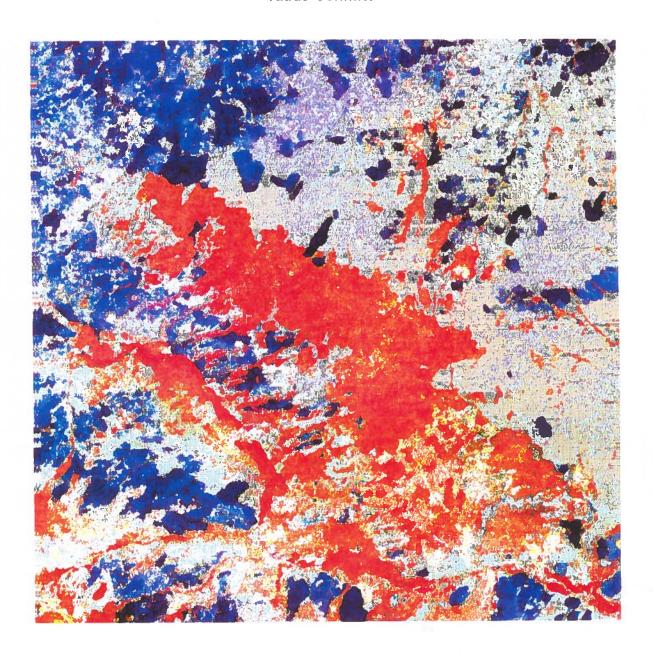


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"Given that techniques of vegetation science are increasingly supported by computers with the resulting danger of increased "digitalization of vegetation", it is necessary to look for a counterbalance which considers plant communities once again as living organisms without using emotional approaches only. The possibility of the "considering power of judgement", as summarized by GOETHE, is ... such a counterbalance." Vahl and Dettmar, 1988, p. 407.

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this manual is to describe the background to and the methods used in the botanical survey of the protected areas in the savanna region of Ghana. The same methods were applied to all the areas studied and reports on the vegetation of individual areas do not contain any further information on methodology.

Two additional sections will provide information on vegetation monitoring and on the

graphic display of plant distribution data.

The database (dBase) data and programme files are given on a diskette in the appendix.

The literature quoted is included in a list which contains all the literature used in the botanical survey (appendix A).

<u>AIMS</u>

The terms of reference for the Botanical Survey are:

* To identify the major plant communities that occur in Ghana, and to identify quantitatively

the extent to which they are represented in the existing protected area system.

* To identify plant species that are of special interest, and to plot their distributions and relative abundances in protected areas. These species will include those that are threatened, that have significance in local traditional medicine or that are of special interest for other reasons.

* To identify plant community parameters in protected areas, which may serve as indicators or inclusion in the monitoring programmes that will be prescribed in each protected area

management plan.

* To identify special problems such as threatened communities and individual species that are at risk from factors such as uncontrolled burning, timber removal or other land use practices.

BACKGROUND

"Protected areas play a vital role in preserving the world's biodiversity, but their ability to preserve genetic material over the long-term will depend upon the extent to which sensitive and species-rich habitats are preserved." (Shrestha et al. 1990, p. 62).

Baseline data on species occurrence and distribution which are necessary for effective long-term management of protected areas include information on:

- Flora: particularly the abundance and distribution of species of special interest: rare and endangered species (status, distribution, ecology and habitat requirements), indicator species (plants which are most sensitive to environmental changes), fodder plants and useful plants.

- Vegetation: ie. the distribution and extent of plant communities (especially of those which

are rare or threatened), allowing a vegetation map to be compiled.

- Threatening factors, such as grazing, fire and fuelwood collection, which may affect plant species, plant communities and their habitats, and on how to counteract such threats.

The methods used in this survey were chosen to achieve these objectives in a simple and rapid manner, suitable for West African savanna. Depending on the characteristics of the area studied

- an initial qualitative description of the vegetation or

- a semi-quantitative classification of plant communities was performed.
- "... a plant community can be understood as a combination of plants that are dependent on their environment and influence one another and modify their own environment. They form, together with their common habitat and other associated organisms, an ecosystem (sensu Tansley 1935), which is also related to neighboring ecosystems and to the macroclimate of the region." (Mueller-Dombois and Ellenberg 1974, p. 27)

The semi-quantitative Zürich-Montpellier Method (Braun-Blanquet 1964) has been successfully applied to the classification of vegetation in various parts of Africa (cf. Werger 1977, Knapp 1979). The results are often comparable to those based on more time-consuming methods of data collection (Clark 1986). The method acts as a very flexible tool because its details and emphasis may be modified in the light of specific circumstances. For example, West African savanna is highly seasonal and the ground-layer is often completely burnt during the dry season. Although under these circumstances information on trees and shrubs only within relevés can be collected, using the Zürich-Montpellier Method a classification of vegetation based on this incomplete data can nevertheless be undertaken. In the analysis of the data emphasis can be placed either on dominant species and physiognomic criteria (Mueller-Dombois and Ellenberg 1974) or on floristic criteria. The former approach enables easy distinction of vegetation units throughout the year, whereas the latter approach also reveals plant species which are indicators of specific ecological factors (ie. those with ecological amplitudes reflecting small-scale differences in site conditions). This provides important information for the design of monitoring programmes.

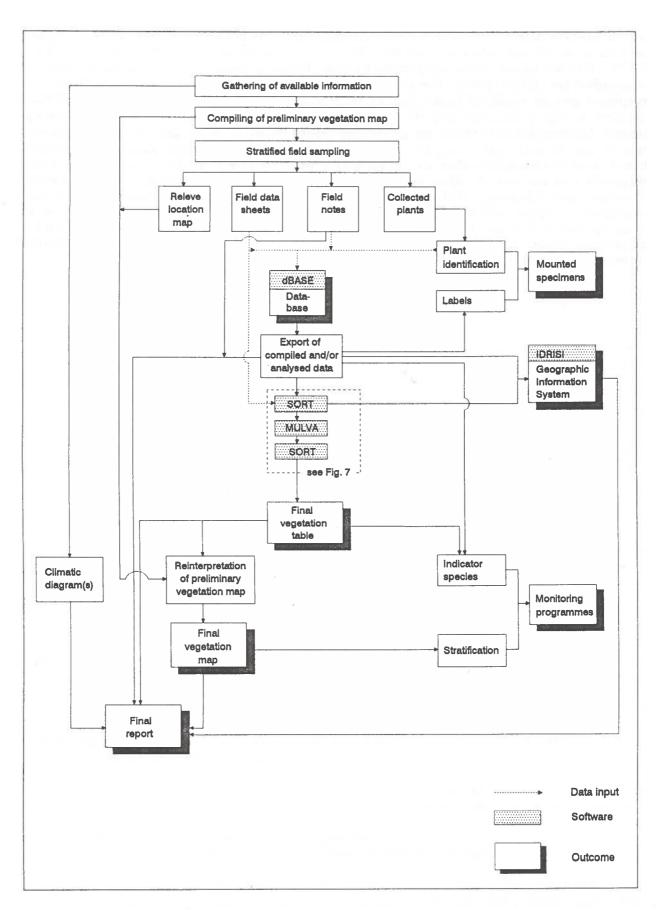


Fig. 1. Flow chart showing the individual steps involved in the botanical inventory.

These steps have been grouped into sections for the purposes of the description which follows.

1. AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH AND SATELLITE IMAGE INTERPRETATION AND VEGETATION MAPPING

Black and white aerial photographs (scale 1: 40 000), taken between 1972 and 1974, were first interpreted in monoscopic and then in stereoscopic vision. Areas with the same features, ie. vegetation patterns, were identified according to grey values, texture differences and relief. These vegetation patterns were then transferred onto a base map using a mirror stereoscope.

Landsat TM (Thematic Mapper) images with a spatial resolution of 30 x 30 m were used for large areas, for which the interpretation of aerial photographs would be too time consuming, or for areas where more recent images were required. Combined false colour composites (FCC) of TM bands 4, 5 and 3 (of varying scales) were visually interpreted because computer-aided classification and mapping of small vegetation units is complicated and, as yet, insufficiently accurate (Löffler 1985, a comprehensive account on computer-aided vegetation classification and mapping is given in Mulder 1988). TM 453 FCC is a combination of 3 bands through different filters, band 4 (0.76-0.9 μ m, records the nearinfrared wavelength) through a red filter, band 5 (1.55-1.75 µm, records the mid-infrared wavelength) through a green filter and band 3 (0.63-0.69 μ m, records the orange/red reflected light) through a blue filter, resulting in an image similar to a colour infrared picture. Healthy green vegetation appears red because of the high reflectivity of green vegetation in band 4 (projected through a red filter). The amount of reflection in the near-infrared wavelengths depends on the water content, thickness and structure (mainly mesophyll) of the leaves and the orientation of the leaves towards incoming light. The reflections from different plant species are distinct and also change with the seasons. The mid-infrared radiance provides information about the moisture content of the leaves and the soil. The radiance in band 3, the chlorophyll absorption band, helps with the discrimination of vegetation types/plant communities. A light table and transparencies were used to trace the boundaries of the mapping units, identified by differences in colour, onto a base map.

The legend of these base maps describes plant cover (vegetation structure and pattern) and

terrain features (relief and drainage).

The mapping units were systematically investigated in the field by sampling plots (relevés). The location of the relevés was determined using a Magellan NAV 5000™ GPS (Global Positioning System) and then marked on the base map. After the vegetation classification was completed each unit distinguished on the aerial photographs/satellite images was correlated either with an individual plant community or with a small-scale mosaic of plant communities.

The final maps were compiled from re-interpretation of the aerial photographs/satellite images, integrating the results of the vegetation classification. These maps were transferred into their final scale by using Freelance Graphics Version 4.0 for small areas or a pantograph for larger maps.

2. STRATIFIED FIELD SAMPLING

The Zürich-Montpellier method (Braun-Blanquet 1964) of vegetation survey and analysis was

used (Mueller-Dombois and Ellenberg 1974).

Areas of uniform vegetation and landform were chosen from aerial photographs/satellite images. Within these units representative sampling plots (relevés), ie. conspicuous, repeatedly occurring subdivisions of the vegetation, with a homogeneous plant cover were placed subjectively without preconceived bias, ie. the investigation was approached on the basis of a negative hypothesis "...the investigator ... applies his mind to the fullest in the process of entitation; furthermore, ... he takes nothing for granted and ... he maintains a flexible program during the course of his investigation. Therefore, he is ready to accept a new working hypothesis as soon as further knowledge indicates a modification or change." (Mueller-Dombois and Ellenberg 1974, p. 33).

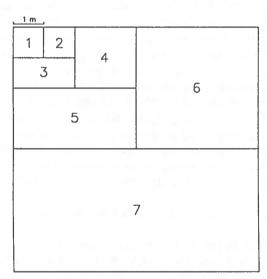
Each sample stand has to fulfil the following criteria:

- 1 It should be large enough to contain all species belonging to the plant community, ie. bigger than the minimal sample area
- 2 The habitat should be uniform within the stand area, as far as this can be determined

3 The plant cover should be as homogeneous as possible.

2.1 Minimal Sample Area

The minimal sample area was determined using the nested plot technique (Mueller-Dombois and Ellenberg 1974). This involves first laying out an area of 1 x 1 m and recording all the



species that occur within the area. The sample area is then increased successively by a factor of two (Fig. 2) and the new species are listed for each sample area. This process is continued until no further species are added to the list.

The minimal sample area is defined as the area where a 10% increase in area yields only a 5% increase in the number of species (see species/area curve, Fig. 3).

Fig. 2. A system of nested plots for establishing minimal sample area. The progressively sampled subplots are numbered in increasing order. The final plot size in this example is 64 m².

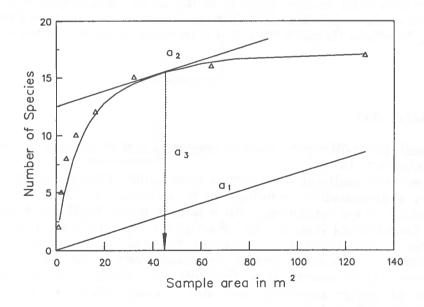


Fig. 3. Species/area curve for a dry evergreen forest (Shai Hills RR):

 $a_1=5\%$ line (ie. line where a 10% increase in area yields a 5% increase in the number of species), drawn as a line joining the origin and the point at which x=100% of the sample area and y=50% of the total species number;

a₂=tangent parallel to 5% line;

a₃=protraction to minimal area.

Table 1. Minimal sample areas established during the field work.

Vegetation type		Minimal sample area (m²)			
		Field survey (1992/93)	other authors		
Short grass savanna	grass layer shrub layer tree layer	20 100 50-100	25ª		
Guinea savanna	grass layer shrub layer tree layer	25 100 100-900	24 ^b 2 500 ^b		
Forest	dry evergreen dry and moist semi-deciduous riverine	100 50-100 100	100ª		

^a Jeník and Hall 1976, ^b Hall and Jeník 1968

2.2 Sampling of relevés

The location of each relevé was mapped on the topographic field map either by using a compass and altimeter or a Global Positioning System (Magellan NAV 5000™). The data were later transferred onto a form (see appendix B) to ease the subsequent input in the database.

The site description was carried out according to the criteria listed in the field data sheet (see Fig. 6 at the end of this section). For details of the site-description see 'Guidelines for soil profile description' (FAO 1977). Broad texture classes, eg. sand, loam, silt or clay can be determined by feel in the field with reasonable accuracy as follows:

- Sand: the individual particles are very obvious to the eye, it is loose when dry and not sticky when wet.
- Loam: can be moulded easily when moist but sticks slightly to the fingers and some grittiness from the sand fraction is still obvious.
- Silt: the individual particles are not clearly felt when rubbed between the fingers but give a smooth and soapy feel.
- Clay: feels very sticky and smooth when moist and is hard when dry.

A simple clinometer made with a protractor, a thread and a weight (Fig. 4A) was used to measure slope steepness and to calculate tree heights (Fig. 4B) using the following formula: $h = h_1 + h_2$ where: $h_1 = d \times \tan \alpha^{-1}$

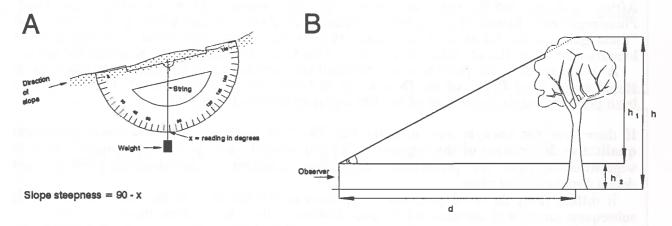


Fig. 4. Use of the clinometer: A. For measuring slope steepness. B. For measuring tree height.

¹ If the observer stands downhill from the base of the tree, the vertical distance between the base of the tree and the observer's feet must be estimated and subtracted from h₂. If the observer stands uphill from the tree, the vertical distance between the observer's eye and the base of the tree must be estimated and replaces h₂ in the calculation.

The sampling of each relevé requires the recording of all plant species and of their respective cover-abundances in different strata, the latter provides information on the structure of the community. Up to 4 different height strata were distinguished within the relevés:

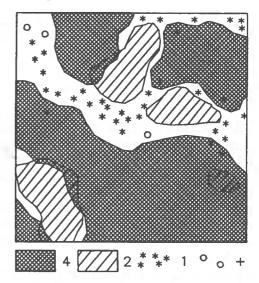
- T Tree layer, any plant taller than 5 m
- S1 First shrub layer, all plants between 0.5 2 m tall
- S2 Second shrub layer, all plants between 2 5 m tall

H Herb layer (not marked on the vegetation tables)

For each relevé and stratum a plant list was established and for each plant species coverabundance was estimated according to the scale of Braun-Blanquet:

- 5 Any number of specimens, with cover more than 75% of the reference area
- 4 Any number, with cover 50-75%
- 3 Any number, with cover 25-50%
- 2 Any number, with cover 5-25%
- 1 Numerous, but less than 5% cover or scattered with cover up to 5%
- + Few, with small cover

Fig. 5. Schematic presentation of coverabundance values (4,2,1, and +) after the Braun-Blanquet scale (modified from Ellenberg 1956).



All plants collected were labelled in the fields and for each plant a general description, its lifeform and habitat were recorded (see appendix B). The plants were later pressed and dried between newspapers; during the rainy season they were dried in a wooden drying box heated by a charcoal fire.

Identification was carried out at the herbarium of the University of Ghana, Legon. For most species the nomenclature of the "Flora of West Tropical Africa" (Hutchinson and Dalziel 1954-72) was followed. Poaceae (grasses) were identified according to "A manual of Ghana grasses" (Rose Innes 1977) and ferns according to "The ferns and fern-allies of West Tropical Africa" (Alston 1959). For the updates of plant names "Flore analytique du Togo: Phanérogames" (Brunel et al. 1984), "Legumes of Africa, a check-list" (Lock 1989) and "Field guide to the forest trees of Ghana" (Hawthorne 1990a) were used. The lichens were identified by Prof. Hertel (Munich) and the mosses were identified by Dr. Klemenz (Mainz).

A complete set of the plant material collected has been kept in a reference herbarium and is stored at the Head Office of the Department of Game and Wildlife (Accra). Duplicates have been presented to the herbarium of the University of Ghana (Legon).

If there was not enough time to carry out the field work as described above an initial qualitative description of the vegetation, a rapid method which provides preliminary data on vegetation and flora, was performed. This method is suitable for development plans and less detailed management plans.

It differs from the semi-quantitative approach in the intensity of the field sampling, the subsequent analysis of the data and the classification of the plant communities:

- The field sampling considers only the (2-5) most abundant species in each vegetation layer. Other data to be recorded are: the exact position (has to be marked on the basemap), landform, aspect, slope, drainage and apparent soil properties.

- The classification of plant communities is only **descriptive** and based on obvious differences in physiognomy and dominant species.

Fig. 6. Field data sheet

numbers
browsing *
dom. species
grazing *

dom. species

Relevé no:			Date:	
Photo no: Vegetation description	(general):		Observer(s):	
SITE-description				
LOCATION:				₩
ALTITUDE: m	EXPO	SITION: N/	NE/E/SE/S/SW/W/NW	SLOPE: MICRORELIEF:
physiographic posit	ion topo	graphy of surr	ounding country	
plateau		flat	< 2 %	
summit		undulating	- 8 %	
escarpment		rolling	- 16 %	CLIMATE:
concave slope		hilly	- 30 %	
convex slope		steeply disse	cted > 30 %	
(upper/middle	/lower)	mountainous	> 30 %	
valley bottom				
plain -	depression			
EROSION: Type:	Rate:		Area affected:	
water/wind	slight		< 25 %	
sheet	moderate		25 - 50 %	
rill	severe		50 - 75 %	
gully			> 75 %	
HYDROLOGY:				Drainage:
	equency:		Duration:	very poorly
none	rarely (/	yr)	days	poorly
rain	periodically (months)	weeks	imperfectly
run-off	frequently (week)	months	moderately well
river				well
lake – sea				excessively
SOIL: Parent material:				
Surface stoniness:	Rock	outcrops:		Others:
0 stone cover < 1%		0 < 2 %		salt
1 1 - 10 %		1 2 - 10 %		alkali
2 10 - 25 %		2 10 - 25 %		human influence
3 25 - 50 %		3 25 - 50 %		surface sealing
4 50 - 75 %		4 50 - 90 %		depth (shallow/medium/deep)
5 > 75 %		5 > 90 %		and the state of t
Soil texture:				
FIRE:				
and use				
Wildlife:		Cultiva	ation:	Livestock:
species		crops		animals
droppings *		•	size *	herd size *
footprints *		other		others
		o circi	-	wellet a

* - none or slight/low ++ fairly intensive/high
+ moderate/medium +++ heavy/very high

Layer (sample size)	Tree > 5 m (m ²)	Shrub2 (2-5 m) (m ²)	Shrub1 (0.5-2 m) (m ²)	Herbs/grasses (m ²)
Height (cm)				
Cover (%)			* (Westernal) and another	21-1-2
Remarks		187m	, III	

Bare soil:

% Rock outcrops/stones:

% Litter:

% Perennial grasses:

%

Life-forms: Tree < 5 m, Shrub 0.5 - 5m, Herb, Grass, Climber, Liana, Parasite, Epiphyte

					= ===
+ few	1: < 5% or many	2: 5 - 25%	3: 25 - 50%	4: 50 - 75%	5: > 75%

.ayer	Cover	Species (life-for	rm)		Layer	Cover	Species (life-form)
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81							

Input in Sort: (date)

3. DATA HANDLING (data-base)

A system of four interconnected data-bases has been created with the following aims:

- to enable easy handling of the large amount of data collected during the field work.
- to present information on the distribution and conservation value of plant species and
- to generate outputs for reports, files for export and further handling with other software, and labels for plant species for use in the herbarium.

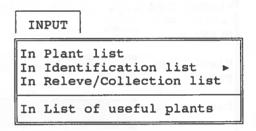
A programme has been written in dBase IV, for menu-guided data input, editing, analysis, printing and export and backing-up of data (see appendix C).

The main menu contains the following options:

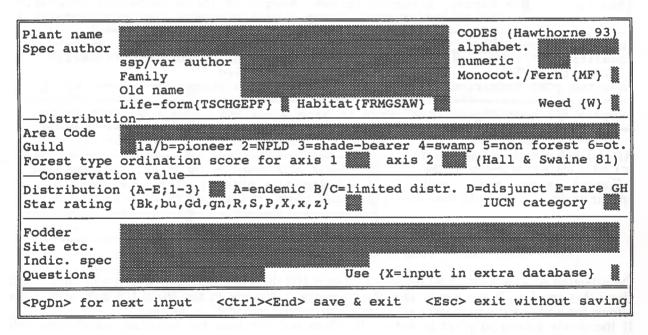
INPIIT	EDIT	ANALYSIS	PRINT/EXPORT	SAVE OUIT

3.1 Data input

The data input menu has the following options:



On selection of the first option the following data-input screen will appear:



Codes which are used for the input are given in curly brackets before the input field:

Life-form: Tree, Shrub, Climber, Herb, Grass, Epiphyte, Parasite, Fern.

Habitat: Forest, Riverine forest, Margin of forest/woodland/thicket, Grassland (=savanna), Swamp, Aquatic, Weed/ruderal.

Distribution class/source: A: endemic, B: Ghana & one other country, C: limited distribution in Africa, D: disjunct, E: rare in Ghana but otherwise widespread; Source: 1: Hall 1979, 2 FWTA & Brunel et al. 1984, 3: Lock 1989.

Star rating {Black, blue, Gold, green, Red, Scarlet, Pink, X} for details see Hawthorne 1993b.

IUCN category - for details see IUCN Red Data book - {Extinct, Endangered, Vulnerable, Rare, Intermediate, insufficiently Known, Out of danger, not threatened, ? no information; the new draft categories (Mace et al. 1992) are EXtinct, Extinct in the Wild, CRitical, ENdangered, VUlnerable, Susceptible, Safe/Low Risk, Insufficiently Known, Not Endangered}.

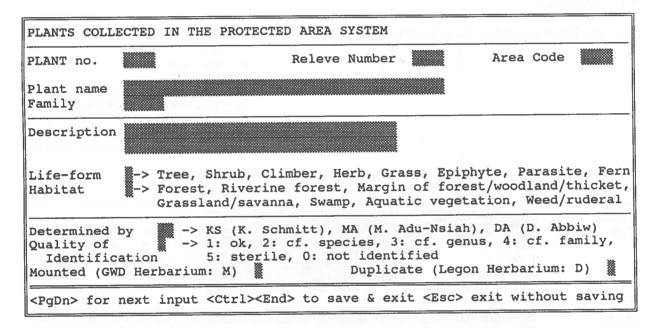
Guild {1 pioneers (1a true pioneers, ie. always require gaps; 1b cryptic pioneers, ie. tolerate shade in later life), 2 Non Pioneer Light Demander, 3 shade-bearer, 4 swamp, 5 non forest species, 6 others}.

On selection of the second option the following menu will appear:

- 1. Input new species in Identification list
- 2. Locate/edit this species in Plant list
- 3. Find this species in FROGGIE database

Exit

Choosing step 1 will bring up the following data-input screen:



After data has been inputted and <Ctrl> <End> entered the following popup menu will appear again:

Input new species in Identification list
 Locate/edit this species in Plant list
 Find this species in FROGGIE database

Exit

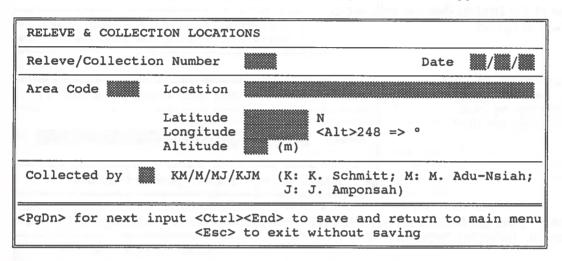
On selection of step 2 (must be preceded by step 1!!) the Plant list input screen will appear and show this species, if the newly identified species is already in the Plant list data-base. This allows for additional inputs such as 'Area Code' or the 'Habitat' to be made. If the newly identified plant is not in the Plant list data-base the following instruction will appear on the screen:

Plant not found! >>>Check spelling<<<

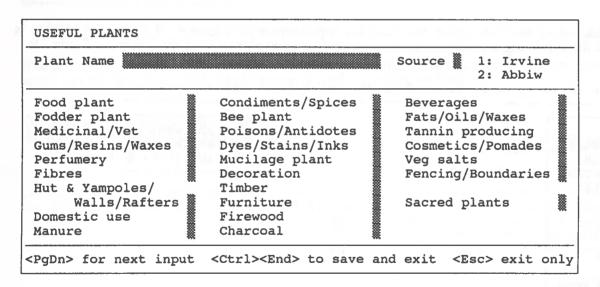
Back to Identification list for spell-check Add this species to Plant list data-base Select 'Back to Identification list for spell-check' if you are not certain about the spelling, otherwise select 'Add this species to Plant list data-base'.

On selection of step 3 (must be preceded by step 1 or 2!!) the screen will show: Name, Author, Family, Old Name, Alphabetical Code, Numeric Code, Axis 1, Axis 6, Star Rating and Guild for the respective plant species from the FROGGIE data-base and - if present in PG_LIST - also from the PG_LIST data-base. Additional inputs and corrections can be made later under the edit option.

If the third option is selected the following data-input screen will appear:



If the **fourth option** is selected the following data-input screen will appear:



For a list of plants contained in this database see appendix D.

3.2 Data editing

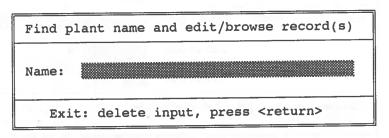
The data editing menu has the following options:

Plant list
Identification list
Releve/Collection list
List of useful plants

On selection of the first option the following popup menu will appear:

Sorted according to plant names > Sorted according to families >

If 'sorted according plant names' has been selected, the following input-menu will be brought up on the screen:



The plant name does not have to be typed in full. Input is completed by pressing return, this will bring up the following popup-menu:

List single species
List group of species >
Exit

On selection of the first option the Plant-list input-screen will appear. If the second option is chosen the following screen will be brought up (for an explanation of the fields see Table 2):

Select field(s) to be browsed (1-7), using arrow key and <return>

NAME OLD NAME AUTHOR SV AUTHOR FAMILY L F HAB CODE F M WEED USE ANIM FOOD OTHERS DIS IND SPEC IUCN STAR GUILD HS1 HS6 **TSPCODE** MMCODE QUESTIONS Do you want to select another field? (Y/N)

Table 2. Explanation of fields in PG_LIST database.

Field Name	Width*	Explanation
NAME	45 c	Plant name
OLD_NAME	30 c	Old plant name/synonym if still widly used, written in brackets!
AUTHOR	45 c	Space between initial & name, but not if more than 1 initial
SV_AUTHOR	30 c	Name of author for subspecies or variety
FAMILY	30 c	Family name
L_F	1 c	Life-form: Tree, Shrub, Climber, Herb, Grass, Epiphyte, Parasite, Fern
НАВ	2 c	Habitat: Forest, Riverine forest, Margin of forest/woodland/thicket, Grassland (=savanna), Swamp, Aquatic, Weed/ruderal
CODE	65 c	4-letter area codes (see p. 17), one blank between each code
F M	1 c	Fern or Monocotyledon
WEED	1 c	Weed
USE	1 c	X for input in separate data-base
ANIM_FOOD	65 c	
OTHERS	65 c	Any additional information such as site requirements etc.
DIS	2 c	Distribution (letter) & source (number): A: endemic, B: Ghana & one other country, C: limited distribution in Africa, D: disjunct, E: rare in Ghana but otherwise widespread;
		1: source=Hall 1979, 2: source=FWTA/Brunnel et al. 19884, 3: source=Lock 1989
IND_SPEC	32 c	
IUCN	1 c	IUCN categories: Extinct, Endangered, Vulnerable, Rare, Intermediate, insufficiently Known, Out of danger, not threatened, ? no information; or Extinct, Extinct in the Wild, Critical, Endangered, Vulnerable, Susceptible, Safe/Low Risk, Insufficiently Known, Not Endangered (see page 12); Source: WCMC 1993
STAR	2 c	Star rating: Black, Blue, Gold, Green, Red, Scarlet, Pink (see Hawthorne 1993b)
GUILD	2 n	1 pioneers (1a true pioneers, 1b cryptic pioneers), 2 Non Pioneer Light Demander, 3 shade-bearer, 4 swamp, 5 non forest species, 6 others
HS1	3 n	Ordination score for axis 1 (Hall & Swaine 1981)
HS6	3 n	Ordination score for axis 6 (Hall & Swaine 1981)
TSPCODE	4 n	Numeric code for species (Hawthorne 1993b)
MMCODE	10 c	Alphabetical code for species (Hawthorne 1993b)
QUESTIONS	20 c	Repliabelied code for species (maneriality 1770)

^{*} c=character, n=numeric

If when editing the Plant list the option 'Sorted according to families' is chosen the same steps apply as just described, with the data-base sorted according to families.

On selection of the second option the following popup menu will appear:

List single species List all species

On selection of 'List single species' the following menu will appear:

- 1. Edit record in Identification list
- 2. Locate/edit this species in Plant list
- 3. Find this species in FROGGIE database

Exit

Choosing step 1 will bring up the following input screen:

Select number of plant to be edited:

The data-input screen shown on page 11 for the species selected will be brought up on the screen.

On selection of step 2 (must be preceded by step 1!!) the Plant list input screen will appear and show this species, if the edited species is already in the Plant list data-base. This allows for additional inputs to be made.

If the edited plant is not in the Plant list data-base the following instruction will appear on the screen:

Plant not found! >>>Check spelling<<<

Back to Identification list for spell-check Add this species to Plant list data-base

Select 'Back to Identification list for spell-check' if you are not certain about the spelling, otherwise select 'Add this species to Plant list data-base'.

On selection of step 3 (must be preceded by step 1 or 2!!) the screen will show: Name, Author, Family, Old Name, Alphabetical Code, Numeric Code, Axis 1, Axis 6, Star Rating and Guild for the respective plant species from the FROGGIE data-base and - if present in PG_LIST - also from the PG_LIST data-base. Additional inputs and corrections can be made later under the edit option.

On selection of 'List all species' all the records entered are displayed on the screen in numerical order. Use the arrow keys, tab-stops, PgUp, PgDn, Home and End keys to move around within the table. Press < Esc > to exit without saving or < Ctrl > < End > to save and return to main menu.

On selection of the **third option** the following popup menu will appear:

List single releve List all releves

On selection of 'List single relevé' the following input screen will appear:

Select number of releve to be edited:

l:

The data-input screen 'RELEVE & COLLECTION LOCATIONS' for the appropriate relevé will be brought up on the screen.

On selection of 'List all relevés' all the records entered are displayed on the screen in numerical order. Use the arrow keys, tab-stops, PgUp, PgDn, Home and End keys to move around within the table. Press <Esc> to exit without saving or <Ctrl> <End> to save and return to main menu.

On selection of the **fourth option** the following popup menu will appear:

List single species List all species

If 'List single species' has been selected the following input-menu will be brought up on the screen:

Type name of plant to be edited

The plant name does not have to be typed in full. Input is completed by pressing return, this will bring up the data-input screen 'USEFUL PLANTS' for the selected species.

If 'List all species' has been selected the dBase 'browse' screen will display all species in alphabetical order together with their uses. The arrow keys, tab-stops, PgUp, PgDn, Home and End keys can be used to 'scroll' through the records. Press <Esc> to exit without saving or <Ctrl> <End> to save and return to main menu.

3.3 Data analysis

The data analysis menu has the following options:

ANALYSIS

Records for a single area
Count records
List species of conservation value
List indicator species

Records for all areas
List species of conservation value

3.3.1 Analyse records for a single area

On selection of 'Count records' you will be asked to enter the code for the area for which species and life-form numbers are to be counted.

Type area code

Area Code

ANKA GBEL
ASIN KAKU
BIAN KALA
BIAG KOGY
BOFI MOLE
BOMF NINI
BUI OWAB
DIGY SHAI

The codes are abbreviations of the names of the protected areas.

The next screen will give the following options:

Count total number of species/life-forms

species
trees
shrubs
climbers
herbs
grasses
epiphytes
parasites
ferns

Chose an option with the arrow key and select it by pressing < return > The result will be displayed on the screen Confirm continuation of counting by pressing < Y > Otherwise abandon operation by pressing < N >

Exit

On selection of 'List species of conservation value' you will be asked to enter the code for the area for which lists of species of conservation value are to be generated:



After a few moments the following popup menu will appear:*

Star species

Distribution codes
List on screen
Print records
Create txt file

IUCN category
List on screen
Print records
Create txt file

Exit

^{*} All print outs are formatted for Epson LQ printers and A4 paper!

After the option chosen has been executed select Exit to return to the data analysis menu.

On selection of 'Star species' the following popup menu will appear:*

Rare species
List on screen
Print records
Create txt file
Species under pressure from exploitation
List on screen
Print records
Create txt file

On selection of 'List indicator species' you will be asked to enter the code (see page 17) for the area for which a list of indicator species is to be generated:

Type area code

After a few moments the following popup menu will appear:*

List on screen Print records Create txt file

Exit

After the option chosen has been executed select Exit to return to the data analysis menu.

The text files generated are saved in the subdirectory C:\GWD\DBS with the extension .txt:

Category	Name of txt file
Star species (rare)	STAR1.TXT
Species under exploitation pressure	STAR2.TXT
Distribution codes	DISTRIB.TXT
IUCN categories	IUCN.TXT
Indicator species	IND_SPEC.TXT

3.3.2 Analyse records for all areas

On selection of 'List species of conservation value' the following popup menu will appear after a few moments:

Star species
Rare species (Black, Gold, Blue star)
Black star species only
Species under pressure from exploitation
Distribution categories
Endemic species
Rare species with limited distribution
All categories (inc. IUCN)

On selection of any of the options the following popup menu will appear:*

List on screen
Print records
Create txt file
Exit

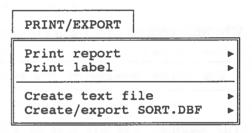
^{*} All print outs are formatted for Epson LQ printers and A4 paper!

After the option chosen has been executed select Exit to return to the data analysis menu. The txt files generated are saved in the subdirectory C:\GWD\DBS with the extension .txt:

Category	Name of txt file
Rare species (Black, Gold, Blue star)	ALL1.TXT
Black star species only	ALL2.TXT
Species under exploitation pressure	ALL3.TXT
Endemic species	ALL E.TXT
Rare species with limited distribution	ALL I.TXT
All categories	ALL.TXT

3.4 Printing and export of data

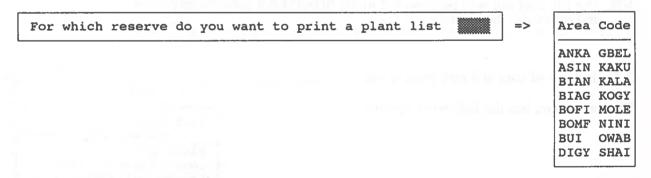
The print/export menu has the following options:



First option: On selection of 'Print report' the following popup menu will appear:

Print plant list
Family, Name, Author, Old Name, Life-Form, Habitat
Name, Family

After confirming your choice by pressing < return > the following screen will appear:



After entering the area code, the following screen will appear, which allows you to select the printer:

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Select printer for print-out of plant list for: >>> .... = Code for selected area

Epson LQ printer
HP laser printer
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After selection of printer you will be asked to confirm that the printer is on line.

Second option: On selection of option 'Print label' you will be asked to enter the first and the last number(s) of the label(s) to be printed and to select the printer:

Number of first label to be printed

Select printer

Epson LQ printer

HP laser printer

Third option: On selection of 'Create text file' the following popup menu will appear:

Create a text file
Family, Name, Author, Old Name, Life-Form, Habitat
Name, Family
List of collected and identified plants

Choosing options 1 or 2 will bring up the following input screen:

For which reserve do you want to create a text file Area Code

The resulting text file will be saved in the C:\GWD\DBS subdirectory under the name text1.txt for the option 'Family, Name, ...' and text2.txt for the option 'Name, Family'.

Choosing the third option will create a text file named det.txt, which will be saved in the same subdirectory.

Fourth option: On selection of 'Create export SORT.DBF' the following screen will appear:

For which reserve do you want to create a SORT.DBF => Area Code

NB. The file Sort.dbf will be exported to the SORT\LEX subdirectory and overwrite the existing dbf file.

3.5 Back-up of data and quit programme

The save menu has the following options:

Plant list
Identification list
Releve/Collection list
List of useful plants

Selection of any of the options will bring up a popup menu showing the types of files which can be backed-up on the A-drive:

File content
database file multiple index file single index file

The quit menu has the following options:

QUIT Quit dBase Exit to dot prompt Reindex all files

'Exit to dot prompt' leads to the command line in dBase. The programme expects a dBase command to be typed. If this option has been chosen by accident (or if the programme has crashed and the option 'Cancel' has been chosen) type 'do pag' and press < return > to go back to the programme menu.

'Reindex all files' will rebuild the index files (.mdx and .ndx). Performing this step is only necessary when a database does not seem to be sorted properly anymore.

Table 3. Explanation of fields in PPA, RE_LOC and USTG databases.

Field Name	Width*	Explanation
PPA databas	e	
NO_G	4 n	Number of collected plant
CODE	4 c	4-letter area code (see p. 17)
RELE	3 n	Number of releve
HAB	1 c	Habitat: Forest, Riverine forest, Margin of forest/woodland/thicket, Grassland
		(=savanna), Swamp, Aquatic, Weed/ruderal
L_F	_1 c	Life-form: Tree, Shrub, Climber, Herb, Grass, Epiphyte, Parasite, Fern
NĀME	45 c	Plant name
FAMILY	5 c	Family code (the first five letters of the family name)
DET	2 c	Initials of person who determined plant: KS (K. Schmitt), MA (M. Adu-Nsiah),
		DA (D. Abbiw), WH (W. Hawthorne) and MC (M. Cheek)
I_Q	1 n	Quality of identification: 1=ok, 2=cf. species, 3=cf. genus, 4=cf. family, 5=sterile,
0504	10 -	0=not identified
DES1	40 c	Description of plant (1st line)
DES2	40 c	Description of plant (2nd line)
M	1 c	M = mounted (GWD)
D	1 c	D = duplicate for the Herbarium at the University (Legon)
RE LOC data	baca	
RELE COL GALA	ı 3 n	Number of releve
DATE	8 8	Date (day/month/year)
CODE	4 c	4-letter area code (see p. 17)
LOC	35 c	Location of the releve
LAT	9 c	Latitude in degrees N (<alt><248> = °)</alt>
LONG	9 c	Longitude in degrees (<alt><248> = °)</alt>
ALT	3 n	Altitude in (m)
COLL	3 n 3 c	Releve established/plant collected by: KM/M/MJ/KJM (K: K. Schmitt, M: M. Adu-Nsiah, J: J. Amponsah)
USTG databa	ase	
NAME	ј 30 c	Plant name
SOURCE	1 n	1: Irvine (1961), 2: Abbiw (1990)
FP	1 c	Food plant
CS	1 c	Condiments/Spices
CS BV	1 c	Condiments/Spices Beverages
CS BV FO	1 c	Condiments/Spices Beverages Fodder plant
CS BV FO BE	1 c 1 c	Condiments/Spices Beverages Fodder plant Bee plant
CS BV FO BE FOW	1 c 1 c 1 c	Condiments/Spices Beverages Fodder plant Bee plant Fats/Oils/Waxes
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^{*} c=character, n=numeric, d=data

4. VEGETATION CLASSIFICATION

Plant communities (recurring combinations of plant species) were classified by arranging species and relevés in an x-y table and sorting the table to reveal correlations of presence or mutual exclusivity between species.

In this study the following procedure (cf. van der Maarel 1982) was applied in order to generate a vegetation table:

- Numerical analysis of the data using MULVA-4 V2.08 (Wildi and Orlóci 1990) see section 4.2
- 2 Subsequent rearrangement of the delineated clusters⁴ using SORT 2.5 (Ackermann and Durka 1992) see section 4.3

Figure 7 shows the individual steps described in this chapter.

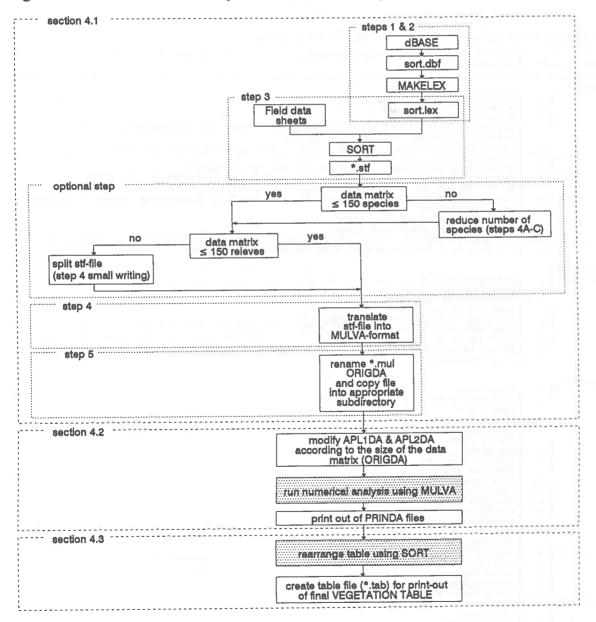


Fig. 7. Flow chart showing the steps involved in the vegetation classification.

⁴ Wildi (1989) has recently produced a programme package, MULVA (revised version of Wildi and Orlóci 1983), which makes manual refinements of the vegetation tables unnecessary. It is, however, complicated to use and so for this study the simpler two step procedure was applied.

4.1 Data input

A combination of different softwares was used to ease the inputting process and to avoid spelling mistakes. For each area studied the following steps were undertaken:

1. Creation of a species list from a data-base file (SORT.DBF, see section 3.4)

2. Translation of this list (sort.dbf) into SORT.LEX using the programme MAKELEX

3. Input of data from field data-sheets using SORT 2.5 and SORT.LEX

4. Transformation of the data file created in SORT into the MULVA-4 format (using SORT)

5. Renaming this file ORIGDA and exporting it to the relevant MULVA subdirectory for analysis.

Step 1: see page 20 (section 3.4)

Step 2: Creation of a SORT.LEX file

The programme MAKELEX in the subdirectory C:\SORT\LEX is used to create a species list (Sort.lex) which is used for easy input of plant names into SORT. Procedure:

1. Go to subdirectory SORT\LEX

2. Delete old version of sort.lex

3. Type makelex < return > NB. the programme is in German, so follow the following instructions carefully

4. The line on the screen reads "Name der datenbank:" type sort.dbf < return >

5. The next line reads "Datenbank vom Verlag Goltze? J/N" type n

6. The next line reads "Name des neuen Sort-Lexikons:" type sort.lex < return >

7. After the file sort.lex has been created successfully the line at the bottom of the screen reads "Sort-Lexikon SORT.LEX fertig - Taste ..." Press any key to return to the subdirectory.

Step 3: Input of field data in SORT (only certain important points are mentioned here):

1. Create a new table file (name = area code)

2. Create a "Header" (ie. matrix for input of site data for releves)
Option: Data entry/Header -> New -> Choose *general (define '...user titles' or select 'Releve No', 'Column' and 'Species number'; the latter two should be generated only after completion of the data input).

3. Data entry

3.1 Input of site data

3.2 Species and abundance input

Use <F6> to switch between Data Base (= sort.lex) and Table (= species list in vegetation table). Different strata are marked by an extension directly after the plant name; it starts with ^ followed by the strata symbol (S1, S2 or T). These extensions can only be added to the species from the Data Base (make sure during the inputting that a species of the same name and with the same extension is not in the Table !!!). New species (ie. those not in the Data Base) can be added to the Table only.

4. Save file, the extension will be stf (Standard Table Format)

Step 4: Creation of a MULVA file

1. Make a back-up copy of the final stf-file on a diskette.

2. Make sure that the stf-file contains fewer than 151 species and 151 relevés (if not follow steps A to C below).

3. Translate the stf-file into MULVA format (extension mul) using the option Output -> MULVA-Format.

A. Sort the table in alphanumerical increasing order (using SORT option Table; mark all species and sort them using option <F2>). Create a file in 'Regensburger' format (extension reg) from the sorted stf-file (option Output -> Regensburger Format). Save the stf-file when you exit SORT, because this file will be used for rearranging the vegetation table after the numerical analysis (see section 4.3).

B. Reduce the number of species in the reg-file to 150 or less for further processing in MULVA. This is best done in WordPerfect (make sure that the resulting file is saved as an ASCII file: option save as DOS text) and give it a different name from

the original stf-file (name = area code_tmp, extension = reg).

C. Create a new table file in SORT (name = area code_tmp). Load the Regensburger file with less than 151 species into the ... tmp.stf file, option Read ASCII-file -> Regensburger format. Continue as described in number 3 above.

In case the original stf-file contains more than 150 relevés use the tmp.stf file with ≤ 150 species and split it into two files (eg. all forest relevés in one and all grassland relevés in the other file) before translation into MULVA-Format. This is best done in SORT: use the stf-file with ≤ 150 species, delete the grassland relevés and save the resulting file under a different name (...._tp1); use the stf-file with ≤ 150 species, delete the forest relevés and save the resulting file under a different name (...._tp2).

Step 5: Export and renaming of mul-file

For each vegetation table (ie. for each area) a separate subdirectory has to be opened under the M4 subdirectory because the standard input file for MULVA is always called ORIGDA

1. Copy mul-file into appropriate subdirectory and rename it ORIGDA.

4.2 Numerical analysis of the data using MULVA-4

The vegetation table is produced by a three-step analysis using the programme MULVA-4 version 2.08 (Wildi and Orlóci 1990):

1 Clustering of relevés

2 Clustering of species

3 Concentration analysis of groups

For the mathematical background to this programme see Orlóci (1978) and Wildi (1986).

The structure of the MULVA-4 programme is shown in Fig. 8. In order to simplify the use of this programme two applications programmes have been written which will run the different steps of the programme automatically. These applications are stored in files called APL1DA and APL2DA (see Tab. 4). They are executed by running programme APPL (see Fig. 8) and selecting options 1 - 2:

1. Copy the files APL1DA and APL2DA into the subdirectory with the ORIGDA and edit them (using EDIT) according to the size of the data matrix:

1.1 APL1DA: Change lines 32 and 38. Line 32 = square root of number of relevés rounded to the nearest whole number; line 38 = 3 times the square root of the number of species rounded to the nearest whole number.

1.2 APL2DA: Change lines 18 and 57. Line 18 = square root of number of relevés rounded to the nearest whole number; line 57 = 3 times the square root of the number of species rounded to the nearest whole number.

2. Run numerical analysis using MULVA

2.1 Run first application (apl1da) by typing: M4 < return > 22 < return > 1 < return > .

Get a printout of the resulting PRINDA-file!

2.2 Run second application (apl2da) by typing: M4 < return > 22 < return > 2 < return > . Get a printout of the resulting PRINDA-file!

1 Preparation CREO-11	n of data, data sim SPAG-12	ulation and file files-13	manipulation info-14
	ng the data system appl-22 macro o		
3 Data mani- pulation	4 Resemblance RESE-41	7 Presentation of data	
EDGR-31 EDDA-32 EDCO-33	5 Primary anal RANK-51 CL MREG-54 AC	TR-52 PCAB-53	TABS-71 GRAP-72 ORDB-73
	6 Secondary and GRID-61 AC IDEN-64 RE	CL-62 DIAN-63	

Fig. 8. The structure of the MULVA-4 programme package:

Class 1 is used for the input of data for further analysis and was replaced in this project by SORT 2.5 (see above);

Class 2 creates files which contain intermediate results necessary for all subsequent steps;

Class 3 allows data manipulation;

Classes 4, 5 and 6 are the analytically important classes;

Class 7 performs the print-out and graphic presentation of the data.

The screen output of each programme-step is always written to a file called PRINDA. In the default mode, each subsequent programme-step will overwrite the PRINDA of the previous step⁵, and the final PRINDA file will contain the vegetation table.

The contents of the two applications for the analysis of the data are shown in Table 4 and the individual steps are explained in a summarized form in Table 5. For more details see the programme manual (Wildi and Orlóci 1990) and the explanations in Orlóci (1978) and Wildi (1986).

Table 4. Contents of APL1DA and APL2DA files.

apl1d	а												
INIT	RESE	INIT	RESE	CLTR	CLTR	AOCL	TABS						
21	41	21	41	52	52	62	71						
1	R1	2	S1	R1	S1	1	R8						
1	1	2	5	3	3	R5	\$8						
	М	10	M	N	N	S 5	1						
1	n		n	*	**	-							
n	n	2	n	n	n	0							
n		n				Y	0						
		n				N	n						
						n							
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INIT	RESE	CLTR	INIT	RESE	PCAB	INIT	RESE	CLTR	AOCL	EDGR	TABS		
21	41	52	21	41	53	21	41	52	62	31	71		
1	R1	R1	2	R1	R1	2	S1	S1	1	R8	R20		
1	7	2	1	8	3	2	4	2	R5	0	s20		
	M	N		M	Υ	10	M	N	S 5	20	1		
1	n	*	3	n	1		n	**	0	S8			
n	n	n	n	n	n	2	n	n	0	0			
n			n			n			0	20	0		
						n			n	n	n		

* square root of number of relevés rounded to the nearest whole number

** 3 times the square root of the number of species rounded to the nearest whole number

⁵ If an analysis of the outputs of the different programmes applied in the analysis strategy is required, the programme **PRINT**, which creates files PRIN01 to PRIN20, should be turned on before running **APPL**.

Table 5. Strategies for the numerical analysis of the vegetation data.

Application 1 (APL1DA):

Objective	Step no.	Computer programme	Decisions	Method
Classification of the relevés	1	INIT (initialize)	scalar transformation vector transformation	square root normalize
	2	RESE (resemblance matrix)	resemblance measure for relevés	cross product of centred data
Classification of species	3	INIT (initialize)	scalar transformation vector transformation	log (x + 10) normalize
	4	RESE (resemblance matrix)	resemblance measure for species	Euclidean distance
Classification of the relevés	5	CLTR (cluster analysis)	clustering algorithm number of groups	minimum variance analysis according to objective (e.g. √n)
Classification of species	6	CLTR (cluster analysis)	clustering algorithm number of groups	minimum variance 2-5 times as many as there are relevé groups
Ordering dense blocks along the diagonal	7	AOCL (concentration analysis)		
Printing of the entire vegetation table	8	TABS (printing of the vegetat	ion table)	

Application 2 (APL2DA):

Objective	Step no.	Computer programme	Decisions	Method
Classification of the relevés	1	INIT (initialize)	scalar transformation vector transformation	square root normalize
	2	RESE (resemblance matrix)	resemblance measure for relevés	similarity ratio (van der Maarel's cofficient)
	3	CLTR (cluster analysis)	clustering algorithm number of groups	complete linkage analysis according to objective (e.g. √n)
Ordination of species and relevés (corre- spondence analysis)	4	INIT (initialize)	scalar transformation vector transformation	square root presence-absence
	5	RESE (resemblance matrix)	resemblance measure, for columns	scalar product without centering (mandatory)
	6	PCAB (eigen analysis)	method	normal correspondence analysis
Classification of species	7	INIT (initialize)	scalar transformation vector transformation	log (x + 10) normalize
	8	RESE (resemblance matrix)	resemblance measure for species	Euclidean distance
	9	CLTR (cluster analysis)	clustering algorithm number of groups	complete linkage analysis 2-5 times as many as there are relevé groups
Ordering dense blocks along the diagonal	10	AOCL (concentration analysis)		4-1-1-1
Rearrange relevés and species within groups	11	EDGR (rearrange rows and columns)	order of groups order of relevés/ species within the groups	according to AOCL (step 10) according to 1st axis in correspondence analysis
Printing of the entire vegetation table	12	TABS (printing of the vegetation table)	ordering criteria	according to EDGR (step 11)

4.3 Subsequent rearrangement of the delineated clusters using SORT

The vegetation table is rearranged using SORT. The groups of species (differential species) that show similar distributions among the relevés (clusters) are moved to yield a systematically ordered table. This table groups the individual plant communities in a hierarchical system (from vegetation type to subcommunity) and reveals the site factors determining the distribution of the plant communities.

NB. Differential species distinguish different plant communities due to their restricted

distribution within the relevés.

* The first step is to put all the representatives of one species recorded in different strata

together, because MULVA treats them as different species.

* The next step is the rearrangement of the relevé and species groups. Those relevé groups which belong to the same vegetation type (eg. forest or grassland) should be grouped together and the species groups within this vegetation type should be arranged in a diagonal from top left to bottom right. It may occasionally be necessary to move some relevés and species to other groups in order to reveal clear correlations of presence and mutual exclusivity between species.

Species groups which are found in more than one community should be moved in such a

way that they clearly show their value as differential species:

- species which differentiate vegetation types should be moved above the plant communities constituting the vegetation type,

- species which differentiate groups of communities should be moved above the diagonal of

the relevant communities,

- species which have the same ecological amplitude but are found in communities of different vegetation types should be moved below the diagonal of all the plant communities they are found in,

- species with a very wide ecological amplitude (ie. species which are found in most of the relevés) cannot be used to differentiate plant communities or groups of plant communities. They are considered to be companions and are placed at the bottom of the vegetation table.

* Rare species with no obvious differential value are placed below the companions, either within the vegetation table or in a separate list.

The plant communities are then named after the dominant species. The term 'community' is used instead of the term 'association' in the sense of Braun-Blanquet (1964) because no syntaxonomical studies/ranking could be performed within the short timespan of the project. The species groups are also named after the two dominant species.

The plant communities can be grouped together to form 'community groups' or divided into

'subcommunities'. Where appropriate a further subdivision into 'types' can be made.

The print out of the vegetation table can be done using SORT and an Epson LQ printer (Setting -> Hardcopy=Printer; Output -> Table), however creating a table file and using a laser printer is recommended:

1) Create a table file (extension .tab): Output -> Table

2) Use WordPerfect to print this table (the tab file is in ASCII format and has to be imported using <Ctrl> <F5>12).

An example of a vegetation table resulting from numerical analysis (apl1da) and the subsequent rearrangement is shown in Tab. 6.

Relevé group 2 forms columns 1-7 in the final table

Relevé group 3 was split into two and forms columns 8-14 in the final table

Relevé group 5 forms columns 15-16 in the final table

Relevé group 4 and the first two relevés of group 6 form columns 17-20 in the final table

Relevé group 1 forms columns 21-31 in the final table Relevé group 6 forms columns 32-35 in the final table

Table 6. Example of a numerical analysis and the subsequent rearrangement of a vegetation table. Example from Bomfobiri Wildlife Sanctury (Schmitt and Adu-Nsiah 1993a).

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Sarcophrynium brachystachyum	++++
Culcasia scandens	
Piper guineense	
Palisota bracteosa	+.
Cercestis afzelii	+
Rothmannia whitfieldii S2	
Rothmannia whitfieldii	+
Discoglypremna caloneura S1	+
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Raphia hookeri T	++
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Newbouldia laevis T	
Newbouldia laevis S1	1
Newbouldia laevis	++
Cola chlamydantha T	1
Cola chlamydantha S2	
Cola chlamydantha S1	
Cola chlamydantha	1
Celtis zenkeri T	
Celtis zenkeri S2	
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Diospyros abyssinica S1	
Alstonia boonei T	
Dracaena arborea	
Pterygota macrocarpa T	
Sterculia rhinopetala T	21
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Blighia sapida S1	
Blighia sapida S2	
Ceiba pentandra T	
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Mallotus oppositifolius S1	
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* Rock outcrops/Surface stoniness: 0: <1%, 1: 1-10%, 2: 10-25%, 3: 25-50%, 4: 50-75%, 5: 75-100%

Drainage: P = poor, I = imperfect, M = moderately well, W = well

other species:
Acacia gourmaensis^S1 (116:+); Acacia gourmaensis^S2 (116:+); Albizia adianthifolia^S1 (106:+); Albizia coriaria^S1 (111:+); Alstonia boonei^S2 (106:+); Aneilema umbrosum (99:+); Baphia pubescens (101:+); Borassus aethiopum^S1 (111:+); Bridelia ferruginea^S1 (117:+); Chrysophyllum albidum^S2 (102:+); Clerodendrum buchholzii S2 (104:+); Clerodendrum buchholzii S1 (91:+); Clerodendrum buchholzii (106:+, 108:+); Clerodendrum sinuatum (107:+); Clerodendrum splendens (110:+); Clerodendrum splendens^S1 (110:+); Commelina spec. (101:+); Costus afer (91:+); Culcasia saxatilis (99:+, 105:3); Cussonia arborea^S2 (117:+); Deschampsia spec. (45:+); Desmodium spec. (44:+); Desmodium velutinum (111:+); Detarium microcarpum^S1 (93:+, 96:+); Diospyros mespiliformis (99:1); Dornig Owabi^S1 (48:+); Dracaena surculosa (118:+); Eribroma oblonga^S1 (91:+); Hibiscus scotellii (45:+); Hildegardia barteri^S2 (99:2); Hyperetelia dissoluta (47:+);

Imperata cylindrica (119:+); Kyllinga spec. (44:+); Lantana camara (117:+); Loudetia simplex (112:+, 111:+); Malacantha alnifolia^S1 (102:+); Malacantha alnifolia^T (114:2); Mareya micrantha S2 (99:+, 105:1); Millettia barteri^S2 (47:+); Monechma ciliatum (111:+); Morus mesozygia^T (102:+); Nesogordonia papaverifera (102:+); No. 506 (44:+); No. 507 (44:+, 45:+); No. 508 (45:+); No. 510 (44:1); No. 535 (48:+); No. 536 (40:+); No. 538 (47:+); No. 538 (47:+); No. 813 (103:+, 89:+); No. 814 (91:+); No. 820 (92:+); No. 823 (97:+, 93:+); No. 825 (94:+); No. 825^S1 (94:+); No. 884 (95:+); No. 829 (95:+); No. 837 (98:2); No. 871 (99:+); No. 875 (100:+); No. 878 (100:+); No. 879 (100:+, 101:+); No. 880 (100:+); No. 881 (100:+); No. 882^S1 (100:+); No. 882^S2 (100:+); No. 884 (101:+); No. 886^S2 (101:+); No. 889^S2 (102:+); No. 890^S2 (102:1); No. 890^T1 (105:2); No. 891 (104:+); No. 892 (105:+); No. 893^S2 (105:+); No. 937^S1 (105:+); No. 927 (113:2); No. 930 (114:+, 115:+); No. 931 (114:+); No. 932 (114:+); No. 936 (115:+); No. 937^S1 (115:+); No. 941 (118:+); Olyra latifolia (105:+); Oplismenus burmannii (99:1); Palisota hirsuta (106:+); Panicum maximum (104:+); Panicum spec. (89:+, 91:2); Panicum spec. (89:+, 91:2); Parkia biglobosa^S1 (112:1); Pericopsis laxiflora^S2 (94:+); Platisepalum hirsutum (105:+, 102:+); Poaceae spec. (48:+); Portulaca grandiflora (45:+); Pseudospondias microcarpa^T (99:1); Rauvolfia vomitoria^S1 (106:+); Salacia leptoclada (99:+); Sterculia tragacantha (101:+); Sterculia tragacantha^S1 (106:+); Salacia leptoclada (99:+); Sterculia tragacantha (101:+); Sterculia tragacantha^S1 (105:+); Talinum triangulare (118:+); Teramnus labialis (97:+); Tetrapleura tetraptera^T (101:+); Thonningia sanguinea (99:+); Trichilia tessmannii (100:2).

5. METEOROLOGICAL DATA

Climatic diagrams according to Walter and Lieth (1960-67) should be produced for all areas investigated. They clearly show the annual distribution of rainfall and the length of arid and humid periods (Fig. 9).

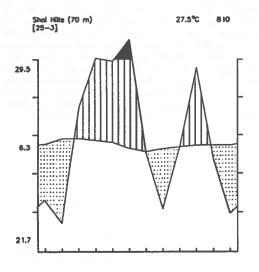


Fig. 9. Climatic diagram for Shai Hills (from Schmitt and Adu-Nsiah 1993d)

Walter and Lieth (1960-67) used the term N=2T (N= rainfall, T= temperature) to distinguish relatively arid and relatively humid seasons. The y-axis divisions of the climatic diagram represent $10^{\circ}C$ and 20 mm rainfall respectively. Arid periods (rainfall < 2 x temperature), ie. when the rainfall curve is below the temperature curve, are dotted; humid periods (rainfall > 2 x temperature), ie. when the rainfall curve is above the temperature curve, are marked with parallel lines; periods with rainfall above 100 mm are marked black and the scale is reduced to 1/10.

The name of the station, its altitude, the annual mean temperature and annual mean rainfall in mm are shown above the diagram. The number of years over which observations were made (for temperature and rainfall respectively) are shown in square brackets. The numbers left of the diagram, from top to bottom show: absolute

maximum temperature, mean maximum temperature of the warmest month, mean daily temperature range, mean minimum of the coldest month and absolute minimum temperature.

One or several climatic diagrams can be used in combination with isohyets for the area concerned (see either 'Map of average annual rainfall' Survey of Ghana 1968 or Hall and Swaine 1981, p. 20) to illustrate the climatic setting of the protected area. An example is shown in Fig. 10.

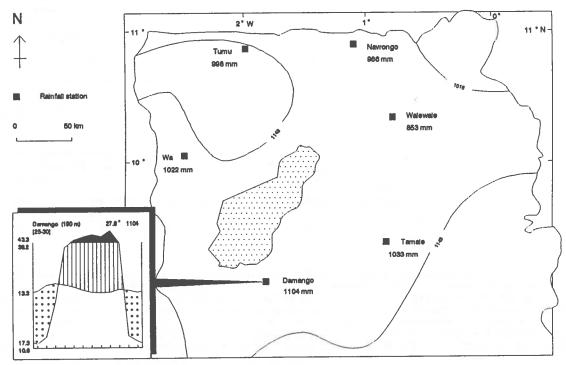


Fig. 10. Climatic setting of Mole National Park (modified from Schmitt and Adu-Nsiah 1993c).

6. VEGETATION MONITORING

This section provides an introduction to and gives some general guide-lines for vegetation monitoring.

Monitoring is a process which aims to detect changes, establish their direction and measure their extent or intensity. It checks whether the prevailing conditions match the previously defined standards or norms. Analysis of site characteristics and definition of the major biotopes and identification of species of conservation value in an area are fundamental prerequisites for the development of any monitoring strategy. Repeated surveys should be carried out at regular intervals in relation to clearly defined objectives.

Monitoring can be used to:

- assess the effectiveness of any management carried out to protect or enhance any special features, biotopes or particular species of the protected areas
- detect changes (ie. act as an 'early warning').

Ecosystems are rarely at equilibrium, they are continually perturbed both in space and time. Changes within ecosystems should be considered as natural and inevitable. Counteracting such changes should not be the aim of any management. An understanding of the biological processes underlying ecosystems is therefore essential in order to distinguish between acceptable short-term changes and unacceptable long-term changes which should be prevented.

High diversity is often used synonymously for stability which is not necessarily the case. Stability in an ecosystem means the stability of the number of species, ie. a system is stable if the number of species remains the same. This has been called more precisely persistence (Lewin 1986). The stability of population size is called **constancy**.

Conservation should aim for persistence and not for constancy. Fluctuation of the number of individuals within particular species is inevitable and is in fact necessary to achieve persistence.

Steps necessary for the design of monitoring strategies are:

- 1) What are the objectives?
- 2) What is to be monitored?
- 3) How can the objectives be achieved (methods)?
- 4) What does the data mean (analysis and interpretation)?
- 5) When should the monitoring stop?

What are the objectives?

General objectives might include: to detect, record and present in a comprehensible form any changes, trends or impacts in the number or condition of the major biotopes or of any plant species of conservation value to the Park management and the GWD.

Objectives should be grouped according to their priorities. Possible groups are: top priority,

recommended, optional but also desirable.

What is to be monitored?

This requires the identification of key features which are intrinsic to the site (eg. the presence of rare or endangered species) and the selection of standards or norms against which changes can be assessed (eg. acceptable minima and maxima).

NB. Many systems exhibit cyclical or stochastic changes! A period of surveillance is therefore necessary to establish a true baseline (eg. the lowest population number normally encountered). This baseline may need revision in the light of experience.

Many different measures may be used as yardsticks for monitoring: eg. the biomass of vegetation; growth, production or recruitment rates; checklists of species richness; the extent or structure (mosaic or diversity) of habitat; the presence and absence of indicator species etc..

How can the objectives be achieved?

It is essential to draw up a detailed monitoring prescription which contains information on:

- methodology

- frequency of sampling
- intensity of sampling

sampling unit sizesampling pattern

- the location of the plots, which must be relocatable (using metal posts, GPS readings and maps)

- time needed and best time of the year

- organisation of finance and administration

Simple schemes are likely to be the most effective. This does not have to mean unsophisticated but does mean simple to carry out and not too time-consuming. Ease of collection of data, ease of analysis of those data, ease of interpretation of results and ease of handing over responsibility to staff in the reserves are necessary conditions for securing the long-term viability of a monitoring programme.

Standardizing data collection is essential and requires:

- method forms (ie. a detailed manual)

- data collection forms (to be used in the field)

- data reduction forms (to be used in the office for initial analysis such as means etc.)

- summary forms (to condense data from several data reduction forms and provide a first analysis)

What does the data mean (analysis and interpretation)?

For the analysis and interpretation of data collected please refer to standard textbooks such as: Greig-Smith, P. (1983): Quantitative Plant Ecology. - (3rd edn.) Butterworths, London. Moore, P.D. and Chapman, S.B. eds. (1986): Methods in Plant Ecology. - Blackwell. Oxford. Mueller-Dombois, D. and Ellenberg, H. (1974): Aims and Methods of Vegetation Ecology. - Wiley and Sons, New York.

NB. Data may reveal trends, cycles and 'noise'! Monitoring generally aims to reveal trends and these must be separated in the analysis from the effects of one or more cycles and baseline variation ('noise').

When should the monitoring stop?

It is often advisable to define an end-point at the onset of the programme. An alternative is to devise a rule for stopping the monitoring programme once certain objectives have been fulfilled.

6.1 Suggestions for methodology

Transects and permanent plots are often used for vegetation monitoring. Transects or a line of small quadrats (eg. across the boundary between two communities) can be used to measure change and the rate of change. Permanent plots in contrast do not necessarily reflect changes in the extent of communities but are suitable for sites which are managed in a fairly uniform way (ie. the quadrat is subject to exactly the same treatment as the rest of the habitat) or to show the effects of different treatments (eg. no burning, early and late burning) or impacts (eg. grazing, no grazing) on the vegetation.

Quadrats are used for recording within the samples (eg. permanent plots). Their size should be small enough to allow an easy search and recording of the data, but care must be taken about the edge effect (=area-to-edge ratio, which should be not too small).

The initial sampling should always involve a complete vegetation inventory and site description together with a map of the exact location, basal area and canopy area of shrubs and trees. In addition, photo-documentation of the subplots should be started.

The location of samples within a study area, ie. the sampling pattern can be:

- random (a requirement for subsequent statistical analysis of the data);

- systematic (eg. regular transects or grid);

- subjective (eg. in transects parallel to an environmental gradient) or

- stratified (stratification is the subdivision of the study area into zones using topography or vegetation types; nb. the latter may include the risk of circularity of argument) eg. stratified random sampling.

Vegetation parameters which may be recorded for monitoring purposes include:

- number of individuals (can be used for trees/shrubs and annuals),

- basal area (can be used for trees/shrubs and tussocks),

- height,

- damage (eg. degree of grazing/browsing or fire damage) and

- cover (eg. can be measured using pin-frames).

Data which can be calculated from the field measurements include:

- Density (number of individuals per unit area);

- Frequency (percentage of quadrats which contain a particular species). Frequency is a non-absolute measure, which means that the values are dependent on quadrat size. The advantage of this measure is that it is very easy to use and fast, however the values combine information about density and pattern which has to be considered in the interpretation;

- Dominance or size (sum of individual basal area for each species);

- Growth rate (can be calculated from height measurements).

Fixed point photos: Photographs taken from a view point at regular intervals are an easy way to document obvious changes.

Transects: The line-intercept method (Strong 1966, Walker 1970, Mueller-Dombois and Ellenberg 1974) can be used in grassland to calculate density, frequency and cover. The wheel-point method (Tidmarsh and Havenga 1955) is another easy and fast method to estimate cover.

Changes at the edges of communities can be detected using intercepts and a system of stratified systematically located permanent transects.

Plotless sampling: The point-centred quarter method (Cottam and Curtis 1956, Mueller-Dombois and Ellenberg 1974) has been used successfully to monitor browsing of woody vegetation (Vesey-FitzGerald 1973, Croze 1974).

Permanent plots: These are best used to assess the effects of different treatments on the vegetation (for an example see Lock 1972). They should consist of a system of fenced and unfenced plots (eg. 40 x 40 m each, at least the size of the minimal sample area in that vegetation type). Within each plot a central quadrat (eg. 30 x 30 m) can be used for monitoring of the shrub and tree vegetation. The herbaceous vegetation should be recorded in a number of smaller quadrats (eg. 20 1 x 1 m quadrats). Possible sampling patterns are:

- systematic stratified sampling: In each subplot quadrats are located along regular transects to enable easy relocation. This pattern is suitable for revealing the effects of different impacts and treatments.
- random: The quadrats need to be moved every second year to prevent the problem of autocorrelation (see textbooks listed above).

7. SPATIAL DISPLAY OF PLANT DISTRIBUTION DATA

IDRISI6 is a grid-based geographic analysis system (Clark University) which has been used to

simplify the display of plant and animal distribution data collected in the project.

A geographic analysis system is a computer-assisted system for the input, storage, retrieval, analysis and display of geographic data. IDRISI also includes a set of modules which allows it to perform analytical techniques of a geographic information system (GIS), ie. analysis and display of interpreted geographic data.

Information on how to apply IDRISI using the menu assisted set of programmes (Game and Wildlife - Distribution Maps) is given in a separate report (Wong and Schmitt 1993). Detailed information on input and editing of plant data and some points regarding the interpretation of the distribution data will be given in this chapter.

7.1 Data input and editing

Input of information on the distribution of the plant species is done in vector files (*.vec). For each plant species a separate file has to be created. The name of the file is an abbreviation of the plant name (see Table 7) with the extension .vec. So far the distribution data of 81 species have been entered (Table 7). Each vector file contains information on the location(s) (coordinates) at which the plant in question has been found. The format is as follows:

Abundance Longitude	1	Latitude			
0 0					

Abundance: 1-6 are used for the Braun-Blanquet scale (see Fig. 5, page 8) with 1 = +, 2 = 1 etc.; 7 is used for distribution data from FROGGIE which includes the Hall & Swaine sampling plots (Hawthorne 1993b, Hall and Swaine 1981); data for Bui (Hall and Swaine 1976) are also included in this code; 8 is used for non-specific records such as herbarium records without exact location data.

1: This figure means that there is one set of coordinates for the plot. This applies to all plant

data inputs.

Coordinates are in DECIMAL DEGREES! The GPS readings are in degrees, minutes and decimal 'seconds' and must be transformed before inputting in the vector files. The minutes can be transformed into decimal values by dividing them by 60; the decimal values of the seconds have to be added three places behind the point, eg. $5^{\circ}33^{\circ}78 = 5 + (33/60) + 0.0078 =$

Longitude: Degrees west are negative and degrees east are positive numbers.

Latitude: Latitude is always a positive number, because Ghana is north of the equator.

0 0: This marks the end of the file.

The vector file for Vepris heterophylla (VEPHET.vec) is shown below:

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⁶ Idrisi was a cartographer and geographer born in 1099 in Ceuta, a Spanish colony on the North African coast.

Table 7. Species of conservation interest in IDRISI (9/93). {1} Hall 1979, {2} Flora of West Tropical Africa, {3} Lock 1989. IUCN categories from WCMC 1993.

Plant name	File name	Star ratin		** Distribution
Aeschynomene kerstingii	AEKE	-		Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo (3)
Afraegle paniculata	AFPA	Blue		I NULL HINTO HEAL OF
Aframomum stanfieldii	AFST	Blue		Common, but only from Côte d'Ivoire to Nigeria
Afzelia bella var. gracilion	AFZB	-		The var. is restricted to Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire, the species is Guineo-Congolian
Ammannia auriculata	UAMA	-		Disjunct {2} West Africa, Egypt and East Africa
Aneilema setiferum var.				
pallidiciliatum	ANSE	nue True	nt	Endemic (2)
Asparagus warneckei	ASWA	Gold		Upper Guinea endemic
Brachiaria falcifera	BRAFA	-	nt	Ghana, Togo {2}
Breonadia salicina	BRESA		1	Rare in Ghana, but otherwise fairly widespread {1}
Bulbostylis filamentosa	BULF	. .		Côte d'Ivoire to Nigeria
Ceropegia gemmifera	CERGE	Black		Restricted to the dry vegetation in the Dahomey gap
Chlorophytum togoense	CHLTO	Blue		
Clerodendrum sinuatum	CLERS	Blue		And the second s
Cola chlamydantha	COLCHL	Blue		Common in Ghana on acid, base-poor soils (Hall and Swaine 1981), distribution Guinea wide; 126 recordings from Froggie not included in Idrisi
Combretum zenkeri	COMBZE	Blue		
Commiphora dalzielii	COMMD	Black		Endemic {1}
Craibia atlantica	CRAAT	Gold		Côte d'Ivoire to Cameroun {3}, uncommon in Ghana
Crossandra massaica	CROSMA	Blue		Disjunct {1}, widespread in East Africa, In West
i etyanda anharrara	DICAR	Dive		Africa only found around Shai Hills
	DICAR	Blue		A COLOR DE LA COLO
	DRYPA	Green		Guineo-Congolian (Sierra Leone to Nigeria) {2}
	ERIMO			Côte d'Ivoire to Benin {3}
	EUGC	Black		Ghana, Togo {2}
	GONOB	7.	nt	Endemic to Ghana, but well distributed {1}
	GRECA	Blue		en mant en seile des actification by market force of the
	GREMEG	Black	nt	Endemic {1} to the coastal plains (Froggie)
	HILBA	Blue		and or Indiana I like the reason of the limite
	HYBTH	4	Line re-	Ghana, Senegal, Burkina Faso {2}
	HYMAUB	Gold	I	Rare in Ghana; also Côte d'Ivoire and Nigeria {3}
9	INDBA	-		Ghana, Nigeria (3)
	INDCON	-		Côte d'Ivoire to Nigeria {3}, rare in Ghana {1}
	INDTET			Côte d'Ivoire to Togo {3}
	INDTRIA	-		Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire (3)
	INDTRIC	× - 101		Senegal, Ghana, CAR, Cameroun {3}
11111111111111111111111111111111111111	JASKE	- 1 50		Ghana, Togo {2}
	JATNER	-		Ghana, Nigeria (2)
	KALA	_	R	Disjunct (1)
,	KYECH		nt	Endemic to Ghana, but well distributed {1}
	LANTO	Blue		and the second of the second of the
	LOUTH	-		Ghana, Burkina Faso {2}
illettia thonningii	MILLTH	Blue		Common in the dry forests in Ghana, occurs sporadically across Africa
illettia warneckei	4ILLWA	Blue		Upper Guinea endemic
ischogyne elliotiana I	1ISEL	Blue		
chna afzelii (CHAF	Blue		
chna ovata (CHOV	Blue	R	Disjunct: Ghana and East Africa {2}
phrestia hedysaroides (PHHE	-		Disjunct: Côte d'Ivoire to Benin, East Africa and Angola {3}
ratea glaberrima C	URGLA	Blue		protegration in the and and scale figure
	ANCAN	Blue		
rinari congensis P	ARCON	Blue		
	OLGAT	-		Ghana to Benin {2}
lysphaeria arbuscula P	OLSAR	Blue		Ghana to Cameroun {2}
ouchetia africana P	OUAFR	Blue		
emna quadrifolia P	REMQ	Blue		Guinea wide
eleopsis habeensis P	TEHA	Black		
phionacme keayii R	APKE	-		Ghana, Nigeria, Cameroun (2)
phionacme vignei R	APVI	-		Ghana, Togo {2}
uvolfia cumminsii R	AUVC	Blue		Upper Guinea endemic
inopterys angustifolia R	HINA	-		Endemic to Ghana (2)
	HYFUR	-		Ghana, Burkina Faso {2}
•	ITREF	Gold		Upper Guinea endemic
	UELTO	Black		Rare and confined to west African dry forests
	YTNIG	Blue		Ghana, Togo, Nigeria {2}
0,	ABBRE	Blue		Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo, Nigeria {2}
nnsevieria liberica S	ANLIB	Blue		The fathage pe but shearly committee that agreement of

Schrebera arborea	SCHREA	Blue	I	Rare in Ghana, but otherwise fairly widespread {1}
Sorindeia warneckei	SORWAR	Blue		
Stachyanthus occidentalis	STAOCC	Blue		Côte d'Ivoire to Nigeria {2}
Tabernaemontana afromontana	TABAFR	Green		Ghana, Liberia {2} but common in Ghana
Tephrosia letestui	TEPHLET	-	R	Disjunct: Ghana, Burkina Faso, CAR {1.3}
Tragia akwapimensis	TRAAKW	-		Endemic to Ghana {2}
Triaspis odorata	TRIAOD	Gold		Ghana, Togo, Sierra Leone {2}
Triclisia subcordata	TRISUB	Blue		
Turraea heterophylla	TURRHE	Blue		
Uvaria chamae	UVCH	Blue		Senegal to Nigeria
Uvaria ovata	UVOVA	Gold		Côte d'Ivoire to Togo {2}
Vangueriopsis spinosa	VANGSP	Blue		and the second of the second o
Vepris heterophylla	VEPHET	Gold	R	Disjunct {1} Ghana, Burkina Faso, N and E Africa {2}
Vetiveria fulvibarbis	VETFUL	-		Ghana, Mali, Togo {2}
Vigna filicaulis	VIGFIL	-		Côte d'Ivoire to Togo, Guinea Bissau, Chad {3}
Vincentella passargei	VINPAS	Blue	I	Rare in Ghana, but otherwise fairly widespread {1}
				new name Synsepalum passargei
Vitex grandiflora	VITGRAN	Blue		
Zanthoxylum xanthoxyloides	ZANXAN	Blue		

for explanation see Hawthorne and Juam Musah (1993)

The creation of new vector files or the adding of coordinates to existing vector files is done using the MS-DOS Editor (EDIT). Type new followed by the file name, a full stop and the extension vec. After inputting the data press <Alt>FS to save the file and <Alt>FX to exit EDIT and to return to the 'Game and Wildlife - Distribution Maps' menu.

NB. the file name should be a unique abbreviation of the latin plant name and should not contain more than seven characters.

Before the information in the new vector file can be displayed three more files (*.doc *.dvc and *.img) have to be created. This is done automatically by typing *plant*. You will be asked to type the file name for the species (without an extension) and then the full latin name of the plant. After a moment you will be asked to type the file name twice (without an extension) and to type 1 to change cells to record the identifiers of points. Afterwards the distribution of the species will be displayed on the screen.

The coordinates for all the plots are stored in a file called plotloc.vec. This file should be updated whenever new plots are added to any vector file. A complete list of locations and coordinates contained in plotloc.vec is given in appendix E.

7.2 Interpretation of the distribution data

The 81 plants⁷ displayed by IDRISI are from savanna areas, the transitional or dry semi-deciduous forest zone and the south-east outlier forest. They have been selected because of their conservation value. Distribution data of those species which are also found in the high forest zone were added from FROGGIE.

The high forest zone has been extensively surveyed (Hall and Swaine 1981, Hawthorne and Juam Musah 1993) and the botanical data have been included in a 'graphical information exhibitor' FROGGIE (Hawthorne 1993b). FROGGIE covers Ghana south of 8° North which does not include Bui, Mole and Gbele. The extension of FROGGIE to cover the whole of Ghana and the incorporation of the botanical data collected in this project was planned, but could not be done during the project period. It should, however, be envisaged for the future⁸. In the meantime the distribution data of the animal and some plant species will be displayed using the the GAS modules of IDRISI.

^{**} for explanation see IUCN (1978) and WCMC (1993)

⁷ In addition one widespread blue-star species and 54 species of limited distribution or disjunct species contained in the database have not been included in IDRISI, because not enough information on their abundance/rarity was available.

Fig. 11 shows the plot locations of all those plant species currently contained in IDRISI vector files. It shows that although the forest zone has been well surveyed, information outside it is restricted to the reserves sampled during this project and to data from Bui (Hall and Swaine 1976). This should not lead to the conclusion that no species of conservation value are found outside the areas shown in Fig. 11, it rather shows the 'gaps' which have not yet been sampled and which require botanical inventories.

The star species displayed represent forest species which are also found in the savanna zone, where they are often restricted to riverine forests and forested hills. An analysis based on the number of these species found in a designated area is not valid, because not all savanna species have been classified according to the star rating system.

IUCN categories are from WCMC (1993) and no attempt has been made to classify additional species according to these categories. This information can therefore not be used for an overall interpretation, but rather provides additional information for particular species.

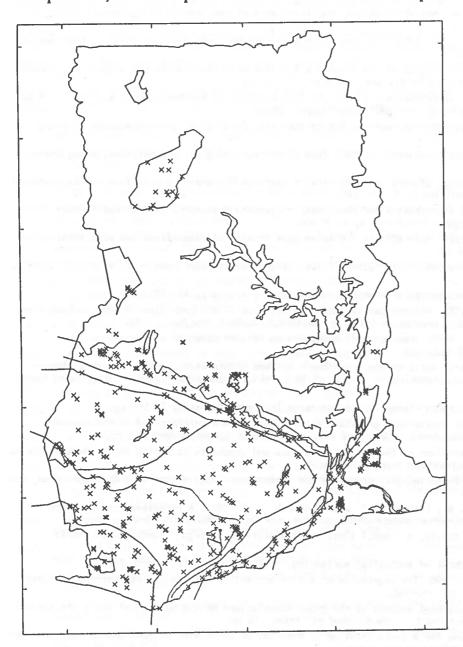


Fig. 11. Plot locations of all plant species shown in IDRISI. Each X represents a sampling spot. The map shows the outline of all GWD reserves, of Lake Bosumptwi and the Volta Lake. The lines in the south-western part of Ghana demarcate the different forest zones (for details see Hall and Swaine 1981).

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APPENDIX C

The diskette below contains the condensed dBase data and programme files of the database on the Plants of the Protected Areas of Ghana (PAG).

Requirements:

An IBM compatible computer with dBase IV V1.1 (or above) and at least 2.8 Mbytes free hard disk space is required to install and access the database.

Installation:

Insert the 720 K disk in drive A (or B), type PAG and press < return >: A subdirectory called PAG will be created on your hard disk, the data and programme files will be copied into C:\PAG and extracted. Providing that dbase is included in the path in your autoexec.bat file you can start the programme by typing DBASE PAG and pressing < return >.

If you want to copy the files on a different drive (eg. D) or into a different subdirectory this is best done by changing lines 19, 20, 23 and 24 in pag.bat accordingly.

The data files are as of 29 SEPT 1993



Acacia albida * Acacia dugeoni Acacia gourmaensis Acacia hockii Acacia macrothyrsa * Acacia nilotica * Acacia polyacantha Acacia senegal * Acacia sieberiana Adansonia digitata Afraegle paniculata Afzelia africana Albizia chevalieri * Albizia coriaria Allophylus cobbe Amblygonocarpus andongensis Annona senegalensis Annona squamosa * Anogeissus leiocarpus Antiaris toxicaria Antidesma vonosum Azadirachta indica Balanites aegyptiaca Bauhinia rufescens * Blighia sapida Bombax costatum Borassus aethiopam Boscia salicifolia * Boswellia dalzielii Bridelia ferruginea Bridelia micrantha Bridelia scleroneura Burkea africana Cassia siamea Cassia sieberiana Ceiba pentandra Celtis integrifolia Chaetacme aristata Combretum collinum ssp. binderanum Combretum collinum ssp. hypopilinum Combretum collinum ssp. lamprocarpum Combretum fragrans Combretum glutinosum Combretum molle Commiphora africana * Crateva adansonii Croton zambesicum Cussionia arborea Cynometra vogelii Daniellia oliveri Diospyros elliotii Diospyros mespiliformis Ekebergia senegalensis * Entada abyssinica Entada africana Erythrina senegalensis * Erythrophleum africanum Faurea speciosa * Ficus glumosa Ficus gnaphalocarpa Ficus ingens Ficus platyphylla Ficus sur Ficus vallis-choudae * Flacourtia flavescens Gardenia aqualla

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