



# Kate Stokes Memorial Trust

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*"Through [the KSM Award] project, we've been able to connect academia with governmental entities, NGO's and local communities."*

~ Marinés de la Peña

## Ghana Team Receive 2015 KSM Award

Dear Friends,

We're delighted to report that the tenth Kate Stokes Memorial Award was made this year to a team from Ghana, led by David Kwarteng.

The project, 'Building Local Capacity in Delivering Effective Behaviour Change Education', aims to equip and empower local champions to combat extinction threats to amphibian species. A third of Ghana's endemic amphibian species face extinction due to human consumption and habitat destruction.



*Presenting behaviour change concepts*

Twenty motivated champions, selected from biodiversity hotspots across Ghana, attended a ten day long training event in August, hosted by David and the project team. Workshops covered topics including amphibian ecology and conservation, research planning, survey skills and community advocacy.

Now returned to their home communities, David and his team are working with the champions to identify and undertake local outreach programs based around endangered amphibian species.



*Taking part in a night survey exercise*

## 2015 Marks Tenth Award

With the award to David and his colleagues, the Trust marked its first award to a team based in Africa, and its tenth award in total.

Beginning in 2006 with the Green Corridor project in the Misiones province of northern Argentina, KSM Awards have subsequently been made to teams in Azerbaijan, Sri Lanka, India, Vietnam, China, Fiji, Sri Lanka (again), Mexico and, now, Ghana.

For details of all these projects, visit the Grants



page of the recently revamped Conservation Leadership Programme (CLP) website at [www.conservationleadershipprogramme.org/grants/](http://www.conservationleadershipprogramme.org/grants/) and click on 'Kate Stokes Memorial Award'.

## 2014 Award: Los Tuxtlas Revisted

*"The [KSM] Award has helped us to take the first step into developing an integrated landscape that allows for connectivity and conservation of regional biodiversity in Los Tuxtlas Biological Reserve."*

~ Marinés de la Peña

The 2014 KSM Award was made to the project, 'Regarding Ecosystem Services to Improve Livestock Production and Biodiversity Conservation', led by Marinés de la Peña Domene and her team of five in Mexico. The team created demonstration plots combining fruiting trees with forage as both a more economic and ecosystem sensitive alternative to traditional grazing systems.

The project has been constituted as an NGO: Paisajes Manejo Integral



*Project team members Flavio and Luz María with Antonio Azuela from NGO Vivero de Tebanca A.C.*

A.C. News about the NGO is shared via social media and the team have presented results at events as far afield as Australia. Closer to home, landowners in communities far removed from the project site have approached the team, expressing interest in establishing agrosilvopastoral systems on their properties.

The team are working with the National University of Mexico to scale their planting scheme.



*Fernando measuring plantings of Carica papaya and Ficus sp.*

## Trust Annual Review

In July, Robyn Dalzen stepped down as CLP Director. In that role, and as a close friend of Kate's and one of our original Trustees, Robyn has been integral to the foundation and development of the Trust and to the administration of the KSM Award.

Robyn's successor, as Executive Manager of the CLP, is Stuart Paterson. Stuart has worked at Fauna & Flora International since 2005 and joined CLP in 2008. We're thrilled that Stuart has agreed not only to take on the role of CLP advisor to the Trust and administrator of the Award, but also to become a Trustee.

Meanwhile Robyn, for administrative reasons, has stepped down as a Trustee, but will continue her close involvement with the Trust as a Special Advisor. The Trust's finances continue to be strong.

Although the capital value of the Trust's investments has inevitably been affected by recent market conditions, the income we derive from them for making the annual Awards remains satisfactory. We do not actively canvass for donations, but are extremely grateful for those contributors who so generously remember the Trust.

Our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

The Trustees: Ken, Sue & Antony Stokes, Marianne Carter, Andy Brock-Doyle & Stuart Paterson

Special Advisor: Robyn Dalzen

Further information on the CLP and the Award may be found at [www.conservationleadershipprogramme.org](http://www.conservationleadershipprogramme.org)

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