



Master's Thesis Topic

Building capacity of women's groups to process underutilized species in West Africa

Framework

This Master's thesis fieldwork will contribute to a work-package led by DITSL focused on the "Development of innovative capacity building strategies to support women's group processing businesses" within a three-year project, "Decentralized postharvest processing of underutilized species into innovative value added products for improved food and nutrition security in West Africa", UPGRADE Plus, funded (2018-2020) by the German Federal Ministry for Food and Agriculture (BLE)

Content

The MSc student will initiate participatory monitoring and evaluation activities to build problem-solving capacity among women's groups to support them in creating more viable and sustainable businesses focused on the processing of crops such as locust bean, orange-fleshed sweet potato and cocoyam, among other examples.

Timing

Thesis preparation: Preferably July to September, 2019
 Fieldwork in Ghana: Preferably October to December 2019

Prerequisites

Strong interest in collaboration with women's groups and other stakeholders; Application of a mixed method approach including qualitative and participatory methods; Fluency in English.

Funding

Costs of fieldwork (translator and local transport) and international travel are covered by the project.

Supervision

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 If you are interested, please send your application (CV, transcript of records, motivation letter) to m.a.lelea@ditsl.org, or ask for further information.

