



Save My Future (SAMFU) Foundation is a local non-governmental conservation and development organization founded in 1987 by a Liberian Catholic Priest and two young conservationists. SAMFU was founded out of love for sustaining our natural resources and the environment, as well as the Liberian cultural heritage, and the desire to preserve them in order to enhance development and promote peace.

We are working in two core programs.

1. Extractive Industry Program
 - a. Human Rights and Advocacy
 - b. Peace Building and Conflict Prevention.



2. Endangered Marine Species Conservation Program.



Our Vision:

SAMFU plays a major role in the sustainable management of Liberia's natural resources. SAMFU works in a strong network to ensure that the management processes are participatory, transparent, accountable, and peaceful.

Mission:

SAMFU promotes partnerships with environmental organizations, the Liberian government and communities to ensure a sustainable management of Liberia's natural resources.

Goal:

To contribute towards Liberia's socio-economic development process through sustainable forest management, biodiversity conservation and community peace building.

What we do:

We educate local people how to use the natural resources of Liberia for the economic and social well-being of the whole

community. Our charity also monitors the activities of multinational companies in Liberia to ensure that they meet government standards for the care and employment of their workers. Sustainability is at the heart of all our projects.

SAMFU is committed to sustain peace in Liberia. We train staff and target communities to ensure effective participation in promoting peaceful co-existence in Liberia through conflict prevention and transformation in the extractive industry sector.

SAMFU empowers staff and coastal communities to ensure their effective participation in promoting the long term survival of endangered marine species, using sea turtles as flagship species and share educative information on others endangered marine wildlife.

SAMFU's core values are:

- ❖ Respect for human rights.
- ❖ Engage in activities/acts that are environmentally friendly.
- ❖ Participatory decision-making and shared leadership.
- ❖ Transparency and accountability.
- ❖ Support peaceful co-existence and development

(Strategy) We achieve this by:

Learning – Recognize the power of learning in improving human resources and organizational capacity. We are committed

to engaging the learning resources of our organization, NGOs' network, donor's support in line with the needs of the target communities and clients.

Innovation – We strive to empower individual staff and encourage individual and organizational creativity to advance the mission of our organization.

Diversity - We work towards capturing the strength that derives from honoring diverse people, perspectives and programs; we think and act inclusively.



Collaboration – We value partnership and teamwork based on thematic issues that advance the achievement of our programs objectives.



Flexibility – We are open to change and willing to pursue new knowledge directions to meet changing societal needs in relation

to institutional expectations and environmental sustainability.

Integrity - We are committed to demonstrate ethical and honest behavior in everything we do.

Discipline responses - we strive to build a culture that is focused and determined and systematically persist in achieving our goals.

Achievements:

- In 2003 publish Under Treats which highlighted the status of marine turtles in Liberia and the challenges they encounter during nesting season and also establish the first sea turtles sanctuary in the country.



- With support from Stiftung Umverteilen and Trocaire two reports (“Firestone: the mark of modern slavery” and “The Heavy Load”) both about child labor, environmental crimes and the abuse of laborers rights in 2005 and 2008.

- In 2012, in collaboration with other partners: Sustainable Development

Institute (SDI) and Global Witness (GW) investigated and reported on the abuse of Private Use Permit (PUP), where 63 PUPs covering 2.5 million hectares of illegally granted logging concessions, that threatened the rule of law in the Liberia Forest Sector was unveil to the Liberia public, other international organizations and friendly governments around the globe.

- 2013-15 did extensive work on oil palm with communities affected by oil palm plantation development (Sime Darby Plantation Liberia and Golden Veroleum Liberia) in western and southeastern Liberia to help local communities grapple with the negative impact of these plantations on their land and lives.
- 2013-15 with support from Trust Africa, work with four (4) CBOS in Grand Bassa County on the issues of the county social development fund (CSDF) and the county development fund (CDF) which was intended to fast track county developmental project. Data collected from ongoing projects highlighted the misused of funds allocated for project by authority of the county. It also reveal how substandard materials were used for various project recorded.