ANKASA RESOURCE RESERVE

Description: It is the only Evergreen Forest Zoo. It is a twin Wildlife Protected Area comprising of Nini Suhien National Park and Ankasa Resource Reserve. Being the area with the highest rainfall in Ghana, Ankasa is the richest forest in terms of diversity in Ghana.

Location: Situated in Elubo, the Western region of Ghana, 50km away from the district capital, Jamoro and about 120km away from the regional capital, Takoradi.

Vegetation: The reserve can be described to be wet evergreen forest. It is rich in biodiversity with about 300 plants species. It is also the home of *Psychotra ankensis* (small ground plant) which is endemic to Ankasa.

Key Fauna: This comprises antelopes, primates, about 300 species of birds, about 400 species of butterflies and moths. Mammals recorded in Ankasa include from small dwarf galagos (bushbaby), grasscutter, spot nosed guenon to the African elephant and chimpanzee

Other Features: Suhien waterfalls

Tourist Sites: Nzulezii, Fort Appolonia at Benyin

The Bamboo Cathedral located at Nkwanta (8km from reserve entrance)

Communities: Fire community: Have traditional Fante dance called Amokwuazuazo

Festivals: Kundum festivals is celebrated at the area in August

Tourist Activities: Game viewing, bird-watching, hiking/ nature walk

Guided Tour: Available

Camping Facilities: Available

Park Brochure: Available

Access: By road from Accra though Takoradi and from Kumasi through Tarkwa. Also

                     from Cote d'Ivoire through Elubo

Time for Visit: December to April

Accommodation: Ankobra Beach Hotel (Ankobra),

Safety Tips: It is recommended that tourists should have a rain coats because of the

                     unpredicted nature of the weather.

                     Long sleeved shirt, a pair of trousers and a pair of boots are recommended

                     Tourists are advised to be equipped with insect repellents.

Health Facility: Half Assini Government Hospital (Half Assini), Eikwe Hospital, Axim Hospital

                     (Axim)

Tourist infrastructure currently not available includes catering, water, telephone, souvenir shop.