



# Green Belt and Road: Promises, Reality and Actions

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# Promises

- **Ecological Civilization: Building a Shared Future for All Life** on Earth  
The UN Biodiversity Summit; CBD COP 15 theme
- China: CO2 emissions peak before 2030 and strives to **achieve carbon neutrality** before 2060, Sept 23, 2020
- Green Investment Principles for the Belt and Road Initiative 2019
- Guidance on Promoting Green Belt and Road Initiative 2017
- Joint Response to Climate Change, A Better Environment for Our Planet 2019
- Green Credit Guidance 2012

# Reality

- Outbound investment projects have high environmental and social risks
- National legislation doesn't reflect Chinese government made promises
  - Environmental Impact Assessment Law
  - Air Pollution Prevention and Control Law 2016 2018
  - Energy Law draft 2020
  - Coal Industry Law draft 2020
  - Climate Change Response Law 应对气候变化法?
- Chinese companies lack of awareness of sustainable development; lack of environmental and human rights due diligence policies and practices

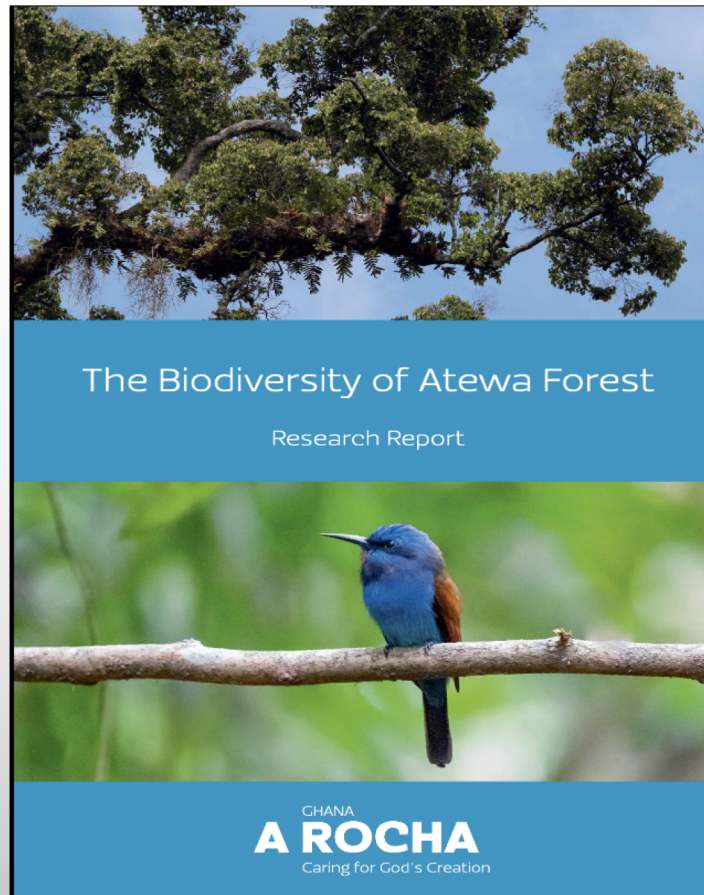




# Simandou, Guinea: the Water Tower of West Africa

- A World-class Project to Support the Economic Transformation of Guinea
  - The Home for West African *chimpanzee* (*Pan troglodytes verus*)
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# Atewa Range Forest, Ghana



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# From Promises to Actions