

**Liberia**  
**East Nimba Nature Reserve Forest Conservation Project**  
**News from the Field**

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**Conservation Agreement 1: Livestock production**

Each of the two villages of Ghopayee and Yolowee is raising two male pigs and four female pigs. Twenty-six community pig care takers have received training and are ensuring the pigs are properly raised by keeping the pig pen in a state of good hygiene and sanitation, and by feeding them regularly and plentifully with a proper mix of feed.

It's been less than six months since the pigs arrived, but the eight females are already pregnant. The piglets should be born five or six months from now.



Pregnant female pigs

**Conservation Agreement 2: Frontline Conservationists**

A total of 108 patrols were carried out in the two villages to ensure that there were no activities taking place that violated the conservation agreement. The patrols were conducted by 24 Frontline Conservationists (FCs). Of the 108 patrols, 18 were conducted in the East Nimba Nature Reserve (ENNR) and the other 90 involved patrolling the village and the surrounding forests.

In the ENNR, a total of five violations were reported: hunters' footprints and trails, trap wire, and gunshot sounds. In the villages and surrounding forests, 16 violations were reported: empty gun shells, hunters' trails, trap wire, and gunshot sounds.

These violations were investigated but as of yet there have been no arrests. The FCs are publicizing their activities on an ongoing basis in order to raise awareness among villagers.



FCs on patrol briefing with an officer from the Forestry Development Authority (FDA)

### **Conservation agreements**

Revisions were made to the conservation agreements signed last year, and these agreements are scheduled to be renewed in the two villages next year.

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