

# Sankofa - Alliances for Action

## Supporting climate-smart farming practices



### WHAT IS THE SANKOFA PROJECT ABOUT?

Sankofa is a unique project that supports climate-smart farming practices in **Ghana**. It promotes a more diverse cocoa production by training farmers to implement a **dynamic agroforestry (DAF)** system. The system works primarily to improve the soil using various techniques: mulching, planting a wide variety of trees, including ones that are pruned each year and used for biomass. Sankofa also contributes to **climate change mitigation**, and its impacts are measured using the **Gold Standard for the Global Goals**. This project has been designed to:



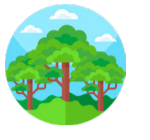
improve livelihood of farmers



increase cocoa yields for farmers



reduce vulnerability to climate change



increase forest cover and enhance biodiversity within the landscape

### SANKOFA AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



#### Improved food Security

as a result of crop diversification and enhanced farm resilience to unpredictable weather



#### 75,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>

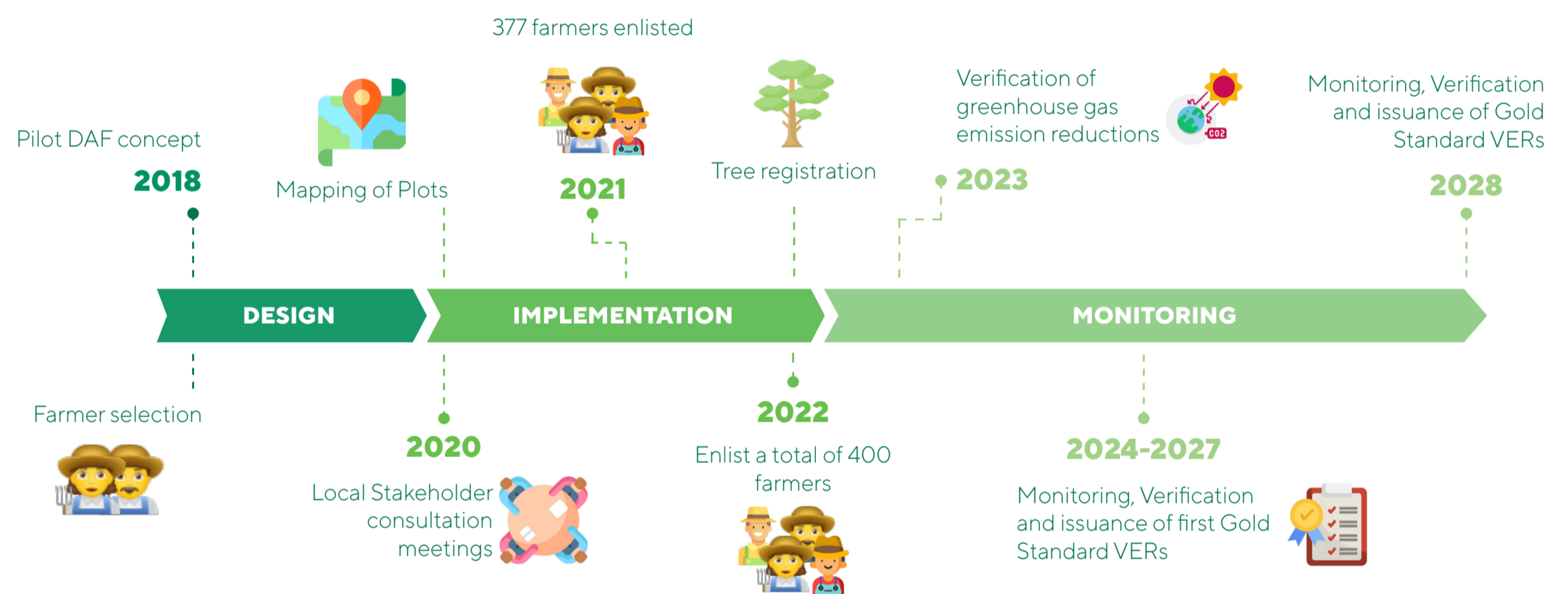
will be sequestered because the project will help prevent degradation and deforestation



#### 400 hectares

will be reforested sustainably

### PROJECT TIMELINE



### THE IMPACT

#### ECONOMIC

Increase cocoa yield and diversify crop production which will positively impact farmer's income



Additional income (after 30 years) from timber production



#### SOCIAL

Enhanced capacity of participating farmers to implement sustainable land management practices



#### ENVIRONMENTAL

Enhanced carbon sequestration



Improved biodiversity of DAF farms



### KEY OUTPUT FROM LOCAL STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION MEETINGS

- To qualify, farmers must be part of Kuapa Kokoo Farmers Union and must have a minimum of 1ha non-forested land
- Farmer agreements have been revised to cover 15 years instead of the initial 30 years, with the option of renewal for another 15 years
- The project supplies certified seeds and seedlings preferred by farmers.
- Farmers own their plots and provide their own labour
- Tree ownership is guaranteed through registration with the Forestry Commission of Ghana and trees planted may be harvested after 30 years
- Farmers derive benefits through technical assistance, planting materials and farming inputs
- Planting spacing is well calculated to accommodate a variety of species
- Farmers are trained on pruning for shade management and on the application of organic chemicals for pest management
- Monitoring and evaluation are key components of the project

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