat 6.711787° Long -1.60885°



Saw mill Lat 6.42285° Long 1.364205°



AIR POLLUTION in the STUDY AREA



Dumpsite at Manhyia Roundabout Lat 6.711787° Long -1.60885° Dumpsite behind Manhyia Melcom Lat 6.421733° Long -1.363537°



Major Sources of Air Pollution in Study Area



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Climate analysis

Air quality





Air	Qua	lity	Index
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AQI	
400	Harzadous
300	Very unhealthy
200	Unhealthy
150	Moderate
100	Unhealthy sensitive groups
50	Good
0	Very good

Source: Ventusky Climate Maps

Test period

During morning rush hours and evening work closing periods. This is when vehicle traffic is highest and vehicle emissions are concentrated in the atmosphere





Key Pollutants	Test Results	Impact on Area
Particulate matter 2.5	80 μg/m ³	Unhealthy
Particulate matter 10.0	170 μg/m³	Unhealthy
Nitrogen dioxide	0 μg/m ³	Good
Sulfur dioxide	3 μg/m³	Good
Ozone	60 μg/m³	Moderate
Carbon monoxide	15 μg/m ³	Good

ZONE 1



Zone 1 map showing the air pollution hotspots

Data recorded at midday on Vednesday February 15, 2023

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Source: Ventusky Climate Maps





Base Map

Key Pollutants	Test Results	Impact on area
Particulate matter 2.5	59 μg/m³	Unhealthy
Particulate matter 10.0	120 μg/m³	Unhealthy
Nitrogen dioxide	3 μg/m³	Good
Sulfur dioxide	10 μg/m ³	Good
Ozone	40 μg/m ³	Unhealthy
Carbon monoxide	7 μg/m³ Տα	Good ource: Ventusky Climate Maps

ZONE 2





Zone 2 map showing the air pollution hotspots

Data recorded at midday on Wednesday February 15, 2023





Key Pollutants

Particulate matter 2.5

Particulate matter 10.0

Nitrogen dioxide

Sulfur dioxide

Ozone

Dust

Base Map

Test Results

92 μg/m³

473 μg/m³

 $1 \,\mu g/m^3$

 $2 \mu g/m^3$

 $60\mu g/m^3$

420 μg/m³

ZONE 3





Zone 3 map showing the air pollution hotspots

Data recorded at midday on Wednesday February 15, 2023

Source: Ventusky Climate Maps URBAN TRANSITIONS AND TRANSFORMATION: ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT • M.Arch.1 • Group three(3) • February,2023

Impact on area

Very unhealthy

Very unhealthy

Good

Good

Good

Unhealthy





Base Map

Key Pollutants	Test Results	Impact on area	
Particulate matter 2.5	26 μg/m³	Moderate	
Particulate matter 10.0	174 μg/m³	Unhealthy	
Nitrogen dioxide	1 μg/m³	Good	
Sulfur dioxide	3 μg/m³	Good	Zo
Ozone	20µg/m ³	Good	E V
Dust	161 μg/m³	Unhealthy	
	Source	e: Ventusky Climate Maps	

ZONE 4





Zone 4 map showing the air pollution hotspots

Data recorded at midday on Wednesday February 15, 2023





Base Map

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Key Pollutants	Test Results	Impact on area	
Particulate matter 2.5	78 μg/m³	Moderate	ABOABO
Particulate matter 10.0	407 μg/m ³	Unhealthy	
Nitrogen dioxide	1 μg/m³	Good	
Sulfur dioxide	4 μg/m³	Good	
Ozone	51 μg/m ³	Good	Zone 5 may hotspots
Dust	378 μg/m³ Sour	Unhealthy rce: Ventusky Climate Mar	Data recor Wednesda
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ZONE 5

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Data recorded at midday on Wednesday February 15, 2023





ZONE 6



Base Map

Key Pollutants	Test Results	Impact on area
Particulate matter 2.5	26 μg/m ³	Moderate
Particulate matter 10.0	174 μg/m³	Unhealthy
Nitrogen dioxide	1 μg/m³	Good
Sulfur dioxide	3 μg/m³	Good
Ozone	20µg/m³	Good
Dust	161 μg/m³	Moderate
Source: Ventusky Clim		ce: Ventusky Climate Map



Zone 6 map showing the air pollution hotspots

Data recorded at midday on Wednesday February 15, 2023





Base Map

Key Pollutants	Test Results	Impact on area	
Particulate matter 2.5	26 μg/m³	Moderate	
Particulate matter 10.0	174 μg/m³	Unhealthy	
Nitrogen dioxide	1 μg/m³	Good	
Sulfur dioxide	3 μg/m³	Good	
Ozone	20µg/m³	Good	Zone 7 hotsp

161 μg/m³

ZONE 7



7 map showing the air pollution ots

Data recorded at midday on Wednesday February 15, 2023

Dust

Unhealthy



Emissions of both Sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxides causes acidification causing adverse effects on flora and fauna.



Source: United Nations Economic Commission for Europe



Air pollutants cause ground-level ozone depletion which causes damage to plant cell membranes and plant cover.

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Ultimately human populations are also affected. Harmful concentrations of pollutants may directly enter our drinking water, notably through ground water seepage.

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Flood prone areas



Map showing Flood Prone Areas in the terrain





Some flood prone zones in the terrain



Zone 6 Lat: 6.699095 Long:-1.600698 Zone 4 Lat:6.961956 Long:-1.606743



Some flood prone zones in the terrain



Dichemso Rd. (Zone 1) Lat: 6.709433° Long:-1.610234°

Zone 1 Lat:6.961956° Long:-1.606743°



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Source: Author's field survey

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