

**Paper: “Community Forests of Rogho and Boala, Significant Carbon Sinks in the Center-West Region of Burkina Faso”**

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