



WORLD BANK ACE IMPACT III | ACECoR PROJECT AFRICA CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN COASTAL RESILIENCE

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The University of Cape Coast (UCC) is one of the rare seafront Universities in the world. It is located in the Central Region of Ghana, and was established to contribute to tertiary education in the country. There are five (5) colleges and 16 faculties/schools with over 75 academic departments that play significant roles in training human resource, conducts research, and undertake consultancies. The Centre for Coastal Management (CCM), which is one of the six departments of the School of Biological Sciences (SBS) of the College of Agriculture and Natural Sciences (CANS), was established in 2013 to among others conduct demand-driven applied research, promote the development and running of professional short courses, and undertake extension activities.

10 Faculty
88 Students
12 Staff

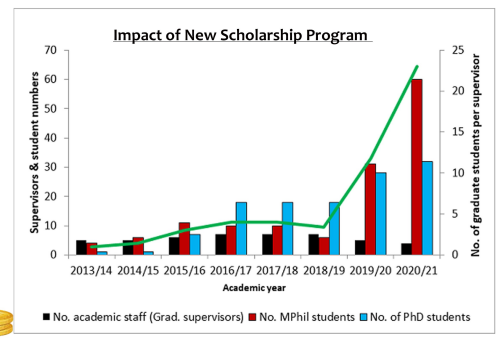
In 2019, CCM attained the status of a Centre of Excellence under the ACE-Impact Project of the World Bank, designated as the Africa Centre of Excellence in Coastal Resilience (ACECoR), implemented under the supervision of the Association of African Universities (AAU) and the Ghana Tertiary Education Commission (GTEC). ACECoR seeks to support the development of the technical and scientific capacities of young African professionals to develop integrated solutions to address coastal degradation in coastal countries on the continent. This is achieved through postgraduate education, research, short professional courses as well as community and policy engagement activities.

ACECoR therefore, collaborates closely with the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences (UCC), and with various relevant academic, industry, government institutions and development partners to achieve its mandate within the Africa region and globally.

30 PhD Students
58 Masters Students
255 Short Course Participants

60 Peer-reviewed Publications in 3 years (since 2019)

18 Funded Projects
Centre's Annual Average Turnover USD\$ 1.5 Million



5 Research Themes

- Coastal Geomorphology and Engineering research
- Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation
- Blue Economy, Governance and Social Resilience
- Disaster Risk Management and Migration
- Ecosystems and Biodiversity

Current Consultancies (2022)

Consultancy	Funding Partner
1. Consultancy Services to Identify Specific Issues Relevant to Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Develop Draft Strategic Positions and Make Specific Recommendations for the Establishment/ Strengthening A Platform of SIDS	African Union (AU - IBAR)
2. Consultancy Services to Develop mechanisms to Facilitate the Domestication of Global Instrument and Initiatives for the Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector of African Union Member States	African Union (AU - IBAR)
3. Consultancy to Review and Align National Fisheries and Aquaculture Policies and Laws with the PFRS, Regional Instruments and Global Best Practices for 15 AU Member States	African Union (AU - IBAR)

Completed Projects

No	PROJECT	COLLABORATORS	FUNDED BY
1	USAID Fisheries and Coastal Management Capacity Building Project	University of Rhode Island, Private Institutions, other Universities and Local Coastal Communities	United States Agency for International Development - USAID
2	HOTSPOT 1 Project (2018 – 2020)	DTU AQUA, Denmark	Danish International Development Agencies - DANIDA
3	BeachMon Project (2018 – 2020)	University of Ghana, Legon, University of Abomey-Calavi	NatGeo, TWAS, French Embassy
4	Regional Mapping of Experts and Institutions in Coastal management (2019 – 2020)	West Africa Coastal Area Management Program (WACA)	World Bank
5	COVID Intervention in Fishing Communities (2020 – 2021)	Ghana Sustainable Fisheries Management Project - SFMP	United States Agency for International Development - USAID
6	Marine Plastic Pollution Study in Liberia (Mar – April 2021)	Conservation International	Swedish International Development Agencies
7	Marine Spatial Planning Workshop (May 2021)	University of Liverpool and Abidjan Convention	Global Challenges Research Fund

Ongoing Projects

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Africa Centre of Excellence in Coastal Resilience Project (2019-2023)	Ghana Tertiary Education Commission, Association of African Universities, Private sector Institutions and Government Agencies	World Bank
Vulnerability & Viability (V2V) Project (2020 – 2027)	University of Waterloo and 6 Countries each in Africa & Asia	Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada - SSHRC
HOTSPOT 2 Project (2021 – 2023)	DTU AQUA, Denmark (Lead)	Danish International Development Agencies - DANIDA
USAID Women Shellfishers and Food Security Project (2020 – 2022)	URI (Lead), University of Ghana, Try Oysters, World Agroforestry	United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
Marine Litter Network (MALNET)	CEA/VALOPRO, The Africa Center of Excellence for Water and Sanitation, CEFORGRIS, EPA-GHANA, Friends of The Nation, The Development Institute	Association of African Universities - AAU
Coast Under Control Project (2021 – 6 2023)	University of Doua, University of Abomey-Calavi	Institut de Recherche pour le Développement - IRD
AFD-GDN Biodiversity Award (Assessment of Ecosystem-based Easements on Biodiversity of the Atole-Keta Lagoons Complex Project)	District Assemblies, Forestry Commission, Wildlife Division, National Development Planning Commission, The Development Institute	Agence Française de Développement-Global Development Network (AFD-GDN)
Pre-feasibility study for nature-based intervention for Atole Beach community in Ghana (April – August 2021)	Dollars The Development Institute	West Africa Coastal Area Management Program (WACA) Project
Power to the Fishers Project (2021 – 5 2022)	Local Coastal Communities	Crash Development Organization European Union
Coastal and Marine Conservation Drive Project (COMADRID) (2021 – 2022)	Hen Mpoano, Forestry Commission, Wildlife Division, District Assemblies, Local Communities	Lighthouse Foundation
Siipoo Foundation Ocean Litter Project (2020 – 2021)	University of Washington (Lead)	University of Washington

Some ACECoR Activities



Community Engagement



Workshops and Training



Our Partners



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Nationality of ACECoR Students Geographical Distribution



Regional Footprint

- 9 African Countries
- Gender (PhD)
Male = 15
Female = 15
- MPhil
Male = 32
Female = 26



Field Work